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## The water case



Attorney Phil Rassier argues before the Idaho Supreme Court on Friday in Boise. Rassier represented junior water-right holders in a case that will determine how water is allocated between senior and junior users.

### Supreme Court hears arguments in pivotal water case

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

BOISE — The most important water-right case in two decades is now in the hands of judges.

The Idaho Supreme Court heard on Friday arguments in a case — pitting senior water-right holders against junior right holders — that will affect who gets water and when. The stakes are high: At least some right holders will likely lose water no matter the court's decision.

The hearing, which took place in a packed courtroom, arose after 5th District Court Judge Barry Wood ruled on June 2 that conjunctive management is unconstitutional.

Conjunctive management is a system of guidelines used by Karl Dreher, director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, to allocate water between senior and junior users.

It grants the director a liberal amount of discretion in determining

who receives water. Attorneys from both sides focused their arguments mostly on two components of conjunctive management. The first deals with burden of proof: Is it the responsibility of senior users or junior users to show they are being harmed when the other side requests water? The second involves what's known as the carry-over clause: Can senior users legally store water at the expense of junior users?

Also in question was whether the Idaho Constitution contains procedural components that justify conjunctive management.

Arguing for junior users, Deputy Attorney General Phil Rassier said that although no one disputes the seniority of senior rights, water would not be used for the public good if the justices uphold the lower court's decision. He said senior users could potentially hoard water that could be put to good use if allocated to junior users. After the hearing, Rassier would say

only that, "I felt we got all the points made that we needed to."

Arguing for senior users, attorney Tom Arkosch said that prior appropriation — a water doctrine that states the older the right, the more senior — trumps all, and that conjunctive management infringes on prior appropriation.

"We want water rights administered according to a decree," he said after the hearing, referring to prior appropriation, "not a subjective standard."

In all, five attorneys spoke before the court. Each one was restricted to five minutes, though all attorneys talked past their time limits.

Four of the five justices posed questions to the attorneys. Only Chief Justice Gerald Schroeder did not. Justice Wayne Kidwell took the place of Justice Daniel Eisman, who recused himself because of a conflict of interest.

Neither Rassier nor Arkosch would speculate on how, or when, the justices might decide.

### IDAHO LEGISLATURE

## Dems walk out

### Dispute arises over committee assignments, causes delays

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

For a full list of Magic Valley legislators' committee assignments, see page A3

BOISE — When the state Legislature returns here in January, it will have its third governor in less than 12 months and its first new House speaker since 1998. The Democrats showed Friday they might have something to — attitude. The 19 Democrats in the House walked out of chambers on Thursday after the newly elected Republican Speaker, Lawrence E. Denney announced he would not concede them a third seat on the Appropriations Committee. The disagreement was pri-

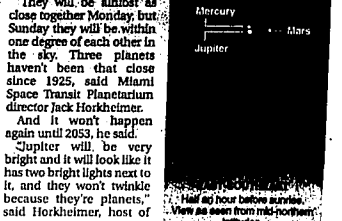
marily why House negotiations for committee assignments stalled for more than a day, which had heightened suspense after the election of the first conservative speaker in years. The Senate finished its committee assignments Thursday. The Democrats picked up six seats in November to increase their minority representation to 19 seats, or 27 Appropriations Committee. Please see STATE, Page A3

## Planetary triple play

### Jupiter, Mercury Mars cluster in predawn skies Sunday, Monday

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## Fly-fishing businesses decry large mine proposed for Alaska

By Mary Penzner  
Associated Press writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A large mine in the heart of some of the best salmon and trout fishing in the world is a fly fisherman's worst nightmare, says an official of a trade association.

The prospect of hard rock mining in the Bristol Bay area of Alaska scares the hell out of the fly angling community and the businesses that service it. "American Fly Fishing Trade Association President Robert Ramsey said, "These are some of the most cherished fly fishing waters on earth."

sport fishing industry have formed an alliance to fight the proposed Pebble Mine in southwest Alaska, Ramsey said. If built, the association says the mine would be the largest open pit copper and gold mine in North America — a claim that the company proposing the mine denies. The association, along with some of the biggest names in the sport fishing industry, including Orvis, Sage, Simms, St. Croix, Patagonia and G. Loomis, want not only the mine project stopped but permanent protection for the Bristol Bay watershed from industrial mining. That's why 37 leaders in the Please see MINE, Page A3

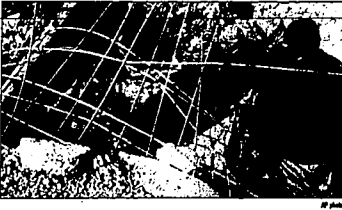
## Coalition forces strike militants in two areas

By Kim Gabel  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military said that 20 insurgents, including two women, were killed in a raid and subsequent airstrike Friday on a predominantly Sunni village northwest of Baghdad, but local officials alleged the dead were civilians — including eight children. In southern Iraq, British and Danish forces hunted rogue Shiite militants blamed for recent attacks, conducting a pre-dawn raid that was described by coalition officials as the largest offensive in the area since the war began.

The twin raids capped a week of sectarian violence in Iraq, and came as Washington debated a report urging the gradual shift of coalition forces out of combat and into training roles. The report said this would prepare Iraqi forces to take over security and allow American troops to go home.

The U.S.-led coalition attacked al-Qaida-linked militants in a predominantly Sunni area near Lake Tharthar in the



Iraqis search the rubble of a building that was destroyed in an air raid in a village near Lake Tharthar in Salahuddin province northwest of Baghdad Friday.

volatile Salahuddin province northwest of Baghdad. Ground forces returned fire while conducting a search of several buildings, killing two insurgents, the U.S. military said.

The troops called in airstrikes that killed 18 more insurgents, the command said, including two women.

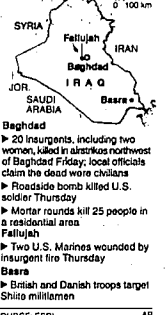
In southern Iraq on Friday, more than 800 British forces and 200 Danish troops clashed

with militia fighters during a raid in the Hartha area on the outskirts of Basra, coalition officials said.

British Maj. Charlie Burbridge, spokesman for the coalition in southern Iraq, said five Iraqis were detained. He described them as members of "a rogue, breakaway element" of one of the area's many Shiite militias, and said the suspects were directly involved in several local attacks.

### Coalition raids

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 45, Low 30, 39/32).

MINI-CASSIA Today: Partly to mostly cloudy and breezy at times, Highs in the 40s. Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy. Lows upper 20s. Tomorrow: A slight chance of mixed rain and snow showers during the day. Highs upper 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B12

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY



Music, scripture lessons in a season of light

The 65-voice Magic Valley Chorale and four Twin Falls clergymen will combine to tell the Christmas story in words and music this weekend.

Lawyers wrangle over Idaho water rights

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Democrats cry foul about assignments

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Dairy gets nod despite neighbors' protests

BURLEY — Over the vigorous protests of neighbors, the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission approved a permit for an organic dairy on the west side of the Burley Butte.

Ketchum wants to tax empty buildings

KETCHUM — Officials in this central Idaho resort community would like to start collecting taxes on the 90 residential units that have been built but are sitting empty.

Wendell city workers see benefits boost

WENDELL — As of Nov. 1, Wendell employees will only pay a \$500 health care deductible, compared with the \$2,000 deductible during the last benefit period.

SW Idaho unemployment falls a little in November

TWIN FALLS — Unemployment rates in south-central Idaho and the rest of the state changed little from October to November, according to the latest report from Idaho Commerce and Labor.

OBITUARIES

Blanca Chalez, 53 Thelda Lorenz, 52 Gransbury, 90 Eunice Nicholson, 89 Charles Justin "C.J." Goss, 26 Elmer Jane McCreary, 82 Lorence L. Whitaker, 83

CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY



Indians hold on to beat Tigers by one

BULLH — It's an old rivalry between 4A Jerome and 3A Bullh that most of the present day players may not fully appreciate. But each of the current teams got a taste of just how intense the rivalry really is Friday night as Bullh hung on to defeat the visitors from Jerome 51-50 Friday.

CSI women edge North Idaho in overtime win

COEUR D'ALENE — With preseason All-American point guard Maria Moore on the bench after fouling out late in the second half, sophomore forward Alexis Tucker lifted the CSI women on her back, scoring all six of the Golden Eagles' points in the overtime period to lift her team to a 66-61 overtime win against the Cardinals.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"Inherit the Wind," presented by the C.S.I. Drama Department and directed by Tony Mannen, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Theatre, College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens, 732-6788. Sergei Prokofiev's "The Love of Three Oranges," presented by the Twin Falls High School Theater Department, 2 p.m. and 7:30 a.m., Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls, \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and \$20 for families, 732-6551.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Gooding Memorial Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees, with children's workshop and visit with Santa, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; entertainment, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and general admission, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Round Building of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 14th Avenue W., Coalinga, \$2, 934-8678. The 17th Annual Jr. Club Holiday Home Tour, benefiting the Ronald McDonald House, 1 to 6 p.m., \$8, (children age 8 and older are welcome), 737-0653 or 420-2052.

CHURCH EVENTS

"Christmas through the Ages" Dessert Theatre, experience the Christmas season from beginning until the present, 7 p.m., Messersmith Building, Jerome County Fairgrounds, limited free tickets, donations accepted for Community Action and Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver, sponsored by the Life Church of the Magic Valley, 324-5876.

EXHIBITS

Holiday Open House and Artist's Tour, with a collection of work by regional artists, craftsmen and local authors — and light refreshments, 1 to 4 p.m., Lion's Gate Gallery, old Odd Fellows Building, 219 Main Street, Filer, free admission, 543-4690. Works by Amber Secon, former College of Southern Idaho art instructor, 1 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, C.S.I. campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655. "Discontinuity," contemporary abstract paintings by local artist Ben Browne in the Galeria Pequena and new works by member-artists in the Full Moon Gallery, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street Plaza, 132 Main Ave. S., downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-ARTS.

FAMILY

Lighting of "The Holiday Memory Tree" service, presented by Farmer Funeral Chapel to honor family, loved ones and those serving in the military during the holidays, 7 p.m., Buhl Senior Center parking lot on Main and Broadway, Buhl, no cost, 543-4333.

FESTIVALS AND BAZAARS

Buhl's Old-fashioned Christmas, with Eighth Street Center Artists Tour, book signing, Santa sightings, Buhl merchant open houses, chili feed, night light parade, caroling, choirs and more, 1 to 8 p.m., Downtown Buhl (Main and Broadway), various costs, 543-6682. Merchants Market, with books, food, gifts and more, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wendell Elementary School Cafeteria, 150 3rd Ave. E., Wendell, 536-6159.

HEALTH

"Make a Difference Foods" free taster table, 1 to 4 p.m., with foods from the whole grains and a demonstration of Wheat Grinders, 1414 Heyburn East, Twin Falls, no cost, 734-5516.

HOME AND GARDEN

Holiday book signing and demonstration, "Cristina's of Sun Valley" by Cristina Coccattelli Cooke, 3 to 5 p.m., Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Avenue W., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5477.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium, "Far Out Space Places" at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; "The Christmas Star" at 7 p.m.; and "Steamrolling at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families (children under age 4 not admitted), 732-6655.

VOICES OF CHRISTMAS

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# State

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 percent of the 70 House. Because committees must reflect the proportion of each party, each committee should comprise 27 percent Democrats.

While satisfied with the other committees, the Democrats wanted an increase on the 10-member Appropriations Committee—a coveted forum where funding is decided—and said 27 (27 percent of 10) should be rounded to three.

Before the walkout, Minority Leader Wrdny Jaquet called the decision "political" and "mean-spirited" and further criticized the Republicans.

"You are not respecting the voters who sent us to the Statehouse to represent them," she said. "You are trying to punish us."

Afterward, Jaquet said Denney had no problem with three Democrats on the Appropriations Committee when she presented her committee assignments to him nearly a month ago.

"He gave us no reason not to believe we were going to get three," she said. "This is a bad way to get the session started."

Denney, however, said that when he looked over the list Jaquet compiled, he had not made a final decision.

"I changed my mind. I did not promise anything," Denney said. "I don't feel I went back on my word."

The last walkout by Democrats came in April when former Rep. Bill Sali, R-Kuna, said breast cancer is linked to abortions.

## Magic Valley committee assignments

### District 23

Sen. Tom Garrison, R-Buhl, Agricultural Affairs (chairman); Education, Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin Falls, Agricultural Affairs; Business, Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, Appropriations; Resources and Conservation.

### District 24

Sen. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls, Commerce and Human Resources Committee (vice chairman); Resources and Environment; Health and Welfare. Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, Judiciary, Rules and Administration (vice chairman); Transportation; Revenue and Taxation, Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, Health and Welfare (chairwoman); Education.

### District 25

Senate Minority Leader Clint Stenrutt; D-Hetchum, Agricultural Affairs; Resources and Environment; State Affairs, House Assistant Minority Leader Wency

Jaquet, D-Hatcham, Ways and Means; Revenue and Taxation; Environment, Energy and Technology, Rep. Donna Pence, D-Goosing, Agricultural Affairs; Education.

### District 26

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, Finance (chairman); Commerce and Human Resources; Resources and Environment, Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, Resources and Conservation (chairman); State Affairs; Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, Appropriations (chairwoman); Resources and Conservation.

### District 27

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-DeLo, Judicial and Rules (chairman); Health and Welfare, Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, Appropriations; Resources and Conservation, Assistant Majority Leader Rep. Scott Becke, R-Oakley, Ways and Means; Revenue and Taxation; Resources and Conservation.

Jaquet said there are other alternatives to get equality, including fully reading bills during session.

In both chambers, committees, including the chairs, are considered crucial not only because most work on bills is done during committee meetings but also because the majority chooses the bills that get to the chamber floor.

But unlike in the Senate, where committees are decided on seniority, the House typically relies on the preference of the

speaker—and with the soft-spoken, conservative Denney emerging victorious Wednesday over the moderate Rep. Bill Deal, R-Nampa, heavy negotiations were anticipated and conservatives were favored.

But while Democrats might be upset over the makeup of the Appropriations Committee, the Magic Valley in general might have grown stronger.

District 25 legislators Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, will

continue to lead the 20-member Joint Finance Appropriations Committee—the combined committee Jaquet wanted an extra member on. It has two Democratic senators.

Further, leadership removed Assistant Majority Leader Scott Becke, R-Oakley, but added Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, and Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, who became the first true freshman to get on since Randy Hansen in 1999.

One local setback went to Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls. As vice chairman of the Judiciary, Rules and Administration Committee, he was a prime candidate to fill the vacancy from Republican Debbie Field's defeat in November.

Instead, leadership chose Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden Lake, a conservative, and Smith will remain vice chairman.

"I didn't support their speaker and because of that I didn't expect to be given a chairmanship," he said. "That's how it works up here."

As expected, the standing House chairs held their own, including Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, of the Resources and Conservation Committee, and Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, of Health and Welfare. It was rumored Block, a former teacher, would ascend to lead the Education Committee, but that instead went to Rep. Bob Nonini, R-Coeur D'Alene.

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## Planets

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 the television show "Star Gazer." "This is the kind of an event that turns young children into Carl Sagens."

The planets are actually hundreds of millions of miles apart, but the way the planets orbit the sun make it appear they are neighbors in the east-south-eastern skies. They'll be visible in most parts of the world—in the Western Hemisphere, and as far south as Buenos Aires and as far north as Juneau, Alaska, Horkheimer said.

The experts differ on just how to look at the planets. Horkheimer said naked-eye viewing is fine, but binoculars or a telescope are even better.

But if you are going to use a telescope, be careful because the planets are so close to where the sun will soon rise, if you linger you might gaze at the sun through the telescope and damage your eyesight, said Michelle Nichols, master educator at Chicago's Adler Planetarium.

The way to find the planets, which will be low on the east-south-east horizon, is to hold

your arm straight out, with your hand in a fist and the pinky at the bottom. Halfway up your

list is how high the planets will appear above the horizon, Nichols said.

## Mine

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 In an open letter to the governor of Alaska, the association says: "Many of us, along with our customers from across America and around the world, travel to Bristol Bay to pursue some of the world's largest runs of wild salmon and trophy rainbow trout."

"Alaska's Bristol Bay is a national and international treasure: its salmon, trout and wilderness character are worth far more than the gold that may lie below the land's surface."

The message will be delivered in full-page, color ads to run in the Fish Alaska magazine in December, January and February.

Northern Dynasty Minerals says Pebble is the largest North American gold deposit and second-largest copper deposit on the continent. It also sits in the Bristol Bay watershed, which produces five species of salmon and constitutes the largest commercial sockeye salmon fishery in the world.

Bruce Jenkins, chief operating officer of Northern Dynasty Mines Inc. in Anchorage, an American subsidiary of Northern Dynasty Minerals of Vancouver, British Columbia, said Trout Unlimited and the other groups are waging a propaganda and misinformation campaign.

"This is our moneymaking rhetoric and emotion to stir up controversy," Jenkins said. "We haven't designed our project, yet."

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THE VALLEY

Organic dairy gets OK despite protests

Sun Valley opens

**Dollar Mountain**  
SUN VALLEY — Dollar Mountain and Carol's Dollar Mountain Lodge will open today for the winter season. The lodge will offer full service in the restaurant, at the rental shop for ski and snowboards, and the Sun Valley Ski School will be in operation on a daily basis.

For updated snow reports and daily lift operations, please call (800) 635-4150, or see <http://www.sunvalley.com>.

Holiday Home

Tour starts today

**TWIN FALLS** — The Junior Club of Magic Valley presents the 17th Annual Holiday Home Tour to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The 2006 tour will have six homes that will offer an array of yuletide decorations, live entertainment and homemade treats. The homes featured this year are owned by Dr. Cory and Mrs. Kelly Pilling, Mr. Ray and Mrs. Janet Goffin, Mr. Sherrin and Mrs. Lorretta Mullins, Dr. David and Mrs. Martha Kemp, Dr. David and Mrs. Marla Christensen and Sandy Kovan.

The event is from 2 to 6 p.m. today. Tickets are \$8 and available at: Cain's Home Furnishings; Inspired Living, Kelly Garden Center, Java Jungle, Everybody's Business, Kimberly Nurseries, Kuri's Pharmacy, Rosebud's Florist, Little Red Hen and any Junior Club member.

Work to close part of 300 South in Jerome

**JEROME** — Beginning Monday, 300 South Road between 100 East Road and 200 East Road will be closed to through traffic.

The city of Jerome is installing a sewer main line. In the near future, 300 South Road between 100 East and South Lincoln will be closed for the project.

The city's public works department apologizes for any inconvenience.

Updates will be issued on road closures as the construction progresses. — Staff reports

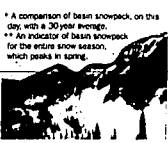
WANTED in the Magic Valley

**NAME:** Joey Ray Murdock  
**Age:** 29  
**DESCRIPTION:** 5 feet 8 inches, 180 pounds, red hair, blue eyes.  
**WANTED FOR:** Probation violation (two counts)  
**ORIGINAL:** Murdock  
**CHARGES:** Burglary, bond \$25,000; forgery, bond \$25,000.  
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department is asking that anyone with information about Murdock's whereabouts call 735-1911 or Crime Stoppers at 732-3387, where names can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a reward.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Salmon	73%	18%
Big Wood	70%	17%
Little Wood	66%	16%
Little Lost	67%	16%
Little Lost	69%	16%
Herrys Fork/Teton	68%	16%
Upper Snake Basin	69%	15%
Oakley	95%	21%
Salmon Falls	79%	19%

\* As of Dec. 8



By Renee Walls  
For the Times-News

**BURLEY** — Over the vigorous protests of neighbors, the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission approved a permit for an organic dairy on the west side of the Burley Butte.

It also granted permits for Amber Hills confined-animal feeding operation in the Jackson area and for the Crane Dairy II in the southwest corner of Cassia County.

Amber Hills' application received no protest, and the Crane permit had only a couple of "letters of concern" submitted to the board.

But an organic dairy drew most of the fire.

Numerous neighbors showed up Thursday to protest Brent Stoker's application for an organic dairy on the west side of the Burley Butte. But Stoker and his legal

counsel said the complaints were about the Burley Butte feedlot and did not pertain to the proposed dairy.

"The complaints you've received deal with another project altogether and are not on trial at this hearing tonight," Stoker said.

He told commissioners that while the butte project, which he and his partners own as well, was a "fix-it" program, this new permit is undertaking a completely new project.

Nutrient Management Solutions planner Robert Ohlenschien told commission members the plan submitted by Stoker has received a "low risk" rating from Idaho agriculture agencies charged with overseeing such projects.

"The property in question is very flat and there will be berms to control where the water goes," Ohlenschien told the board. "The waste conveyance has all been submitted

to the Department of Agriculture and received an initial approval, but there will still be more applications and permits required."

Neighbors said they fear their groundwater could be contaminated by the plan.

Stoker told the council that the Magic Valley Regional Waste Site had been sited two miles west of his planned dairy because of the low risk in that area for groundwater contamination. He said runoff from his proposed dairy will flow west toward the landfill — not east toward homes.

Stoker's attorney Don Pickett told commission members they needed to make a decision based on sound zoning rules and not on the unscientific conjecture of the protesters.

He said within the county developed the CAFO overlay zone, it was done so that this very type of project would be

welcomed into the agricultural areas of the county.

"Under this ordinance, this dairy is an appropriate land-use right which cannot be rightfully denied," Pickett said.

Neighboring landowners, however, brought up the topic of their property rights. They questioned whether Stoker had more right to use his land in a manner he chooses than they have to protect their property from the effects of a dairy close by.

Grant Wyatt lives just over two miles from the proposed dairy.

"You are talking about three dairies within a mile of each other," Wyatt said. "We've lived at our home for 50 years and have watched as that feedlot mushroomed out and it has created most of the problems we have lived with for these many years."

Wyatt said the commissioners have "been derelict in issu-

ing permits," with no concern for the people who live nearby, he said. Back at a CAFO, owner himself, said, "The Burley Butte feedlot has been a problem since it's been there."

He suggested that an organic dairy, which would put much of its land into hay and pasture, would only add to the problem. He also challenged the county to enforce regulations.

"Will you charge them if waste runs off?" Beck asked.

Stoker told those in attendance that he would not try to convince them there would be no consequences of having several thousand cows in a confined area.

"There are consequences, but myself, I would rather have 7,000 cows for my neighbors than 500 residences," Stoker said. "I know everyone does not share that opinion, but that's how I feel."

TURBINE SUNSET



Wind turbines near Bell Rapids are silhouetted as the sun sets Friday over the Magic Valley. Temperatures reached 50 degrees in the Magic Valley on Friday, according to Day Weather, Inc., which is forecasting a high of 45 today under cloudy skies.

Overtuned beet truck snarls Eastland traffic

By Matthew Brady  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — A tractor-trailer rig hauling about 105,000 pounds of sugar beets overturned Friday night at the intersection of Eastland Drive and Addison Avenue East, blocking the southbound lanes of Eastland for at least two hours.

The unidentified driver was taken to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries, said Staff Sgt. Ron Fustos of the Twin Falls Police Department.

The accident happened about 6:30 p.m. The driver was on Kimberly Road bound for the Amalgamated Sugar Co. plant south of Twin Falls when a wreck forced him to divert to Addison and head west. As he turned left from Addison onto Eastland, one of his trailers overturned, Fustos said.

That information was confirmed by Denis Taylor, night supervisor for the owner of the truck, Transystems.

No citations have been issued pending an investigation.



Emergency workers hook cables to a sugar beet truck that overturned Friday night at the corner of Eastland Drive and Addison Avenue East.

Wendell improves city health plan

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**WENDELL** — City employees will be seeing a change in their health insurance benefits.

As of Nov. 1, employees will only pay a \$500 deductible, compared with the \$2,000 deductible during the last benefit period.

The new plan, carried through Regence Blue Shield, also changes the prescription drug coverage. Instead of paying full price for prescriptions, up to a \$250 deductible, employees will have co-pays starting at \$5 for prescriptions.

The new plan also includes vision and dental coverage starting Jan. 1,

something city employees didn't have before, said Wendell Mayor Rex Strickland.

"We were told that we would be seeing a yearly increase for our insurance. Instead of taking it, we told them that we would be expanding our options and looking elsewhere for insurance," Strickland said. "That information was confirmed by Denis Taylor, night supervisor for the owner of the truck, Transystems."

No citations have been issued pending an investigation.

will no longer help pay the deductible.

"Even though the previous plan cost a little less per month, it ended up costing us in the long run because with the high deductible, employees were waiting until they were really sick before they went to a doctor," said city Treasurer Mickey Walker. "And then we were out employees that had jobs to do."

Even though the plan sounds good for the city, Councilman Don Bunn expressed concern over how the changes were made. He was upset because they were not brought before the council.

"Just because we have the money budgeted for it, there

is no reason the information couldn't be shared," Bunn said during Thursday's council meeting.

Strickland argued that there was no reason to "micro-manage" the decision and that because the amount to be spent is less than was budgeted, there was no reason for council oversight.

"It goes back to the statute that the mayor is supposed to run the city," Strickland said. "I signed off on the plan. That's my job."

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Ketchum wants to tax empty homes

The Associated Press

**KETCHUM** — Officials in this central Idaho resort community would like to start collecting taxes on the 90 residential units that have been built but are sitting empty.

Ketchum City Administrator Ron LeBlanc said the finished condominiums and townhouses have an average price of \$600,000, meaning the city is unable to collect taxes on about \$34-million-worth of property.

"We're still sending a police officer there if we get a call," LeBlanc told the *Idaho Mountain Express*. "Why shouldn't they pay?"

Ketchum officials and the Idaho Association of County Assessors want the Legislature to amend state law to allow property tax collection on newly built residences before a certificate of occupancy is issued.

Last week, city officials and Blaine County Assessor Valdi Pace told District 25 lawmakers their concerns.

Ketchum Mayor Randy Hall said that without the taxes, the general public is subsidizing developers.

"They should be having to pay in some prorated share," he said.

LeBlanc said that the 90 empty homes are inside Ketchum's urban renewal district. He said the potential taxes from those buildings could be used to help pay for affordable housing.

He said some states make developers pay taxes based on a percentage of what's been built.

Earlier this week, Blaine County commissioners rejected a resolution to alter the county's comprehensive plan to make it easier to build a new town in the southern part of the county, which backers say is needed to create affordable housing for workers in the resort area.

Studies estimate that Blaine County will grow by 10,000 residents over the next two decades, and developers say the new city would help preserve open space and take pressure off existing cities.

Christmas in Park continues Sunday

**TWIN FALLS** — The O'Leary Jazz Band will provide special music at Christmas in the Park, 5 p.m. Sunday at the band shell at City Park.

The Rev. Victor Manuel of St. Edie's county-wide Catholics' Church-in-the-Hills will provide the message.

The event is sponsored by the Kivans Club of Twin Falls and the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department.

**OBITUARIES**

**Blanca Chairez**

BURLEY — Blanca Chairez, a 53-year-old Burley resident, returned to her Heavenly Father on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, due to complications of diabetes.



Blanca was born Feb. 20, 1953, in the city of Pharr, Texas, the daughter of Porfirio and Refugio Reyna. Her family later moved to Madera, Calif., where she met her husband to be, Jose Elias Chairez. They were married in 1974 and chose Burley, Idaho, to start their family.

She worked for the local farmers during the harvest season. When she became a grandmother of nine, she chose to dedicate her life to caring for her children and grandchildren.

Although Blanca struggled with diabetes for many years, she never let the illness get the best of her. She continued to live life doing things she loved to do best, such as helping her grandchildren, shopping, listening to Tejano music, and enjoyed going on family outings. She was a loving mother.

**Charles Justin 'C.J.' Gose**

BOISE — Charles Justin "C.J." Gose, 26, of Boise, died at his home in Boise.

He was born Nov. 3, 1980, in Idaho Falls, the son of Garry and Elaine Gose. C.J. was raised in Idaho Falls, where he attended Skyline High School. He attended the College of Southern Idaho prior to moving to Boise, where he has since resided. He was a talented artist and excelled in glass blowing. He always enjoyed the outdoors and, as a youngster, played hockey. He loved hiking, camping in the summer, rafting on Boise River, skateboarding, snowboarding, spending time at the ocean and fishing. But of all the things he enjoyed most in life was spending time with his family, either taking trips together or playing with his four nephews.



C.J. is survived by his parents, Garry and Karen Gose of Idaho Falls.

**Thelda Lorena Lower Gransbury**

HEYBURN — Thelda Lorena Lower Gransbury, a 90-year-old Heyburn resident, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at Countywide Care and Rehab in Rupert.



Thelda was born April 29, 1916, in Blackfoot, Idaho, to Joseph and Amelia Lower. She married Charles Gransbury on Sept. 26, 1929. She worked as a housekeeper at the senior center and received her GED at the age of 67. She enjoyed crocheting and swimming.

Thelda is survived by her children, Bob (Betty) Gransbury, Geraldine McCammon, Carol Lyons and Maxine (Claud E.) Umphenour, all of Weippe, Idaho; Alton (Raymond) Lowry of Rupert; Howard (Janice)

Lowers of Heyburn; Jack Gransbury of Reno, Nev.; Marva Myers and Carma Knudson, both of Heyburn, Linda Ballston of Salem, Ore.; Danny Gransbury of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Sandra Davesl Matthews of Anchor Point, Alaska; 61 grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-grandchildren; and one sister, Leone Sibbis. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Gransbury; daughter, Oriu Jane Wallace; son, Kenneth Gransbury; two brothers; three sisters; and her mother and father.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2006, at the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with Doug Myers, Thelda's grandson, officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service Monday.

**SERVICES**

Helen Alene Hogue of Twin Falls, gathering of family and friends at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Michael S. Chaffin of King Hill, gathering of family at 1 p.m. today at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Glenns Ferry; a potluck will follow (Acacia Chapel and Tribute Center in Boise).

Jill Hitt of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave. (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley)

Richard Matthew "Dick" Onelda of Shoshone, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Demary's Shoshone Chapel, 404 W. 85 St.

Michael L. Leontett of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 3 p.m. today at Tribes Interiors, 2033 Fifth Ave. S. in Twin Falls (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

James Arthur Hackney of 2 Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

"Slim" Ronnie D. Hewitt of Oakley, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 233 W. Third North in Burley (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Leo E. Watkins of Oakley, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Omar Eldredge of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; graveside service at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Bellevue Cemetery on Chestnut Street in Bellevue. Friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the mortuary.

Ethel Aileen Combe Loveday of Twin Falls, funeral at noon Tuesday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E. in Kimberly; viewing from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m., and one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Charles E. Cates**

RUPERT — Charles E. Cates, 76, of Rupert, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2006, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital. A gathering for family and friends will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

**Jane H. Berdine**

TWIN FALLS — Jane Hafer Canfield Berdine, 65, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at her home following a lengthy illness.

A celebration of Jane's life will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2456 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jim Babbs of the First Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends and family may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Jane's name to the First Christian Church or to First Choice Hospice. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303. A full obituary will appear in Sunday's newspaper.

**Ralph H. Poulton**

OAKLEY — Ralph H. "Kelly" Poulton, 93, of Oakley, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at Highland Estates in Burley. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 301 Center St., with Bishop Eric C. Beckle officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Monday.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3268 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicalvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

at Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley, 1350 E. 16th St., and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Tuesday at the church. A complete obituary will appear in Sunday's newspaper.

**Rhea Peavler**

HAGERMAN — Rhea Peavler, 72, of Hagerman, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

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

**Shirley R. Clark**

BOISE — Shirley R. Clark, 84, of Boise and formerly of Three Creek, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at her home in Boise of natural causes. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**Frances G. Gooch**

MURTAUGH — Frances "Fran" Gale Gooch, 65, Murtaugh, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Oakley Cemetery in Oakley. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to noon Sunday at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

**Eunice Nicholson**

BELLEUEVE — Eunice Nicholson, 89, of Bellevue and formerly of Twin Falls, passed away Dec. 1, 2006.

Mother was preceded in death by her parents, Lena and Harold Crane; husband, Norman Nicholson; one son; two brothers; one sister; and one grandson.

Surviving are two daughters, McKenzie Dey of Twin Falls and Leola Cortez of Sun Valley, Nev.; grandchildren,

David Nicholson and Walter Appell, both of Jerome, Kathy Conly of Bellevue, Norman Appell, Sam Bryant and Karen Bryant, both of Boise, and Marvin Bryant of Canada; sisters, Sondia Murphree of Oregon; brother, Chester Crane of Missouri; and many nephews and nieces and great-grandchildren. Mother was loved by all. A memorial service will follow at a later date.

**Last known black WWI vet, dies at 113**

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Moses Hardy, believed to be the second-oldest man in the world and the last black U.S. veteran of World War I, has died at age 113, family members said Friday. Evelyn Davis, 68, one of Hardy's eight children, said her father died Thursday at a nursing home in Aberdeen. He would have been 114 on Jan. 6. "He had been doing great. He didn't suffer and he didn't die of old age," said Davis, of Aberdeen. "He knew everybody and those he knew, he always knew them when they came in to visit."

Robert Young, senior consultant for genealogy for Guinness World Records, said research by his group, National Public Radio and others had been unable to locate any other surviving black WWI veterans. He said only about 10 to 12 American veterans of that war remain. Young said Hardy had been No. 6 on Guinness' list of the world's oldest people. He said sick — he died of old age," said Davis, of Aberdeen. "He knew everybody and those he knew, he always knew them when they came in to visit."

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**Elma Jane McCreary**

BUIHL — Elma Jane McCreary, 82, of Buhl, passed away Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006.

She had lived in Buhl, Idaho, since 2003. Elma was born April 24, 1924, in Syracuse, N.Y., the daughter of Etta and Ed Bond. Elma was raised on the Bond dairy farm in Gouverneur, N.Y. She

married and moved to New Mexico in 1955. She has lived in Idaho various times over the years and has always considered Idaho her home.

Her two surviving sons are Chris and Dale Clew. Both reside in Idaho. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Eden. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

**Florence L. Whitaker**

TWIN FALLS — Florence L. Whitaker, 83, a 60-year resident of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.



Florence was born Oct. 20, 1923, in the family home to Ellis Hawks and Anna Johnson Hawks in Holbrook, Idaho, and was the sixth of nine children.

At the age of 14, the family moved to Wendell, Idaho, where she met the love of her life, Saul Whitaker. They were married Sept. 23, 1941, in Santa Cruz, Calif., and married in the Logan Temple on Jan. 24, 1947, and to this union, six children were born. Florence loved working in the primary and library; she loved working with the children.

Florence was a good cook, loved to sew, quilt, garden and make Christmas candy for friends and family.

Florence is survived by her children, Louise Jay, Marie Mondragon and Kathleen Hall, all of Twin Falls; Darlene Dale of Menlo Park, Calif., and June Miller of Haines, Alaska.

Funeral services were preceded in death by her husband, Saul; son, Dee; grandson, Matthew Whitaker and Gerald Jay; her parents; four brothers and one sister.

The funeral for Florence will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, at the 8th Ward LDS Church, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls, with viewing to be held from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be at 3 p.m. at the Garland Cemetery in Garland, Utah. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

## IDAHO

### Idaho controller: Howard bonuses are no big deal

**LEWISTON** — Idaho Controller Keith Johnson said the merit bonuses handed out by schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard last week that liked Gov. Jim Ivisch are not unusual among state agencies, and that the Legislature has even encouraged the extra pay.

"It is a fairly common practice," Johnson, a Republican, told The Lewiston Tribune. "The Legislature has encouraged the use of bonuses in the past for merit and when they want to recognize employees for the work they've done."

Last week, Howard split \$120,098 among nearly every Department of Education employee a month before leaving office. That caused Ivisch, a Republican, to ask the 2007 Legislature for more oversight.

The only thing unusual about the bonuses handed out by Howard is that they went to almost every body in her department a month before she leaves office, Johnson said.

"I think perhaps people have made more of it" than was warranted, he said.

**Investigator pulls out of sexual harassment probe**

**COEUR D'ALENE** — A lawyer hired to investigate sexual harassment complaints against Kootenai County's chief deputy prosecutor has withdrawn because he "took so much interest" over a potential conflict of interest, officials said.

Joseph A. Wright of Grangeville, a former Idaho County deputy prosecutor, quit before starting work this month following published reports that he attended the University of Idaho law school with Deputy Prosecutor Rick Baughman, the target of the probe, *The Spokesman-Review* of Spokane reported Friday.

Idaho County sheriff's Detective Joan Henshaw, who had been working with Wright, also is off the case, the newspaper reported.

## OREGON

### Family got stranded after vandals cut lock on gate

**GRANT'S PASS, Ore.** — A San

## AROUND THE WEST

**Francisco man who got stranded with his family in the snowy wilderness had taken a wrong turn in the cut down a logging road that is normally blocked by a gate, but vandals had cut the lock, authorities said Friday.**

James Kim, 35, was found dead of exposure in a mountain creek Wednesday, two days after his wife and the couple's two daughters were rescued from the car.

The gate had been locked for the winter Nov. 1, after the end of deer hunting season, so that "people don't mistakenly go down that road," said Patty Burel, spokeswoman for the federal Bureau of Land Management.

**Man charged with killing tourist in Grand Canyon**

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.** — An 18-year-old man was charged in the May kidnapping, robbery and killing of a female Japanese

tourist at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, authorities said. A federal grand jury indicted Randy Wesco game on Tuesday on charges of first degree murder, murder-robbery, robbery, murder-kidnapping and kidnapping in the killing of Tomomi Hanamura, 34, of Tokyo.

Wesco game, a member of the Havasupai Indian tribe, was held by tribal authorities since May on unrelated assault charges.

## COLORADO

### Bright meteor streaks over Colorado, Utah

**DENVER** — A bright meteor streaked across Colorado and Utah early Friday, prompting a rash of calls to authorities and researchers, but no debris was immediately reported.

"It came in from the east, over the plains; and was seen to disappear over the mountains to the west," said Chris Peterson, a meteor researcher with the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Dispatchers in Utah County, south of Salt Lake City, also received reports of the object. The meteor was spotted at

about 6:45 a.m. MST and was bright enough to be categorized as a fireball, Peterson said.

## UTAH

### Law enforcer pledges allegiance to Jeffs

**SALT LAKE CITY** — The chief law enforcer in two Utah-Arizona border towns is accused of misconduct after writing a letter in which he warmly referred to the leader of a polygamous sect as "Uncle Warren" and pledged "our desire to stand with you and the priesthood."

"I am praying for you to be protected and yearn to be with you again," wrote Fred Barlow, who referred to himself as a "servant" to Warren Jeffs.

Jeffs is the leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,

which has 10,000 members in Hilldale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz. Barlow is the marshal who oversees officers in the towns. The Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training

Board is using the letter as evidence in one of three misconduct charges against Barlow, who could lose his certification.

— Compiled from wire reports

## ARIZONA

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**WASHINGTON**  
**Bush quickens pace toward new war strategy**

Quickening his search for a new war strategy, President Bush sought ideas from lawmakers on Friday and lined up three days of urgent talks with military brass, diplomats and outside experts on how to stop Iraq's slide toward anarchy.

Bush is expected to settle on a new course and present it to the nation in a speech before Christmas.

In the meantime, Americans' dissatisfaction with his handling of Iraq has climbed to an all-time high of 71 percent in the latest Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

**Panel: Republicans broke no rules in Foley case**

Republican lawmakers and aides left male pages vulnerable to Rep. Mark Foley's improper sexual advances even though the first concerns surfaced more than a decade ago, the ethics committee said Friday in its report into an election-year scandal that convulsed the House.

The committee said one witness testified he warned the head of the page board, Illinois Rep. John Shimkus, a year ago that Foley was a "ticking time bomb" who had been confronted repeatedly.

However, the panel said it found no evidence that any current lawmakers or aides violated any rules, and recommended no sanctions in the case that cost Foley his seat in Congress and contributed to his party's defeat at the polls in last month's midterm elections.

**Judge considers torture claim against Rumsfeld**

A federal judge on Friday appeared reluctant to give Donald H. Rumsfeld immunity from torture allegations yet said it would be unprecedented to let the departing defense secretary face a civil trial.

"What you're asking for has never been done before," U.S. District Judge Thomas F. Hogan told lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The group is suing on behalf of nine former prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan. The lawsuit contends the men were beaten, suspended upside down from the ceiling by chains, urinated on, shocked, sexually humiliated, burned, locked inside boxes and subjected to mock executions.

If the suit were to go forward, it could force Rumsfeld and the Pentagon to disclose what officials knew about abuses at prisons such as Abu Ghayib prison in Iraq and what was done to stop it.

Hogan said he would rule quickly on whether to dismiss the case; he did not make a decision Friday.

**AROUND THE NATION**  
**ILLINOIS**

**Man charged with planning attack in mall**

**CHICAGO** — A Muslim convert who talked about his desire to wage jihad against civilians was charged Friday in a plot to set off hand grenades at a shopping mall at the height of the Christmas rush, authorities said.

Investigators said Derrick Sharcef, 22, an American citizen from Rockford, was acting alone and never actually obtained any grenades. He was arrested Wednesday when he met with an undercover agent in a parking lot to trade a set of stereo speakers for four hand grenades and a gun, authorities said. Authorities said Sharcef had been under investigation since September, when he told an acquaintance that "he wanted to commit acts of violent jihad against targets in the United States as well as commit other crimes."

**Three dead, including gunman, in shooting**

**CHICAGO** — A gunman in a downtown skyscraper shot four people Friday, killing two of them, and took a hostage before being killed after police fired at him, authorities said.

The shootings in the top floor of the 18-story Citigroup Center, which also houses a train station, sent office workers fleeing and started rush-hour commuters.

Authorities said earlier that three people were hospitalized in critical condition and one was in stable condition; besides the gunman, it was unclear who died.

The gunman, armed with a sub-compact revolver, knife and hammer, shot the four victims over "several minutes," police Superintendent Phil Cline said.

He was holding the hostage when police shot at him, but before the offender died, he may have shot himself, Cline said. Police said they won't know for sure until an autopsy is performed.

**VIRGINIA**  
**Commercial spaceport counts down to takeoff**

**NORFOLK** — A rocket carrying satellites for the Air Force and NASA is set to blast off Monday from the Virginia shore in the first launch from the mid-Atlantic region's commercial spaceport.

The site is one of only six federally licensed launch centers in the nation.

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport has three more launches scheduled for 2007 and eventually could send supplies to the international space

station or even tourists into space, said director Billie Reed.

The Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority, a state agency, built the launch pad in 1998 on land leased from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility, which has been launching research rockets since 1945. Maryland later joined the commercial venture.

**MINNESOTA**  
**School bus crashes; more than 20 hurt**

**LIAM LAKE** — A school bus crashed into a sport utility vehicle Friday after its brakes apparently failed, injuring more than 20 people, four of them critically, authorities said.

The bus driver was trying to stop at a red light but could not slow down. "It's pushed on the pedal and it was rock-hard," sheriff's Capt. Dave Jenkins said.

About two dozen people were taken to hospitals. The drivers of the SUV and a station wagon were critically hurt, along with two students.

**NEW MEXICO**  
**Study: Honeybees can sniff out explosives**

**SANTA FE** — Here's the latest buzz on detecting explosives: bomb-sniffing bees.

A study at Los Alamos National Laboratory has found that honeybees can be trained to detect explosives, even in tiny quantities.

"These bees really perform," said bee biologist Timothy Haarmann, the study's leader.

Whether honeybees will ever be enlisted in the war on terror looks doubtful at this point.

In thousands of trials conducted over the past 18 months at the nuclear weapons lab, bees stuck out their tongues when they smelled explosives. The bees even-underwent field trials,

successfully sniffing out explosives in a simulated roadside bomb, in a vehicle, and on a person rigged like a suicide bomber.

The insects have a phenomenal sense of smell, rivaling that of dogs, Haarmann said.

The beauty of the bee is that when it has a sugar water reward, it sticks out its "proboscis," the scientist said. "It's not a little tiny tongue. It's bigger than the antennae."

The study was funded by a grant of about \$1.5 million from the Department of Defense's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency,

which studies innovative and sometimes positively strange technology that could yield national security benefits.

Despite the positive test results, DARPA said it does not see a future for bomb-detecting bees in the military.

"Bees are not reliable enough for military tactical use at this point," the agency said in a statement this week. "We see no clear pathway to make them reliable enough to make it worth risking the lives of our service men and women."

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# Unemployment rates down a little

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Unemployment rates in south-central Idaho and the rest of the state changed little from October to November, according to the latest report from Idaho Commerce and Labor. "Idaho's economy is growing," said Brent Tolman, manager of the Mini-Cassia office of Idaho Commerce and Labor. "The number of people employed (statewide) is at a record high. It shows our economy is moving in a positive direction."

Statewide, the number of people working in November jumped 6,000 to a record 739,500 while those unemployed rose more than 1,400 to 25,400, according to a news release from Idaho Commerce and Labor. In south-central Idaho,

Minidoka County had the highest unemployment rate — 4 percent — in the south-central, eight-county region in November. But that's down 4.2 percent last month and down from 5.7 percent in November 2005.

Blaine County had the lowest unemployment rate — 2.2 percent — in the region, down from 2.3 percent in October. Camas County experienced the biggest change in its unemployment rate, dropping to 2.4 percent in November from 3.9 percent last month, and from 3.5 percent in November 2005.

Cassia County's unemployment rate went up just slightly to 3.3 percent, up from 3.2 percent in October. Twin Falls County's November unemployment rate was 2.9 percent, up from 2.8 percent the previous month. Jerome County's

November unemployment rate was 2.8 percent, down from 3 percent in October.

Idaho's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased slightly in November to 3.3 percent, up one-tenth of a percentage from October and down from the November 2005 rate of 3.5 percent, the news release said.

Dramatic increases in public education employment, reflecting the state's continued strong population growth, and strong hiring by retailers for the holiday shopping season essentially offset employment declines in construction, manufacturing and timber, which is being pressured by low-price Canadian imports.

November's rate continues a historic streak of 19 straight months of unemployment rates below 4 percent. The state unemployment rate is also below the national

### Area unemployment rates

County	Nov. 2006	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2005
Blaine	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%
Camas	2.4%	3.9%	3.5%
Cassia	3.3%	3.2%	4.6%
Gooding	2.6%	2.6%	2.8%
Jerome	2.8%	3%	3%
Lincoln	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%
Minidoka	4%	4.2%	5.7%
Twin Falls	2.9%	2.8%	3.4%

### COMBINED LABOR MARKETS

Twin Falls-Jerome counties	2.9%	2.9%	3.3%
Cassia-Minidoka counties	3.6%	3.7%	5.1%

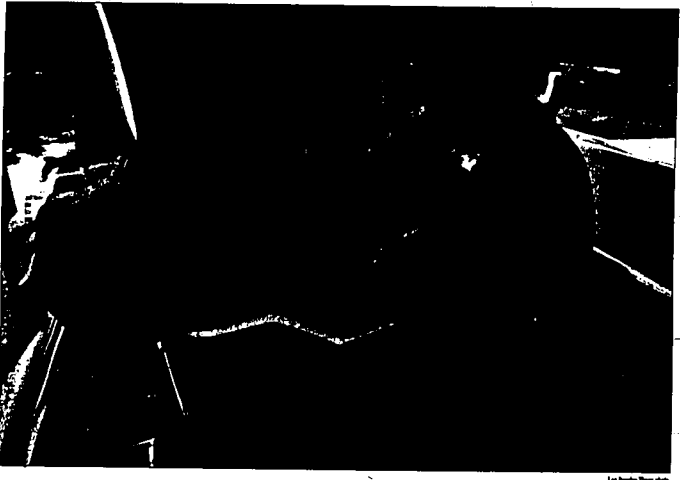
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rate of 4.5 percent, which increased from 4.4 percent in October. Idaho's monthly unemployment rate has stayed in a narrow range throughout 2006, shifting between a high of 3.6 percent in July and a low

3.2 percent in March and October.

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## TRANSPLANTING SMALL BUSINESS



Molly Lush, 22, a groomer for Aussie Pet Mobile, latches Aussie, a 10-year-old golden retriever, outside her client's home in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. Aussie Pet Mobile started in Australia and now has franchises around the world.

# Franchises are going global again

By Erika Iritani  
Los Angeles Times

Ian Moses ran into a roadblock when he tried to franchise his mobile pet-grooming business in Japan: The Mercedes vans that he had retrofitted were too big for the groomers and the streets. The founder of Dana Point, Calif.-based Aussie Pet Mobile switched to a Nissan model that was smaller and cheaper.

In Portugal, Yoshino Nakajima had to rethink the 10-minute marketing pitch for Home Inside Senior Care of Omaha, Neb. Quick meetings just weren't possible in that laid-back culture.

After pulling back from far-flung ventures in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks, entrepreneurs are returning to global franchising. But transplanting a popular American concept to foreign soil can be tricky, as Richard Rennie learned when he tried to franchise his American Leak Detection brand in South Korea in the late 1990s. The businessman, from Palm Springs, Calif., said it was hard to sell his services in that country because of the language barriers and the technical requirements.

"We didn't give up," said Rennie, who franchised his product in a dozen other countries, including Brazil and Chile. "We just learned

from our mistakes." This year Rennie sold his company and began working as a franchising consultant.

Rising incomes and exposure to American culture have created a global appetite for U.S. franchise concepts that has expanded beyond fast food, hotels and car-rental agencies to unusual products such as those created by Edible Arrangements, which specializes in baskets of hand-carved fruit. The Connecticut company, which was launched in 1999, recently opened an office in Britain and operates franchises in Canada and Puerto Rico.

"You are now seeing a microcosm of what you see in the U.S. transported overseas," said Scott Pressly, a partner with Raak Capital Group in Atlanta, which owns the Cinnamon and Carvel brands. "That's a fairly recent phenomenon."

California has been fertile territory for companies wanting to franchise and for entrepreneurs wanting to buy into those operations. The Golden State leads the nation in number of franchise headquarters (130) and is home to 80,340 franchise businesses creating \$187.4 billion in economic output, according to the International Franchise Association in Washington.

Under the franchise system, companies buy the right to market and distribute the franchiser's goods or service and

to use the brand for a fixed period. Franchisees are given technical assistance, management training and supplies needed to run the business. In the United States, franchise fees vary widely, but most fall between \$50,000 and \$100,000, according to the franchise association.

When going abroad, most U.S. franchisers award a license to a master franchisee with the right to develop the business in a country or region. Companies said the franchise model allowed them to expand to several countries at the same time and avail themselves of businesspeople knowledgeable about the local business laws, language and customs.

Moses launched Aussie Pet Mobile in Sydney, Australia, a decade ago and moved the company to Dana Point in 2000 to develop the U.S. market. Through its franchisees, the company operates a fleet of brightly decorated vans that travel to people's homes and provide full pet-grooming services for about \$30 above the going rate.

Moses, who says he has never groomed a dog, said most of his franchisees were investors who hired other people to provide the grooming. He said demand for his company's services was booming, even in developing countries such as China, where there are pockets of high-income, pressed-for-time dog lovers.

# Mini-Cassia official starts company to move RVs to dealers

By Sven Berg  
For the Times-News

BURLEY — Bob Shepard, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission, recently launched Direct RV Transport, a company that will transport recreational vehicles to dealers from Burley's new Dutchmen Manufacturing plant.

Shepard says the company will contract with up to 50 independent drivers to deliver the RVs, most of which will be bought for rental.

Dutchmen opened a new manufacturing plant about three miles west of Burley in the former Max Herbold pottery to processing plant. The plant began production in November turning out one travel trailer per day. Company officials say they hope to produce 10 to 14 trailers per day in the next year.

Shepard's operation of Direct RV has raised concerns about his ability to continue working for the EDC, but members of the commission say they have full confidence that his participation in the new company will not affect his performance for the EDC.

"He's done a great job. He's been a great guy at the right time for us," said Dan Lloyd, the commission's chairman. "He's the brains behind the idea, but he's not going to be driving the trucks."

Lloyd said that Shepard would be expected to operate Direct RV during his personal time, and that his responsibilities with the EDC will not change as a result of the new company.

Shepard said his dealings with Dutchmen and job with the EDC would not create a conflict of interest. Before deciding to go forward with the

company, he said he presented his idea to commission members, none of whom saw cause for concern.

"That's the one thing I learned a long time ago is that you have to have full disclosure," he said. "I certainly gave it a lot of thought in terms of conflict of interest, but I really didn't see it."

Burley City Administrator Mark Mitton said the EDC is funded through a variety of public and private funds.

"The majority of public funds are donated by the two counties and the cities in the two-county area," he said.

Private funds are largely contributions from area business owners.

"They're just citizens in the community that are typically business owners, and they just want to see economic development happen in our area," said Matt Fyggare, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. "You have to hand it to the area that they do have foresight."

Fyggare said he was glad Shepard is starting Direct RV, partly because it will provide more jobs in the area.

"My first response was, 'Yeah, that's definitely something that's needed,'" he said.

Shepard said the idea for the company first occurred to him as he researched ways to help Dutchmen save money on costs of transporting RVs from the plant to its dealers. He said eventually, he hopes to transport 10 units per day.

He says the new company creates a solution to one of Dutchmen's logistical problems. "It just demonstrates to Dutchmen the commitment of this community," he said. "Every time there's been a problem we've stepped up to the plate for them."



Bob Shepard, executive director of the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission, left, talks with Dutchmen Manufacturing CEO Rich Flores during the April 27 announcement the company would expand to Mini-Cassia.

## Deseret Morning News' new editor a former Utah GOP party chairman

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Joe Cannon, an attorney, lobbyist and former chairman of the Utah Republican Party, will become editor of the Deseret Morning News next month, succeeding John Hughes, who is returning to a teaching post

at Brigham Young University. Cannon, whose grandfather and great-grandfather were editors of the newspaper, starts Jan. 1, the newspaper said Friday.

Cannon has been on the newspaper's board since 1996. He resigned as state GOP leader after the Nov. 7

election and is the brother of U.S. Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah.

Cannon did not immediately return a call seeking comment Friday. The Deseret Morning News, owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, had a daily circulation of

73,191 and 74,375 on Sunday, according to the Newspaper Agency Corp.'s figures from last year. Hughes said they are probably a little higher now.

Before becoming editor in 1997, Hughes was a journalism professor and director of the International Media Studies Program at BYU.

## Ex-Quest exec sentenced to time served; fine waived

The Associated Press

DENVER — A former Quest Communications manager who pleaded guilty to an accessory count in a multimillion-dollar fraud scheme was released from government supervision Friday when a

judge sentenced him to time served, waiving a \$5,000 fine.

Grant Grantham was one of four midlevel Quest managers accused of improperly booking nearly \$34 million in revenue during a 2001 deal to link Arizona schools to the Internet.



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# Bar hands sound verdict on attorney Pena

JEERS to Raymundo Pena, for living up to everything bad you ever heard about lawyers.

The Idaho Bar Association disbarred Pena, a Rupert attorney, after he admitted to 31 counts of professional misconduct for scamming numerous clients, the courts, and even the bar itself.

By accepting the disbarment, Pena was able to avoid a misdemeanor charge of fifth practicing law with a suspended license.

Pena played fast and loose with clients' money while he was under suspension by the IBA and under investigation for criminal behavior.

IBA attorneys dropped six counts alleging Pena "solicited or tried to barter sex for legal services. Those charges are still pending in Minidoka County criminal court.

But the IBA had stacks of evidence where Pena took money from clients

who didn't know he was suspended. Pena then provided no services, and dodged their calls. Each time the bar approached him, he likewise avoided a response.

CHEERS to the new committee and leadership appointments for Magic Valley legislators.

The changeover in the Idaho Legislature has created some positive results for southern Idaho. Topping the list is the selection of state Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Okley, to House leadership as new assistant majority leader. Bedke will serve under Reps. Mike Moyle, R-Star, the new majority leader, and new House Speaker Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale.

Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, ascended to the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee by way of his seniority, while Sen. Chuck Coiner, R-Twin

## CHEERS & JEERS

Falls, is now on the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, a suitable place for his expertise with water resources. And in other good news, Magic Valley now has four voices on the powerful Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, with the additions of Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, and Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley.

JEERS to the political process that left out Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, who was in line for his own

chairmanship in the House.

Call us homers for the Magic Valley, but Smith was left on the short end of the stick Friday, as Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden Lake, jumped over Smith's shoulder to take the reins of the House. Of course, unlike the Senate, seniority isn't the deciding factor for committee assignments in the House. There may have been doubts about Smith going back to his resistance to tort reform a few years ago. But the Twin Falls lawyer strengthened his gravitas in recent years by standing up to the governor's office on transportation legislation.

CHEERS to the Blaine County commissioners, who rejected a plan for a new town south of Bellevue.

The commissioners turned down a resolution to change the county's comprehensive plan that would have

opened avenues for a new town on the county's south end. Supporters said it was necessary to create affordable housing in the pricey resort county. But the move hardly seemed consistent with the smart-growth trend that is prevalent in progressive Blaine County.

Even worse, the plan seemed like an effort to nudge the lesser affluent residents of the Wood River Valley away from those of more prosperous circumstances. As former legislator John Reavy commented, "There's something wrong about ghettoizing our work force."

Also opposing the resolution was The Nature Conservancy, which operates the Silver Creek Nature Preserve in the southern part of the county. Others opposed to the resolution included the Wood River Land Trust, Wood River Rideshare and Citizens for Smart Growth.

## Even Hollywood runs from this Hillary Clinton

While the country is urgently engaged in finding a way out of the quagmire in Iraq, Hillary Rodham Clinton is busy holding private dinners for key Democrats from primary states and remaining curiously silent on the subject of Iraq. Indeed, as she has transformed herself over the last few years from first lady to presumptive presidential front-runner, the profile that has emerged is that of a politician more comfortable talking than leading.

There are politicians with great instincts as leaders — those who recognize not just the crises directly in front of them but those around the corner as well. (And these leadership instincts come from the gut, not from a multitude of consultants, strategists and pollsters. And there are politicians with great instincts as followers — those who are the first to stick their fingers in the air and notice even the slightest shift in the wind of popular opinion.)

Clinton is in the latter category. She is the quintessential political weather vane.

On Iraq, she remains a captive of her and her consultants' belief that the country isn't ready for a female commander in chief who isn't a hawk. Unfortunately, she's misreading the zeitgeist. Democrats are fed up with her straddling and triangulation. But that has become Clinton's brand. Smiling photos with Bill Frist, Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum.

Backing a bill criminalizing flag burning. Coming out against violent video games. Signing on to President Bush's missile-defense plan. Shifting her language on abortion. Refusing to level with Americans on Iraq.

Such moves may have worked in the 1990s, but these are different times — times of war and terrorist threats, times in which the longing for strong, authentic leadership is paramount.

As a result, Clinton's strategy for the presidency is threatening to become a cautionary tale about a perfect little girl who had a perfect little plan that went perfectly astray.

After joining the Senate, the world's most exclusive club, she set out to do everything her head — and her consultants — told her to do. She sharpened the points of her triangulation strategy, decorating her rhetoric in red-state-friendly shades. She was careful, oh so careful, and aimed to please, never saying anything that would get her in trouble.



ARIANNA HUFFINGTON

She quietly and methodically began building her campaign team — surrounding herself with a gaggle of advisers and consultants, raising millions of dollars (and lining up a top-flight finance director to help her raise millions more), reaching out to power brokers in her home state. She even hired a Net-natives pro to harness the energy of the Internet and win over the blogosphere.

With Democrats on the rise, her perfect plan seemed to be working out perfectly.

And then, suddenly, came a rumbling in the distance. A rumbling caused by Barack Obama. Indications are that before the year is out, he will officially be in the race.

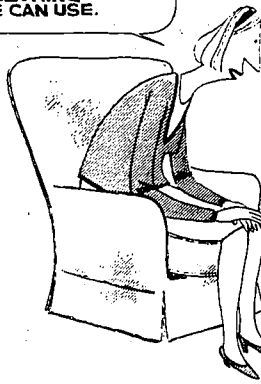
All at once, a surge of enthusiasm and support for Obama is threatening to ruin all of Clinton's perfect plans. She thought she had the momentum, but it's Obama who has the wind at his back. If there is a lesson for my daughters and for politically minded girls and women everywhere, it's that you might as well speak your mind and do what is in your heart because you never know what unforeseen forces are headed your way.

As the poet tells us, the best-laid plans of mice and men — and perfect presidential candidates — often go awry. And, man oh man, are they ever going awry for Clinton. In the larger political scheme of things, winning the hearts — and wallets — of Hollywood doesn't matter much. But capturing the support of Hollywood insiders should have been a gimme for Hillary, the town's movers and shakers having solidly backed both of Bill Clinton's White House runs and her Senate campaign.

But that's not how it's working out. David Goffen has already declared for Obama, and many other Hollywood power brokers, who are not ready to go public yet, are making it known in private that they are in the ABH (Arianna Bush Hillary) camp. And all because they don't trust her to stand up for what is right — or even to know anymore what is right.

Arianna Huffington is editor of [huffingtonpost.com](http://huffingtonpost.com).

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## The education of Robert Kennedy

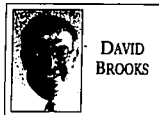
Emilio Estevez's movie, "Bobby," introduces the martyrdom of Robert Kennedy to another generation of Americans, but it was Robert's reaction to his brother's death that is really most instructive to the young.

Robert Kennedy was dining at home on Nov. 22, 1963, when J. Edgar Hoover called. "I have news for you," Hoover began coolly. "The president's been shot." Kennedy turned away from his lunch companions, his hand to his mouth and his face twisted in pain.

In the ensuing months, he was devoured by grief. One of his biographers, Evan Thomas, writes: "He literally shrank, until he appeared wasted and gaunt. His clothes no longer fit, especially his brother's old clothes — an old blue topcoat, a tuxedo, a leather bomber jacket with the presidential seal — which he insisted on wearing and which hung on his narrowing frame."

But during March 1964, he visited Bunny Mellon's estate in Antigua, and spent the vacation in his room, reading a book Jackie Kennedy had given him, "The Greek Way" by Edith Hamilton.

"The Greek Way" contains essays on the great figures of Athenian history and literature, and Kennedy found a worldview that helped him



DAVID BROOKS

explain and recover from the tragedy that had befallen him. "When the world is storm-driven and the bad that happens and the worse that threatens are so urgent as to shut out everything else from view," Hamilton writes, "then we need to know all the strong fortresses of the spirit which men have built through the ages."

Classical scholars often scorn Hamilton because she wrote in a breathless "all the glory that was Greece" mode, but her book changed Robert Kennedy's life. He carried his beaten, underlined and annotated copy around with him for years, pulling it from his pocket, reading sections aloud to audiences in what Thomas calls "a flat, unhyacinth voice with a mournful edge."

Kennedy found in the Greeks a sensibility similar to his own — heroic and battle-scarred but also mystical. He shared the awful sense of foreboding that pervades the work of Aeschylus and Sophocles, and that distinctly Greek awareness of the invis-

ible patterns that connect events to one another, how the arrogance men and women show at one moment will twist back and bring agony later on.

Hamilton is at her best describing the tragic sensibility, the strange mixture of doom and exaltation that marks Greek drama. It was based on the conviction that good grows out of bad, virtue out of hardship, and that wisdom is born in suffering. Kennedy memorized a passage from Aeschylus, which Hamilton quotes twice in her book.

"God, whose law it is that he who learns must suffer. And even in our sleep pain that cannot forget, falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our own despite, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God."

Kennedy, recovering from his brother's murder, found in the ancient Greeks a civilization that was eager to look death in the face, but which seemed to draw strength from what it found there. The Greeks seemed more convinced of the dignity and significance of life the more they brooded on the pain and precariousness of it.

Kennedy underlined a passage of Hamilton's book in which she summarizes the ripped nature of Greek optimism: "Life for him was opti-

adventure, perilous indeed, but men are not made for safe havens. The fullness of life is in the hazards of life. And, at the worst, there is that in us which can turn defeat into victory." If they were doctors of the spirit, the Greeks' speciality was to take grief and turn it into resolution.

The story of Kennedy's grief is the story of a man stepping out of his time and reaching from the past a sturdy ethic. He developed a bit of that quality, which greater leaders like Churchill possessed in abundance, of seeming to step from another age. Kennedy became a figure in the 1960s, but was never really of the '60s. He promoted many liberal policies but was never a member of a team since he drew strength from somewhere else.

And the lesson, of course, is about the need to step outside your own immediate experience into the past, to learn about the problems that never change, and bring back some of that inheritance. The leaders who founded the country were steeped in the classics. Kennedy found a firm in crisis, and today's students are lucky if they stumble on them by happenstance.

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### Big business deals still rule in Wood River Valley

David vs. Goliath: It is amazing the levels that a certain business in the Wood River Valley will stoop to to keep the little guy out of business. When companies rely on the almighty dollar to squash other small

entrepreneurs just because they have more capital makes our democracy look like it is not a democracy. The valley is the only true blue area of the state where people believe in fighting for the little guy, but believe it or not, there are some who will just believe that on the surface while shutting down the

little guy in fear that the little guy may become a big guy. Ask yourself this question: "If David had not bested Goliath, what would have happened? We don't all have to be Christians to know the story of David and Goliath. I say this — don't run scared because of the mighty dollar. Stand by your princi-

ples for principal sake. Stand up for your rights, legal or moral. Believe in the system and in people picking the right person or the right business, not because they are big but because they provide the best service or share some common ground. Most of us are not the big

guy. Most of us are the little guy. And it is the little guy that keeps the big guy in check.

GEORGE MILEY  
Twin Falls

Buhl elementary choir delivers fine show  
Cheers to the Poppelweil

Elementary School Honor Choir from Buhl. They did a fantastic performance at the Festive of Trees on Friday, Dec. 1. Their music teacher, Mrs. LeGrone, is to be congratulated. She is one in a million!  
ELIZABETH HERMAN  
Buhl

LETTERS OF THANKS

**Cheers aplenty for help on Pumpkin Race**

The College of Southern Idaho Physical Education Program wishes to express appreciation to the sponsors and donors for helping make our first Great Pumpkin 5K Race and One Mile Youth Challenge a success.

Sponsors: St Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Jerome Cheese Co., Wells Fargo Bank, Thee Co., Donors: Donnell Sports, Rock Creek Growers, Target, Starbucks, Hastings, CSI Student Activities, Imagination Station, Usana, Cold Stone Creamery, Cup-a-Joe, Papa Murphy's, Native Skin, CSI Wellness Program, Tamarack, Hgorman Valley Springs Water, Magic Valley Spraying, Zuercher, Forget-Me-Not, Lawn Works.

Special thanks to local media: *Times-News*, KMYT, KSAW, KXII, KTFI, Locally Owned Radio, Lee Family Broadcasting and Clear Channel radio stations.

Thanks to Doug Maughan and Carlos Bittencourt for their support and expertise.

Thanks to CSI Administration and Maintenance departments for supporting our event and for allowing us to showcase our campus.

And "high fives" to the volunteers for their commitment and time.

**JOHN HUGHES**  
Associate Professor, CSI  
Chairman, Education Department  
Twin Falls

**Family has reliable van upgrade thanks to Willis**

Ernie Willis and Willis Toyota deserve an incredible thank you for helping to provide transportation for the Lindsay Heimkes family from Filer.

Willis donated a mechanical wheelchair lift, modified for a van and upgraded the vehicle in numerous ways. Now the family has a feasible way to travel together.

Thank you to the entire staff at Willis Toyota for your generosity, timely action and thorough work. You are very much appreciated.

**RON AND JANIE GRIFF**  
Twin Falls

**Quilting efforts create a warmer winter for agencies**

Pennies by the Inch for the Primary Children's Medical Center and Desert Sage Quilters of Magic Valley wish to express appreciation to the Magic Valley Mall for donation of space to the quilts for our cooperative project. We had wonderful response from our community in financial donations.

We appreciate members of the Desert Sage Quilters for contributions of quilt supplies and help to tie and bind the quilts. Thanks to the Twin Falls High School Key Club

and Wishing Star for their help. We appreciate everyone who stopped by to help tie quilts or assist in any way.

We appreciate financial contributions from Charity Amateurs, the Optimist's Club and Kiwanis Club, which will be used to purchase quilt batting. Thanks to William Dilworth, for two sets of quilt frames, and *Times-News* for coverage of our event.

We completed almost 100 quilts to distribute to local agencies.

Thank you so much.  
**GWEN JONES**  
Pennies By The Inch  
**SUSAN STALLINGS**  
Desert Sage Quilters of Magic Valley  
Twin Falls

**'Santa Paws' assisted homeless animals**

People for Pets-Magic Valley Humane Society Inc. would like to express its gratitude to the community for its participation in the "Santa Paws" photo fundraiser for the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.

A special thanks to Clear Channel Radio, Santa and the volunteers for their involvement in helping make this opportunity possible and successful.

The donations received from this fundraiser will assist many homeless animals in our area.

Many thanks.  
**KATHLEEN OLMSTEAD**  
Animal Shelter Supervisor  
Twin Falls

**Heimkes fundraiser a fantastic event**

Thank you to all the individuals and businesses who contributed their time, efforts and resources to the Lindsay Heimkes fundraising dinner and auction.

The staff of Johnny's at Senior Ceasars, local radio, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Pepsi and countless individuals all contributed to make this event a fantastic success.

**TANYA HEIDENREICH**  
Twin Falls

**Heimkes event an inspiring moment**

I'd like to thank everyone who helped make the Heimkes' family benefit a huge success. It was a night we will never forget. I wish Lindsay continued success in her recovery. Thanks to:

Coaches Rogers and Paulsen, Conservation

McCarthy (Sheridan) for the idea, College of Southern Idaho Women's Basketball team for helping with T-shirts and selling tickets; area high school coaches, athletic directors and secretaries for providing T-shirts; Donnell's Sports for creating missing T-shirts; all who helped sell tickets; Ginger for helping with tickets and money; everyone throughout the Magic Valley who brought tickets; all media coverage; Lacey for drawing the magic ticket; Homer Jaynes for his generous foresight to donate the quilt back for auction; all those who bid on the quilt; especially Lefroy Scanlin for his continued generosity in buying the quilt and giving it to Lindsay; Lindsay and her family — your spirit made the entire event so worth it.

**CONNIE HARDY**  
CSI Booster  
Twin Falls

**Harvest Hoedown made huge difference for kids**

The St. Nicholas School Board and Parents Organization would like to thank those who helped organize the 2006 Harvest Hoedown.

We would also like to express our gratitude to all donors, auction buyers and volunteers who participated in the successful event.

Thanks for making a difference in our kids' lives. We look forward to your continued support.

**KERI PERRIGOT**  
School Board Chairman  
St. Nicholas School  
Rupert

**Landscape of thanks for gardening conference**

The Twin Falls and Mini-Cassia Master Gardeners would like to thank those who contributed to the success of the recent conference.

"Gardening from the Ground Up."

JoAnn Robbins and Pam of the University of Idaho County Extension and Master Gardener Planning Committee made it possible.

The speakers: Mir Seydubagher, a University of Idaho Extension educator, is nationally and internationally known in his specialty of soil biology; Robin Baumgartner, Southern Idaho Solid Waste, and Tony Brand, Magic Valley Compost, shared composting to enrich our soils; Steven Paulsen, Conservation

Seeding and Restoration, explained how to use native plants; Gerry Bates, Idaho Department of Lands, talked about tree selection and planting techniques.

Information displays: Magic Valley Rose Society, Orchid Society, Info Society, Marian Austin's Grasses-Butterflies-Wildflowers, Magic Valley Compost, Forest Service, Native Plant Society and Red Willow Research.

The Master Gardeners look forward to bringing future learning opportunities to area gardeners and landscape professionals.

**SHARON BUCKLE**  
Conference Chairman  
Twin Falls

**Optimists grateful for turkey shoot assistance**

We would like to give thanks to the following businesses and organizations for helping the Twin Falls Optimist Club with the 21st Annual Wayne Kinney Memorial Turkey Shoot.

The Twin Falls Gun Club for its help and support every year, and for Red's Trading Post for the donations of the guns for the raffle.

We would also like to thank all the people for attending the event on Nov. 12. The money raised from this event will help the Optimists in their various youth projects, including the Childhood Cancer Campaign, Coats for Kids, Respect for Law Week, Youth Appreciation Week, Easter Egg Hunt and the Youth Support Services helping any youth that is in need.

**DENNIS J. BOWMYER**  
JOHN HEAD  
Co-Chairmen  
Optimist Club, Wayne Kinney Memorial Turkey Shoot  
Twin Falls

**Legion groups relished feast in food caravan**

The Twin Falls American Legion Post 7 and Post Auxiliary would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the merchants and individuals who contributed so generously to the annual food caravan for the Idaho veterans homes

on Nov. 18. This caravan is conducted each year to put a little extra on the tables at the veterans homes in Boise, Pocatello and Lewiston, and the people from Twin Falls excel in their donations.

Thank you all once again.  
**DAVE MARRON**  
Adjutant, Post 7  
American Legion  
Twin Falls

**A heartfelt thanks for recent benefit dinner**

We would like to give a great big thank you to all who made private donations and the area merchants who donated items for our raffle and auction at the benefit dinner on Nov. 4.

We would also like to thank Dworshak School for letting us use its facility and Garth Osterhout for helping with the

cleanup. Jeanne Allen and her volunteers, which was such a big help, all of the cooks that volunteered to make such a wonderful meal and all of you that helped make it such a wonderful success.

Hopefully, we haven't missed any donors but if we did, please be assured that we sincerely appreciate your kindness and generous donations.

Proceeds will be used for Verla Rice (breast cancer), Donna Jo Osterhout (amyloidosis cancer) and Brett Blackett (fibrosalastic osteoarthritis).

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Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith is such a huge favorite to win this year's Heisman Trophy that he may take a run at O.J. Simpson's record for largest margin of victory.

## Smith heavy favorite to win Heisman

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Troy Smith figures to make this contest a rout, too.

The Ohio State quarterback is such a heavy favorite to take the Heisman Trophy on tonight that the competition could be one of the biggest landslides in the award's history.

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn and Arkansas running back Darren McFadden are the other finalists for college football's most famous award. But it'll be a shocker if Smith doesn't become the sixth Ohio State player to win the Heisman.

"For so many years I've walked through the atrium and I've just looked at Heisman Trophies and took it for granted, not really thinking about the work that those guys had to do to really get there," Smith said earlier this week. "Now I totally understand how much you have to be a team-oriented guy and how much work you have to put into it to be spoken of as one of the elite players."

Since Jay Berwanger of the University of Chicago won the first Heisman in 1935, 14 players have won the bronze statue by a margin of more than 1,000 points.

Southern California tailback O.J. Simpson set the standard for lopsided Heisman Trophy victories in 1968, receiving 1,750 points more than the runner-up, Purdue running back Leroy Keyes.

Then there were 1,200 Heisman voters. The number of voters decreased to 923 in 1988, so simple mathematics makes it difficult for anyone to touch that mark. A first-place vote is worth three points, a second-place vote two and a third one.

Florida State quarterback Charlie Ward came closest to Simpson's mark when he won the 93 award by 1,622 points over Tennessee's Heath Shuler. Two years later, Michigan's Desmond Howard was a 1,574-point winner over Florida State's Casey Weldon.

Last year, Reggie Bush, another USC star, was an overwhelming choice, getting more first-place votes (784) and points (2,541) than any other player but Simpson, who had 855 and 2,853.

But because Texas quarterback Vince Young was such a strong candidate — and appeared on so many ballots in second or third — Bush's margin of victory was 967.

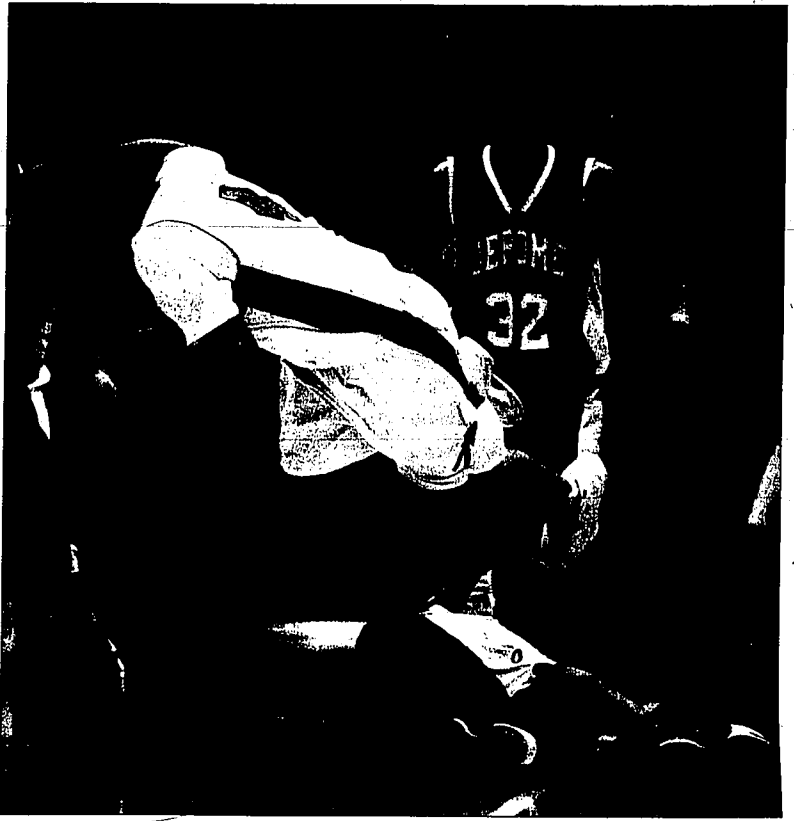
Quinn was one of the preseason favorites — maybe the favorite — to win the award and become the eighth Heisman winner from Notre Dame, the first since Tim Brown in 1967.

A senior, Quinn had 35 touchdown passes and five interceptions this season. But he played poorly in Notre Dame's two biggest games against Michigan and USC — four turnovers in a 47-21 loss to the Wolverines and 42-10 loss to the Trojans.

Another serious contender never emerged.

McFadden ran for a school-record 1,558 yards and scored 16 touchdowns for the surprising Razorbacks, and showed off his passing skills by throwing three TD passes in eight attempts. The sophomore's late-season breakout was good enough to make him the first Arkansas player to be a finalist and should make him the leading candidate heading into next season.

And while other top players were having their ups and downs, Smith was brilliantly efficient leading the Buckeyes (12-0) through an unbeaten regular season, during which they rarely were challenged.



Buhl's Will Chivers (4) attempts to maintain control of the ball after tangle with Jerome defenders Friday night during the second quarter of their game in Buhl.

## Indians hold on to beat Tigers

By Diane Pfab  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** — The longtime rivalry between Class 4A Jerome and 3A Buhl is one that most of the present-day players may not fully understand.

But each of the current teams got a taste of just how intense the rivalry is Friday night as the Indians hung on to defeat the visitors from Jerome 51-50 Friday.

The Indians triumphed as Austin Laing made the go-ahead basket in the final minute and a pull-up jumper with three seconds remaining by Jerome senior Dee Fleck bounced off the rim.

Buhl was ahead 36-34 as the fourth quarter began and the two teams traded leads the entire final period with Buhl gaining the biggest margin at 45-40 with three minutes remaining. Jerome kept creeping up on the Indians but Buhl kept holding them off, scoring each time the Tigers scored.

With 1:12 remaining and Jerome trailing 49-47, senior David Prescott hit a 3-pointer giving

the Tigers a one-point lead at 50-49. Thirty seconds later, Buhl senior Austin Laing scored and Buhl regained the lead 51-50.

A Buhl steal at mid-court resulted in Buhl senior Will Chivers being fouled on a drive to the hoop with eight seconds remaining. Chivers missed both attempts and Jerome rebounded, which led to the last ditch shot by Fleck.

Buhl had three players in double digits with Chivers leading the offense, scoring 18 points for game-high honors. Brad Twiss followed with 15 and Austin Laing added 11.

Buhl jumped out to a 12-2 lead in the first five minutes of play and led by the end of the quarter 14-5.

"The kids played hard," said Jerome coach Marty Espinosa. "The first quarter killed us. Then they stepped up their intensity and defense in the second quarter and from that time on, it was anybody's game."

Jerome scored the first 10 points of the second quarter and took its first lead at 15-14 with 4:12 remaining as senior David Prescott was fouled on a 3-point attempt and sank all

three free throws. Prescott was 8-for-8 at the free-throw line in the quarter and scored 10 points. Cody Garey added nine as the Tigers put up 25 points to take a 30-20 halftime lead. Prescott ended the game with 16 points and Garey had 11.

"For three quarters we played OK," said Buhl coach Ryan Bowman. "In the second quarter, I don't know where we were. But that's going to happen. The kids really dug down deep and showed a great effort. They are tough kids that like to compete. I guess it's better to win ugly than to lose ugly."

On Jan. 12 the teams will renew the rivalry again in Jerome.

Buhl (2-0) plays at Wood River and Jerome (2-2) is on the road at Middleton today.

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Will Chivers 13 7 18, Brad Twiss 7 1 2, Austin Laing 11 5 23, KC Masi 2 0 2 4, Justin Lark 0 0 11, Isaac 22 21 31, Dee Twiss 1 1 1 1, Isaac 1 1 1 1				
2-point goals - Jerome 11, Prescott 3, Garey 3, Isaac 3, Seaman 1, Buhl 2 (Chivers, Lark)				
Total fouls - Jerome 15, Buhl 12, fouled out - none				

## CSI men rally past Cardinals for win

### Golden Eagles women win OT thriller

Times-News

**COEUR d'ALENE** — Nick Livi's 3-pointer was supposed to put the No. 6 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team on the ropes. Instead, it woke up a monster.

The shot that put North Idaho College up 60-49 early in the second half of Friday's Scenic West Athletic Conference opener in Coeur d'Alene would be one of the last good looks the Cardinals saw.

The Golden Eagles buzz saw turned on, slicing through NIC to the tune of a 41-6 run over only 10 minutes of play as CSI rolled to a 101-75 win to open its conference schedule.

"That CSI run started with a Mo Taukuvea 3-pointer. Then Derek Lorenzen hit from beyond the arc on CSI's next two trips down court.

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"We rely on that," CSI head coach Barret Peery told 1270 AM KTFI. "I've never kept any secrets on that. I've always said that our bench is key to us winning and we need that. We got pwn through 15 contributing tonight."

The Golden Eagles were led by freshman guard DeCarlos Riley's 21 points, while Kelvin Davis added 17.

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Livi led North Idaho with a high 27 points, while Brian Morris added 13 points and 7 rebounds.

The Golden Eagles and Cardinals battled to a 46-46 tie at the half as CSI's Davis battled Livi in a duel of backcourt players to lead "their respective teams. After trailing as much as 26-19, the 9-0 (1-0) Golden Eagles used a late spur to push the tempo and take a 45-39 lead with

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The Golden Eagles and Cardinals meet again at 8:30 p.m., MST tonight.

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### Women

#### No. 13 CSI 66, North Idaho 64, OT

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The Indians (5-2, 3-0) travel to Gooding tonight. The Cutthroats (0-5, 0-3) take a week off before playing at Carey on Dec. 15.

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CSI hoops

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“I thought our kids never quit,” CSI head coach Randy

Rogers said. “They kept playing hard.”
The Golden Eagles were able to force overtime after trailing most of the game as freshman post Anita Burdick converted on one of two free throws with 13.4 seconds left in the second half to tie the game at 58-58.
Burdick then attempted a three-point shot at the end of the period but only glass before time expired.
The Cardinals, the best offensive rebounding team in the

conference, beat CSI on the field 47-44, but it was the Golden Eagles' presence before the game that sent them to the win. Burdick finished with 11 points. Tucker scored 10, and Ashley Thompson finished with nine in the win.
“We didn't have that last year,” Rogers said. “A lot of times, we got 10-out-of-Alexis and almost a double-double out of Ashley Thompson as well.”
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# T'Wolves deny Sloan 1,000th win

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett had a season-high 31 points and 14 rebounds Friday night to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves over the Utah Jazz 110-103, spoiling Jerry Sloan's bid for 1,000 wins.

Garnett scored 16 points in the decisive third quarter for Minnesota, which has won three straight. Mike James scored a season-high 20 points and Ricky Davis added 21.

Deron Williams had 21 points and 11 assists for the Jazz, who still have the best record in the NBA at 15-5. Mehmet Okur had 18 points, but Carlos Boozer only scored eight on a 4-for-17 shooting.



Minnesota Timberwolves guard Ricky Davis, right, tries to drive against Utah Jazz forward Mark Harris, left, during the second quarter in Minneapolis, Friday.

Boozer had 13 rebounds. In a pregame interview, coach Dwane Casey deflected questions about Allen Iverson, who sounds as if he is on his way out of Philadelphia.

"I have no clue what's going on in Philadelphia," Casey said. "I'm just worried about Utah. That's not my department."

Vice president of basketball operations Kevin McHale would not comment on whether Iverson would end up in Minnesota.

Minnesota extended a seven-point halftime lead to 94-94 with 5:46 left after James pulled a foul. The shot clock expired and Garnett hit a jumper from the corner. Utah got within 99-93, but James hit another big 3-pointer and Utah could not get closer than five points at the end of the third.

Garnett sparked a Minnesota run midway through the third quarter with a 3-pointer, a blocked shot and an assist on a B.J. Revie layup for a 63-57 lead with 3:41 left. It was the Wolves' biggest lead to that point and Garnett helped them push it to 77-70 at the end of the third with his second 3-pointer.

## Pistons 87, Magic 83

ORLANDO, Fla. — Chauncey Billups scored a season-high 31 points on a 1-of-1 shooting, leading Detroit to a victory over Orlando in a matchup of the top teams in the Eastern Conference.

Richard Hamilton hit baseline jumpers on two consecutive possessions in the last 1½ minutes to give Detroit an 86-82 lead. The Magic made four costly fourth-quarter turnovers for six Detroit points to let the game slip to 86-82.

It was the Pistons' second impressive road win in two nights following a 92-82 victory at Dallas on Thursday night. Orlando has lost two in a row, including celebrating his 21st birthday Friday, had 25 points and 10 rebounds for Orlando, while Grant Hill had 12 points and four assists and Trevor Ariza scored 10.

Hamilton finished with 14 points and a season-high 10 rebounds. Rasheed Wallace had 13 points and six assists and Murry had 13 points.

## Suns 116, Celtics 111

BOSTON — Shawn Marion scored 29 points and Steve Nash added 16 points and 14 assists to help Phoenix extend its winning streak to nine games.

Raja Bell and Boris Diaw each added 14 points for Phoenix, coming off a 161-157 double-overtime victory in New Jersey on Thursday night. The Suns have won 11 of 12 after starting the season 3-5.

Paul Pierce scored 16 points for Boston, and Ryan Gomes and Tony Allen added 18 and 16, respectively. The Celtics have lost five straight and seven of eight.

## Rockets 92, Bobcats 62

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tracy McGrady scored 23 points, Yao Ming added 21 and Houston allowed the fewest points in franchise history.

The Rockets allowed one fewer point than they did a week ago in a win over Cleveland and held the Bobcats to a franchise-worst 28 percent shooting.

Raymond Felton scored 16 points and was the only player in double figures for the Bobcats, who committed 21 turnovers. Charlotte shattered its previous low point total of 71 set against Indiana in

Dec. 2004, during its inaugural season.

Rookie Adam Morrison scored two points on 1-of-11 shooting. In the past three games, Morrison has eight points on 3-of-26 shooting.

## Pacers 108, Trail Blazers 95

INDIANAPOLIS — Jamaal Tinsley had 20 points, eight rebounds and eight assists to lead Indiana.

Tinsley scored all but two of his points in the second half. Stephen Jackson added 25 points and Al Harrington had 17 for the Pacers.

Portland's Zach Randolph had 29 points and four rebounds before fouling out with 15 seconds left. Juan Dixon added 17 points. Indiana forward Jermaine O'Neal missed the game because of a sore left hamstring.

## Wizards 113, 76ers 98

PHILADELPHIA — With Allen Iverson barred from the building and on his way out of Philadelphia, the short-handed 76ers couldn't overcome Washington's Gilbert Arenas and Caron Butler.

The Sixers caught a glimpse of life without Iverson, their former MVP, when they lost to the NBA finals in 2001. Iverson may have played his last game in Philadelphia after he asked to be traded this week. (See story, page B3).

Arenas finished with 32 points, and Butler had 20 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Wizards to their second straight win on the road, after dropping their first eight.

Chris Webber flourished without Iverson, scoring a season-high 21 points with 10 rebounds. Kyle Korver scored 20 points and Andre Iguodala had 13.

## Bucks 100, Grizzlies 94

MILWAUKEE — Ruben Patterson scored a season-high 30 points and Michael Redd added 25 to lead Milwaukee over Memphis.

Patterson, who had 26 points against Portland on Wednesday, also had seven rebounds and five assists for Milwaukee (8-11), which won consecutive games for the first time this season. It's the longest Milwaukee has gone without back-to-back victories to start a season since 1993-94.

Hakim Warrick scored a career-high 31 points for the Grizzlies. He added a career-best 13 rebounds, but was ejected after picking up his second technical foul with 3:05 left to play.

## Bulls 93, Raptors 90

CHICAGO — Luol Deng scored 25 points and Chicago hung on to beat Toronto for its seventh straight victory.

The Raptors' Morris Peterson and T.J. Ford missed potential tying 3-pointers in the final 13 seconds, and the Bulls extended their win streak over Toronto to 14.

Deng was 11-of-18, after scoring 21 and grabbing 10 rebounds in Wednesday's 121-94 victory over Philadelphia. Andres Nocioni scored 13 of his 17 points in the third quarter, and grabbed 14 rebounds. Jorge Garbajosa led the Raptors with 17 points, and Peterson scored 13. Fred Jones, Ford and Rasho Nesterovic added 12 points apiece. Nesterovic hit his first five shots but was 1-for-4 the rest of the way.

## Spurs 111, Clippers 82

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker had a career-high 15 assists and Manu Ginobili scored 22 points for the Spurs.

Parker bested his previous high of 14 assists and added nine points.

Tim Duncan and Brent Barry each added 16 points and Michael Finley had 13 for the Spurs. Francisco Elson finished with 10 points.

Shaun Livingston scored 16 points for the Clippers, the NBA's only winless road team at 0-7.



Stewart Cink, left, standing beside teammate J.J. Henry points to the third green during the second round of a Barbados Golf World Cup match against Wales at the Sandy Lane Hotel, in St. James, Barbados, Friday.

# Argentina leads; Americans 8 back

ST. JAMES, Barbados (AP) — Stewart Cink and J.J. Henry have dined at some great restaurants on this trip to Barbados, gotten some relaxation time in with their wives, even have enjoyed a few stretches of balmy tropical weather.

It's the golf that hasn't been to their liking.

Cink and Henry face a big weekend challenge if they're to claim the 24th World Cup title for the United States. The American duo shot a 2-over 73 on Friday, falling to 3-under for the tournament — eight shots behind Argentina's team of Andres Romero and Angel Cabrera.

The U.S. capped the four-somes, or alternate shot, round by making four bogeys in the final seven holes, including consecutive ones on Nos. 17 and 18.

"We didn't really make any punts on the front nine and I don't think either of us felt that good over any of our punts," Cink said. "So we started pressing a little bit. ... It just wasn't that good of a day overall. I feel like we shot about as bad as we could have shot."

Romero and Cabrera have a much different feeling.

Seeing their nation's first win in the event since its start in 1953, Romero and Cabrera extended their streak of bogey-free holes to 35. They made bogey on the first hole Thursday, then have put together 12 birdies and 23 pars since to draw clear of the field in the final World Golf Championships event of the season.

"We are very happy," Cabrera said. "We played very solid and without mistakes. We're very happy and we want to keep it like this."

Scotland's team of Colin Montgomerie — playing

World Cup for the first time since 1999 — and Marc Warren had four birdies in a five-hole span on the front to move up, before closing with a bogey at the par-3 18th and settling for a second straight 67, putting the Scots in a three-way tie for second with Sweden (70) and Germany (69).

Spain's team of Gonzalo Fernandez and Miguel Angel Jimenez shot the round of the day, a 5-under 66 to move to 7-under and take a share of fifth place with South Africa (71). England birdied four of its final five holes to get to 6-under, one shot ahead of Mexico and two up on Italy and South Korea.

"It was a good finish," England's Luke Donald said. "And that at least got us thinking about winning again."

The U.S. is still thinking about winning, too — but knows its move almost certainly must come Saturday in fourball. The teams from 24 nations finish with another foursomes round Sunday when the \$1.4 million winners' share will be awarded.

"If both of us play up to the way we expect to play, we're going to sprinkle some birdies around the golf course," Cink said.

Cink and Henry got to 1-under with a birdie at the par-3 fourth hole, the only mark other than pars on their card through the first 11 holes, but made only one more birdie the rest of the day.

"We've really could kind of get the momentum going," Henry said. "We hit some good shots, then kind of couldn't capitalize on a putt, then hit a couple bad drives. In these conditions, you're probably going to make a couple bogeys. We just didn't tie it in with enough birdies today, unfortunately."

# Bonds, Giants were always best fit for each other

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds' return to the San Francisco Giants feels a bit like a shotgun wedding.

As much as they might have wanted to part ways this winter, the Giants couldn't find another cleanup hitter as dangerous as Bonds. And the slugger struggled to find a better place to break Hank Aaron's home run record than his longtime home.

Bay Area fans have stood by him through all of his off-field problems in a city where as a Bay Bomber bounced around the Giants' clubhouse hanging on his godfather, Willie Mays, and late father, Bobby.

Bonds is despised and booed almost everywhere he goes aside from San Francisco's waterfront ballpark, though swarms of people still roll in the gates to see No. 25 step into the batter's box.

For a superstar player Giants owner Peter Magowan said would no longer be the focus of the franchise if he came back, Bonds is still going to be the centerpiece of all right.

How could he not with the attention he brings, only 22 homers shy of passing Aaron? No matter that Bonds generates more than his share of bad press, too, because of constant steroid allegations that might never be indicted by a federal grand jury on perjury charges.

Magowan probably wishes now he'd kept his mouth shut about Bonds. San Francisco, which hosts the 2008 World Series, might never have had any legitimate bidding competition at all with other teams, despite Bonds' side saying every organization had interest.

With the posturing and games

# Pettitte rejoins Yankees; Dotel follows Meche to Royals

NEW YORK (AP) — Once Andy Pettitte decided he wanted to pitch, he didn't take him long to get a contract — with the New York Yankees.

Pettitte bolted from his hometown Houston Astros back to his old team on Friday, reaping a preliminary agreement on a \$16 million, one-year contract. Could Roger Clemens follow his buddy back to New York?

"Roger has yet to decide what he wants to do," Randy Hendricks, the agent for both pitchers, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "He has, however, followed the events with Andy and the Astros very carefully."

A day after the winter meetings, reliever Octavio Dotel agreed to a \$5 million, one-year contract with the Kansas City Royals, who also agreed to a \$4 million, two-year deal with left-hander John Bale. A day earlier, the Royals gave pitcher Gil Meche a \$55 million, five-year contract.

"I feel very happy because of the confidence the Royals have shown in me," said Dotel, who picked the Royals over the Yankees, Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Devil Rays because it gave him the best opportunity to be a closer.

San Francisco agreed to a \$3.5 million, two-year contract to keep left-hander Steve Kline, and St. Louis gave three operations on his right knee in 2005 that limited him to 14 games.

"Bonds will earn double the money" of any of his teammates, said Magowan for the seven-time NL MVP being a bargain in this year's fertile free agent market. His defense is no longer at the Gold Glove level, but Bonds was running better late last season and still exhibits some of the "best" hand-eye coordination "at the plate ever seen in his sport."

"I think with him searching for the record to become the home run king, the Giants were going to be able to accommodate Barry and his contract," Viquez added. "He brings a lot of enthusiasm and excitement to the ballpark. With the All-Star game being in San Francisco, they really wanted to put up a good show for the fans and see him hit the record at home and retire as a Giant."

That's what Bonds really wanted.



Andy Pettitte will return to the New York Yankees after signing a one-year, \$16 million deal Friday.

right-hander Russ Springer a \$1.75 million, one-year deal.

Third baseman Brandon Inge, who would have been eligible for free agency after next season, agreed to a \$24 million, four-year contract with the AL champion Detroit Tigers.

"It's awesome to get this done and to be the only place I wanted to play," Inge said. "This organization stuck by me through tough times and for them to still believe in me when times are good, it's really gratifying. The deal is basically done because the one thing that would hold it up would be a problem with the physical that I took today, but I can't see that there would be any problem with that."

Also, the Los Angeles Dodgers finalized a \$47 million, three-year contract with right-hander Jason Schmidt and a \$55 million, one-year deal with outfielder Luis Gonzalez, agreements struck during the winter meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Barry Bonds, Schmidt's old San Francisco teammate, gave him a call.

"It's like, 'You're leaving me? I can't believe you're leaving me,'" Schmidt said. "I told him, 'I have to. We had fun with it. We got to be pretty good friends while I was in San Francisco.'"

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With the posturing and games



# Parker rushing past Hall of Famers on Steelers' list

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Franco Harris, Jerome Bettis, John Elway Johnson. They are among the top rushers in NFL history — two are Hall of Famers, and Bettis may join them some day — and each is high up on the Pittsburgh Steelers' single-game yardage list. Unmistakably, none ever had a game like Willie Parker did.

Make that two games.

In less than a month, Parker has the No. 1 and No. 2 single-game rushing performances in Steelers history. He ran for a club-record 223 yards Thursday night against the Browns in the first of three quarters, a big night that followed up a 213-yard game against the Saints on Nov. 12.

"It means a lot, I'm not going to sit here and say I don't," Parker said of a performance that also gave him a second straight 1,000-yard season. "I came a long way."

— Until this season, the Steelers had only a pair of

200-yard games in their 74-season history, John "Frenchy" Fuqua's 218 yards against the Eagles in 1970 and Johnson's 200-yard game against the Browns in 1964. Now, Parker has doubled that list by himself.

Which raises this question: Considering how easily the yards came to Parker during the Steelers' 27-7 victory Thursday, could he have threatened the NFL record of 295 yards by Baltimore's Jamal Lewis against — you guessed it, the Browns — in 2003?

Parker ran only three times in the fourth quarter for 11 yards, enough to get the team record before sitting down. The 223 yards are the most by an NFL running back this season.

"Coach (Bill) Cowher didn't come to me and say to set the NFL record, he said the Steelers record, so I guess the NFL record is out of the books," Parker said.

Steelers linebacker Joey Porter badmouthed the Browns' during a lengthy postgame rant in



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Willie Parker celebrates a third-quarter touchdown against the Cleveland Browns in NFL football action in Pittsburgh on Thursday, which he suggested Parker could have gotten as many yards as he wanted.

"He ran the ball well and they couldn't stop

him," Porter said. "At some points in time, they had nine, 10 people in the box and he was breaking it."

That he is breaking records in his third NFL season seems a bit preposterous to Parker, one of the few NFL players who can say he was signed on the recommendation of the owner's son.

Parker got playing playing time as a freshman running back at North Carolina in 2000, but found himself getting the ball less and less as his career under coach John Bunting wore on. He had only 181 yards as a senior, a number he reached Thursday by the third quarter.

As a result, Parker didn't get much attention from NFL scouts. But North Carolina-based Steelers scout Dan Rooney Jr. — the son of the Hall of fame owner — remembered the speed Parker first displayed as a high school running back. So the Steelers signed Parker as a non-drafted rookie in the hours immediately after the 2004 draft.

# Rodriguez turns down Alabama

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez turned down Alabama on Friday, telling his players that he'll be back for his sixth season with the Mountaineers.

A loud applause could be heard from inside the Milan Puskar Center at Mountaineer Field after Rodriguez told his team he would be staying at his alma mater.

"Obviously I'm very excited to stay here and I plan on being here a long time," Rodriguez said later at a news conference. "We've done some pretty good things over the last five years or so. We're not done yet. We're going to continue to grow."

Rodriguez will receive a two-year contract extension through the 2014 season from West Virginia. Other details of the deal were not immediately released.

"There weren't many reasons not to go. It's all about the reasons for staying," Rodriguez said. "I'm biased, this is my school. I think it's a great place to raise a family. We've always had a great athletic tradition."

Alabama officials offered the job to Rodriguez on Thursday morning, but the answer didn't come until more than 24 hours later. Alabama reportedly offered Rodriguez a \$12 million, six-year contract.

"I fully respect his decision and wish him the best," Alabama athletic director Mike Moore said in a statement. "I want to thank him for everything he has done at the onset of this process; my only objective is to get the best person available to lead the Alabama football program."

"I remain determined to bring to our program a proven head coach with immense credentials."

Stephen P. Goodwin, chairman of the WVU Board of Governors, said the university wasn't trying to compete with Alabama.

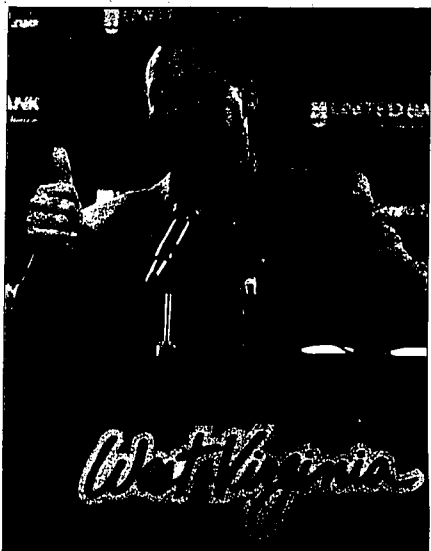
"We tried to make Rich the best offer we could make to keep him continuing on as a football coach. We didn't get into a bidding match. We couldn't have won that war," he said.

Efforts to keep Rodriguez reached as far as Ken Kendrick, a WVU graduate and longtime general partner of baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks. He earlier donated about \$200,000 toward construction of a hall dedicated to the history of Mountaineer football.

"I negotiate with athletes and their agents," Kendrick said. "Maybe I best some help" getting a competitive offer on the table.

Rodriguez has built West Virginia into a Big East power, winning the Sugar Bowl after the 2005 season and a share of the national championship with the Mountaineers are 10-2 and record for Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., on Jan. 1.

"I am very happy for the Rodriguez family, our players, our fans and WVU. Together we will remain committed to a competitive football program," athletic director Ed Pastlong said.



West Virginia football coach Rich Rodriguez gives a "thumbs-up" to remaining coach at the university Friday during a news conference in Morgantown, W.Va. Rodriguez turned down an offer to coach at Alabama.

In June, Rodriguez signed a seven-year contract that pays him \$11 million this year with \$50,000 annual raises after that, and \$500,000 in deferred compensation in December 2011 if he remained as coach.

"The program deserves a coach with the work ethic and innovative skill of Rich Rodriguez," West Virginia president David I. Hardisty.

Alabama fired Mike Shula on Nov. 26 after the Tide went 6-6 in his fourth season and lost its fifth consecutive meeting with rival Auburn.

The Tide had also made overtures to South Carolina's Steve Spurrier and Nick Saban of the Miami Dolphins, but both high-profile coaches opted to stay put.

Then, Alabama's attention turned squarely to Rodriguez, who had both the offensive pedigree and the track record for winning the Tide wanted.

It wasn't clear who the Tide will turn to now, though the university's original wish list also included Navy's Paul Johnson, Wake Forest's Jim Grobe and possibly California's Jeff Tedford.

Erickson is one of several names to surface as a possible coach can-

didate at ASU, which is replacing Dick Koetter. Others who have been mentioned include UTPE coach Mike Price; Oregon State coach Mike Riley; former college and NFL coach Steve Mariucci; Detroit Lions assistant coach Mike Martz; and Tennessee Titans assistant coach Norm Chow.

Erickson said he didn't consider the telephone discussions a formal interview.

Erickson returned to Moscow, Idaho, on Thursday night after several days of recruiting in California.

pass and returned the ball 58 yards for a score with 1:54 left in the half.

Montana ran the 2-minute drill to perfection just before halftime, taking a 17-14 lead on a 1-yard run by Brady Green with 10 seconds left.

perfect for Randy. This is what we need." "Perfect," said tight end Kellen Winslow, who with the Cleveland Browns. "It's the perfect choice."

"It's going to get back to what the formula was," said former defensive end Dan Stubbins, who played with Shannon-on-Miami's 1987 national championship team. "He played here. He knows what kind of people you need."

School officials are optimistic that Shannon's popularity with players will revitalize recruiting. Under Coker, the Hurricanes have found themselves sharing South Florida's bountiful pool of prep talent with other schools.

"It's over," athletic director Paul Dee said. "Randy and his staff are going to do a terrific job recruiting, and whatever intenders we've had, we're going to bid them adieu."

A Miami native, Shannon becomes the sixth black head coach at the 119 Division I-A schools, joining Mississippi State's Sylvester Croom, UCLA's Karl Dorrell, Buffalo's Turner Gill, Kansas State's Ito Prince and Washington's Tyrone Willingham.

The first black head football coach for the Hurricanes shrugged off such mixtures.

"I'm a ball coach. I don't think it has anything to do with minority issues," Shannon said. "When I go to the ACC meetings, they're going to look at me and go, 'Hey, Randy, how you doing?' They're not going to go, 'Hey, minority coach. I'm just going to be Randy Shannon.'"

NC State hires O'Brien away from conference rival B.C.

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina State wrapped up a quick search for a football coach by hiring Tom O'Brien away from conference rival Boston College on Friday.

The 58-year-old O'Brien coached the Eagles for 10 years, compiling a 75-45 record and appearing in eight straight bowl games. This season, he led the Eagles to a 9-3 record and an appearance in the Meineke Bowl against Navy later this month. His teams have won six straight, the longest active bowl winning streak in the nation.

"He is one of an elite group of coaches who have enjoyed high levels of success on the field and in the classroom," N.C. State athletic director Lee Fowler said in a statement issued by the university. "I have every confidence that he will lead N.C. State to national prominence in both of these arenas."

O'Brien replaces Chuck Amato — a former Wolfpack linebacker — who was fired the day after his team closed the season with seven straight losses to finish 3-8. He went 25-31 in the Atlantic Coast Conference in seven seasons.

— The Associated Press



Former North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith answers questions during a press conference in Chapel Hill, N.C. Friday. Smith discussed Texas Tech coach Bob Knight who is within four wins of the all-time record of 879 wins by a college men's coach which is held by Smith.

# Smith sounds officials pleased to see record going to Bob Knight

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Dean Smith never seemed concerned about the attention that came with becoming the winningest men's basketball coach in Division I history. That's why the former North Carolina coach didn't sound too surprised at the news to hand that mark to Bob Knight.

"I'm going to cry about that," Smith said with a smile Friday.

Knight led Texas Tech past Louisiana Tech on Wednesday night to earn his 876th victory, moving him into a tie with Kentucky coach Adolph Rupp for second place on the career list. That left him three shy of tying Smith — the Hall of Fame coach who won two national championships in 36 seasons here — for the record.

Knight will seek victory No. 877 at home Saturday afternoon against Centenary.

The 75-year-old Smith largely has stayed in the background since retiring in October 1997 with a record of 879-254 with 14 titles.

The news conference Friday to address Knight's pursuit of the record, an event that also happened to coincide with former assistant and current Tar Heels coach Roy Williams' pursuit of his 500th career win Saturday against High Point.

"If you can remove coach Smith, there's no question in my mind that I've copied more things from Bob Knight than anyone else," Williams said.

Smith said Knight is "well-deserving" and "a tremendous coach," and also remembered him as an excellent recruiter. He recalled a story of how they both were pursuing a player who ultimately chose to play for Knight.

"I said, 'You better not go in there. You don't like you.' Smith said, 'I don't care. I know, he calls me and said (the family) quickly changed their mind. It's really sensational in the home. ... I was there first and he got him.'"

Smith also said that the wins record probably means more to the players, recalling the way his players celebrated after North Carolina beat Colorado in the 1997 NCAA tournament to give Smith his 877th win.

"But still, it's something that we do it for the team," Smith said.



Massachusetts running back Steve Baylark stretches across the goal line for his second touchdown of the first half during an NCAA Division I-AA football semifinal against Montana in Missoula, Mont., Friday.

# UMass ends Montana's run in semis

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Steve Baylark ran for 169 yards and two touchdowns and caught five passes for 76 yards to lead Massachusetts to a 19-17 victory over Montana on Friday night in the NCAA Division I-AA semifinals.

Third-ranked UMass (13-1) advanced to the championship game against the winner of Saturday's semifinal between top-ranked and defending national champion Appalachian State and fourth-seeded Youngstown State.

No. 2 Montana (12-2) saw its 12-game winning streak come to an end.

Baylark scored on a 35-yard run with 12:10 left in the first quarter and on a 6-yard run with 8:33 left in the half.

The Mountaineers, who trailed 17-14 at halftime, pulled to 17-16 when Dominique Milton forced Montana quarterback Josh Swogger to fumble and the ball rolled through the end zone. UMass' Chris Koepplin

# Idaho coach speaks with ASU

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Idaho football coach Dennis Erickson has spoken by telephone with officials from Arizona State about their vacancy, a newspaper reported Friday.

Erickson told The Spokesman-Review he does not know where he stands in the ASU search process.

"I don't know, to be honest with you," Erickson said Thursday. "They're doing their search and what they have to do."

Erickson is one of several names to surface as a possible coach can-

added a 43-yard field goal with 13:25 remaining.

Montana's first score was a 23-yard field goal by Dan Carpenter 3 seconds into the second quarter. The Griz went up 10-7 when Cuckie Foreman intercepted Liam Cooke

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## Hate to go to church? Tell us why

Nationally, more women regularly attend religious services than men, for a variety of reasons.

The *Times-News* is preparing an article about why so many men won't go to church, and would like to hear from male readers — and their spouses — about their reasons.

If you'd like to share your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3223, or write to him at [scrump@magicvalley.com](mailto:scrump@magicvalley.com).

## Advent needs solemnity, not silliness

Christians have long struggled to keep the Advent season in December fittingly solemn in the face of frantic shopping, ubiquitous carols and endless Christmas parties.

Some churches have simply given up. One launches Advent with a party. That may be a small sign of the profound malaise in the church.



STEVE GUSHEE

Religions do not generally die from cataclysmic events. They slowly wither to irrelevance from creeping indifference.

The four weeks before Christmas are set aside in the church for a preparation of the end of all things. Sin, death and judgment are the topics of Advent that began Dec. 3 and ends Christmas Eve. Christ's birth is meant to be a surprise reprieve from a long-dreaded judgment.

Advent is a penitential season filled with prayer, study and the terrible reality of having, at last, to pay the heavenly piper. Celebration is muted. Few if any flowers are worn in services. Music is decidedly sober, and church color is that of penance.

The idea is to prepare for the coming rebirth and then be overwhelmed and astonished when God's act is the gift of a child rather than hell fire. Christmas properly begins with the birth of Jesus and continues for 12 days in which the church urges the faithful to celebrate the astounding news.

There will be parties by clergy and laity throughout the country as so much of the church has caved in to the secular demands of the culture. They make it difficult for the faithful to keep Advent traditions even though that would enhance their Christmas experience. Celebrations are always more powerful when preceded by periods of solemn preparation.

There were few signs of Christmas in my childhood home until after service on the fourth Sunday of Advent when we finally bought a tree and decorated the house. For a child, the anticipation was painfully delicious.

Times change, to be sure, but when Christianity is as tame and tepid as it is today, when many Muslims faithfully keep the Ramadan fast for 30 days, observing a modest Advent in the face of extraordinary cultural excess might be a great witness.

Religions do not generally die from cataclysmic events. They slowly wither to irrelevance from creeping indifference. Little things matter. Neglect of them can be fatal.

Steve Gushee is a retired Episcopal clergyman.

## Lessons in a season of



Joe Caspersen directs a rehearsal of the Magic Valley Chorale for this weekend's Christmas concerts.

## MV Chorale tells the Christmas story in music — and Scripture

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — In 1880, the Archbishop of Canterbury — E.W. Benson — came up with a new idea for an Anglican Christmas service.

He called for a retelling of the story of the fall of man, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus, in the form of scriptural "lessons" and prayers, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns.

In 1918, King's College at Cambridge University and its famous choir refined the format, called it the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and made it an annual Christmas Eve event. It's been broadcast throughout the world by the BBC since 1928 to an audience now estimated at several million.

Terry Fletcher, chairman of the board of directors for the Magic Valley Chorale, thought it would be an interesting idea to try at the choir's Christmas concerts scheduled for tonight and Sunday afternoon in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

"Our clergy will offer scripture readings that are related to a particular piece of music," said Fletcher of the chorale's "Story of

### If you go ...

• **What:** The Magic Valley Chorale will perform "The Story of Christmas in Sacred Word and Song."

• **Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls.

• **When:** Today, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 4 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available at Cios Office Supply, Everybody's Business, Welch Music and the CSI Bookstore in Twin Falls and at Ariene's Flower Garden in Jerome.

Christmas in Sacred Word and Song."

Brent Nielson, a Twin Falls attorney who serves in the Quorum of the Seventy in the hierarchy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will offer a five-minute "Christmas exhortation."

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "It's an event for the whole community."

Nielson will be joined by the Rev. Phil Price, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Lawrence Vander, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and the Rev. Dan Rieke, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

"The clergy were recommended by members of the chorale who sing in their churches' choirs," said Joe Caspersen, the choir's director. "We're hoping they will attract some members of their congrega-

tions to our concert who might want to sing with us in the future." Although 65-70 voices are expected for the weekend's concerts — the chorale has a membership of about 120 — the group can always use more new voices, he explained.

"We're all getting a little gray," Caspersen said. In addition to favorite carols — "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night" — the music will include Mendelssohn's "Three Shall a Star from Jacob," Franz Biebl's version of "Ave Maria," John Rutter's "Angel's Carol" and Gustav Holst's "In Bleak Midwinter," as well as sacred music by Paul Tschesnokoff, Craig Courtney, John Puritoy and John Sjuland and Mark Hayes' arrangement of "March of the Kings."

Brook Woods will be the soloist on Puritoy's "For to Us a Child is Born" and Sam Bues, Teresa Berry and Andrea Hess will sing solo parts of "Ave Maria."

Some of the scripture readings — Isaiah 9: 2-6, Luke 2: 1-7, Matthew 2: 1-12 — come straight out of the order of service of Nine Lessons.

"In the past, we've been pretty traditional in our holiday concerts, doing the 'Messiah' and classical Christmas music," Fletcher said. "We think it will be fun to try this."

Barbara Mix is the chorale's accompanist.

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### About the Magic Valley Chorale

The Magic Valley Chorale was organized in 1973 by Twin Falls-area singers looking for the same opportunities that the Magic Valley Symphony provided to orchestral musicians and that the Distantones gave theater-lovers.

"There were some very fine singers, but outside of the churches, really no choral group," said Roger Vincent, the choir's founding director, in a 1997 interview. "I saw the need, and found it wasn't hard at all to put together."

Three times annually almost every year since, the chorale has brought from 40 to 120 members together to sing a variety of choral works and oratorio.

It has sung works such as Mozart's "Requiem," Bach's "The Passion" and Mendelssohn's "Elijah," as well as biennial performances of Handel's "Messiah." The chorale's highlight probably came in 1993, when nine members went to New York City and sang John Rutter's "Magnificat" with 350 other singers.

"The only requirement for membership is being a 'serious singer' — basically, able to match pitch. No one has to try out individually in order to join."

Although the chorale's potential-pool-of-singers has never been large, Vincent says the choir has never wanted for specialists.

"Tenors are always in short supply," he said in 1997. "but you can always overcome that by the way you place the microphones."

For more information about the chorale, call Terry Fletcher at 733-6520.

## Sacre bleu! In French-speaking Canada, the sacred is also profane

The Washington Post

MONTREAL — "Oh, tabernacle!" The man swore in French as a car splashed through a puddle, sending water onto his pants. He could never be quoted in the papers here. It is too profane.

So are other angry oaths that sound innocuous in English: chalice, host, baptism. In French-speaking Quebec, swearing sounds like an inventory being taken at a church.

English-speaking Canadians use profanities that would be well understood in the United States, many of them scatological or sexual terms. But the Quebecers prefer to turn to religion when they are mad. They adopt commonplace Catholic terms — and often creative permu-

"You swear about things that are taboo."

—André Lapierre, professor of linguistics

tations of them — for swearing. In doing so, their oaths speak volumes about the history of this French province.

"When you get mad, you look for words that attack what represses you," said Louise Lamarre, a Montreal cinematographer who must tread lightly around the language, depending on whether her films are in French or English. "In America, you are so Puritan that the swearing is mostly about sex. Here, since we were repressed so long by the church, people use religious terms."

And the words that are shocking in English — including the slang for intercourse

— are so mild in Quebecois French they appear routinely in the media. But not church terms.

"You swear about things that are taboo," said André Lapierre, a professor of linguistics at the University of Ottawa, in the United States. "It is not appropriate to talk about sex or scatological subjects, so that is what you use in your curse words. The word is a perfect example."

"In Canadian French, you have none of the sexual aspects. So what do you replace it with? You replace it with religion. If you are going to use a taboo word, it would be anything related to the cult, to Christ, the

Communion wafer, Jesus Christ, vestments, and elements of the altar like tabernacle. There's quite a few of them."

Visitors from France are dumfounded at that use of French, said Lamarre. "But that's because they got away from domination of the church a long time ago. They cut off the head of the king really early. We didn't do that."

The Catholic Church was overwhelmingly dominant in Quebec from early in the province's history — England's King George III gave the French Catholic clergy enormous power in 1774, in part to counter the growing American insurgency to the south. In the "Quiet Revolution" of the 1960s, Quebecers rebelled. They "just

stopped going to church one Sunday," as Lamarre put it.

The swearwords have persisted even though church attendance has plummeted in the past 40 years. Because of that drop, "when the young kids on the street are swearing, they don't even know what they are swearing about," mused Monsignor Francis Coyle, pastor of St. Patrick's Basilica in Montreal. "They're baptized in church, and that's about it."

Lapierre said Quebecers continue to use religious words in highly inventive ways — as expletives, interjections, verbs, adverbs and nouns. One could say, for example, "You Christ that young man throwing a person violently." "I don't know any other language that does that so well," he said.

RELIGION

# Methodist women host Christmas brunch

**JEROME** — The Jerome United Methodist Women will host a Christmas Brunch at 10 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan.

The Magic Valley Christian School Choir will present a program. Baby-sitting is available with advance notice by calling 324-4185 or 324-4442.

Women and men of the church and community are invited. Admission is free.

### Baked goods sale will take place today in Filer

**FILER** — A baked goods sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Hills Home Christian Fellowship, 650 Highway 30.

Proceeds will benefit the Women's Ministry of the church.

### Miller presents special music as Advent continues

**TWIN FALLS** — Floy Miller will present the special music for the second Sunday of Advent at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive.

Pastor Dale Metzger will be "Preparing for Christmas," from Luke 1:1-6 and Psalms 126:1-6. Fred Congham will lead congregational singing with piano accompaniment by Willa Fox.

Christmas baskets of food and gifts for the needy are being prepared now by the church's Women's Panel.

For more information, call the church office at 734-5268.

### Pastor will speak on 'God's Offering of Peace'

**JEROME** — The second Sunday of Advent will feature the sermon, "God's Offering of Peace," by Pastor Ronald Matheny at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A.

Sunday school starts at 9 a.m. Child care is available for both Sunday school and worship.

For more information, call 324-2972.

### Agape Foursquare Church celebrates Advent

**TWIN FALLS** — The Agape Foursquare Church, 181 Morrison St., will celebrate the second Sunday of Advent with a candle-lighting ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Garald Nielsen will deliver a message titled "One Thing."

Evening worship is at 6 p.m.

### Rupert Methodist church announces Advent schedule

**RUPERT** — The Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., announced its Advent worship schedule.

An Advent brunch sponsored by the United Methodist

### Church news

Men will be held at 10 a.m. today. Crafts and the final decorating of the sanctuary and fellowship hall will follow.

The theme for December worship services is "The Coming of the Savior — What we can Learn."

Pastor Jerry Steele will speak during worship at 10:50 a.m. and the Chancel Choir will provide special music each Sunday, Dec. 10, 17 and 24. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.

On Dec. 17, the children's Sunday school will present a Christmas program during worship. A "Birthday Party for Jesus" will follow in the fellowship hall. The youth group will go caroling at 2 p.m. to various health care centers and people unable to leave their homes. Anyone who wants to join the group is welcome.

Three services will be held Dec. 24: regular worship at 10:50 a.m., and candlelight and communion services at 6 and 11 p.m. Special music will be provided at each service.

The church bells will chime at midnight on Dec. 31.

Everyone is welcome at any or all events. For more information, call 436-3354.

### Rev. Gould plans sermon at Hollister church

**HOLLISTER** — "The Message of the Christmas Hymns" will be the sermon presented by the Rev. Kendrick Gould of Twin Falls during worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave. Scripture reading is Luke 2:1-14.

Refreshments will be served after worship at 11 a.m. Elder Steve Taylor will lead Bible study at 10 a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the church.

Visitors are welcome.

### Lay pastor speaks on 'Prepare Ye the Way'

**TRIFLE** — Lay Pastor Blake Walsh will speak on "Prepare Ye the Way" at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Bull First Presbyterian Church. The scriptures are Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:6-7 and 3:1-6.

Sunday school for all ages starts at 10 a.m.

A coffee hour will follow worship.

### Rupert LDS West Stake presents music festival

**RUPERT** — The Rupert LDS West Stake will present a Christmas Music Festival, "Jesus Led at Thy Birth," at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Rupert West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W.

The event will include the Minico High School Reflections Choir, a community orchestra and various other groups and individuals performing a variety of holiday

selections.

Families are invited to this non-denominational Christmas music program.

### 'Carols and Candles' program set in Hagerman

**HAGERMAN** — A "Carols and Candles" program will be presented at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Hagerman Methodist Church.

Families are invited to come here the Christmas story and sing along or just listen to Christmas carols. Those attending are asked to bring a candle to light.

Refreshments will be served.

### Combined choirs will present Christmas program

**WENDELL** — "The Heart of Christmas" will be presented by the combined choirs of the Living Waters Presbyterian and New Life Community churches at 7 p.m. Sunday at the New Life Community Church, 400 W. Main St.

Created by Mike Speck, the music features a variety of traditional carols, inspirational ballads and gospel songs that tell the Christmas story.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Everyone is welcome.

### Ladies Lifeline Fellowship plans luncheon Wednesday

**HEYBURN** — The Ladies Lifeline Fellowship will hold a non-denominational luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Connor's Diner.

The theme will be "Sharing Christ at Christmas." Verlee Frost of the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council will present the program, music will be sung along with Lisa Hart, and the speaker will be Nicole Graham.

Prayer Circle will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 20. Hart will be the hostess. Call 438-5376 for directions.

### Christmas tea will take place Thursday at church

**TWIN FALLS** — The United Methodist Women will hold a Christmas tea at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fireside Room at the United Methodist Church. Those attending are asked to bring a white elephant gift for a gift exchange. All women are welcome.

Sunday worship services will be at 8:30 a.m. in the Wesley Chapel and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Matt Filers will direct the choir in the anthem, "Waiting." Sunday school for all ages starts at 9:45 a.m. Cathy Poppino will lead an Advent study in the Fireside Room.

A baked good sale will be held after each service, with proceeds going to the Granada Mission.

A meal for the homeless will be served at 11 a.m. Dec. 16 in the fellowship hall.

### Hear 'Singing Christmas Tree' at Twin Falls church

**TWIN FALLS** — The First Assembly of God will present three performances of The Singing Christmas Tree, featuring the Christmas musical, "The Light of the World." Programs will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Dec. 16 and 17 at the church, 189 Locust St. N.

On Friday, unwrapped toys will be accepted in support of KMYT-TV's Christmas for Kids project.

On Dec. 16, a canned food and paper goods collection will benefit South Central Community Action Partners.

On Dec. 17, toys and toiletry items will be accepted and donated for toddlers through teens currently in the Magic Valley Foster Care System.

Holiday baked goods will be on sale in the Sweet Shoppe before each performance, during the intermission and following each performance. Free hot apple cider, coffee and hot chocolate will be served during each nightly intermission.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 733-5349.

### Recording artist Thietten releases fifth project

**BOISE** — Christian recording artist Jaime Thietten has released her fifth project, "Christmas."

Local retailers carrying the new album are Clois Office & Stationery, H & A Stationery, Books, Music and Videos, Living Waters Christian Book Store, and the Music Center, all in Twin Falls.

Thietten, who sings adult contemporary and inspirational music, grew up in Twin Falls. She has been touring the country — singing at churches and other events for the past seven years. This year's travels took her to Hawaii and also to Washington, D.C., where she did her third performance for the National Caring for Kids.

Thietten's holiday schedule includes performances in Nampa, Idaho Falls, Boise, Meridian and Caldwell, and Baker City, Ore.

For more information, call 734-6288.

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## MISSIONARIES

Four Magic Valley-area residents have been called to serve or returned from serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Hill of Burley.

• Elder Evan R. Crowley will serve in the Portugal Porto Mission.

Crowley is the son of Richard and Gayle Crowley of Twin Falls and is in the Twin Falls 3rd Ward. He graduated in 2005 from Twin Falls High School and attended BYU-Idaho for one year. He entered the Mission Training Center in Provo, Utah, on Nov. 1.

### Called to serve:

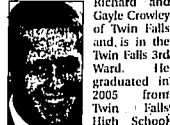
• Elder Andy LaVon James will serve in the Texas San Antonio Mission.

James is the son of Dennis and June James of Elba and is in the Elba Ward. He will enter the M-I-S-I-O-N Center on

Training Wednesday.

• Elder Joseph Jade Hill will serve in the Nebraska Omaha Mission.

Hill is a 2006 graduate of Burley High School, where he played football, and is in the Burley 1st Ward. He has excelled in automotive technology. He worked for Kloepper Concrete for two summers and has served in many church callings and service organizations. His parents are Kay and Shelle



Crowley



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## ANGELIC CHORUS



The Backward Christmas Pageant will be presented during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 206 Fifth Ave. N. Organizers said the play has a unique twist that is meaningful and fun for all ages. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after worship. Angel chorus members, pictured from left to right in the back row, are Sydney Bergen, Paige Hatch, Rachel Custer and Annie Melhinger; and in the front row, Brenda Stephens and Sierra Duxen.

## Officials vote for separation of church, state in Norway

**OSLO, Norway (AP)** — The governing body of the state Church of Norway has voted for the separation of church and state in a step toward ending 169 years of Lutheranism as the Nordic nation's official religion, the church said Wednesday.

In April, the Norwegian government opened a series of hearings on the state church system, seeking input from more than 2,500 congregations, cities and groups on the proposal by Dec. 1.

The general synod, comprised of 11 bishops and 11 diocese councils, voted 63-19 at an annual meeting during the weekend to amend the constitution to drop Lutheranism as the state religion.

The church said new legislation would be needed to transfer powers — including the authority to appoint clergy — from the government to the synod.

"The synod's decision is historic," said Jens Petter Johnsen, director of the

Church of Norway national council.

"What matters is the relation between church and people, not between church and state."

Even if a majority of other groups and congregations also support the change, it could not be done before 2013 because two consecutive parliaments must each approve constitutional amendments. The government is expected to deliver its state church proposals to parliament in late 2008.

Lutheranism became Norway's official religion in 1537 by royal decree.

Denmark has a similar Lutheran state church, while Sweden ended its state church system on Jan. 1, 2000.

## Church 'ATMs' act as modern-day donation plates

The Associated Press

**MARTINEZ, Ga.** — At the Stevens Creek Community Church, God takes credit cards. Debit cards, too.

Two "giving kiosks" sit just outside the church's chapel, next-generation collection plates that allow churchgoers to swipe their credit or debit cards and instantly send donations to the church.

Pastor Marty Baker likes to call the black terminals ATMs — "automatic tithing machines."

"We're just trying to connect with the culture," Baker said. "And that's how the culture does business. It's more than an ATM for Jesus. It's about creating barriers."

Baker came up with the idea three years ago when his east Georgia church was preparing for a fundraising drive. He realized that, like many in his 1,100-member congregation, he rarely carried cash; he hired developers to find a way for his flock to pay with plastic.

Eventually, they cobbled together a prototype that he set up at his church in early 2005.

Since then, the evangelical church has seen an 18 percent bump in donations — and an average gift of more than \$100 each time a card is swiped.



Two 'giving kiosks' sit outside the chapel of Stevens Creek Community Church in Augusta, Ga., as church members enter the sanctuary. The kiosks allow parishioners to give money using their credit or debit cards.

The results encouraged Baker and his wife Patty to form a for-profit company, called SecureGive, that sells the terminals for between \$2,000 and \$5,000 apiece and charges a \$50 monthly subscription fee. By the end of the year, his five spots have terminals in 15 spots across the country.

The kiosks are fairly simple to use. After typing in a phone number and pin number, users swipe a credit or debit card. The terminals allow users to give a specific sum, such as building a fund or a mission. Afterward, it spits out a receipt.

At Stephens Church, where services begin with flashy light shows and an in-house Christian band jams out salvation songs, the embrace of technology has helped foster a sense that this congregation is on the cutting edge.

"We're real. We're in today," said church volunteer Dorna Adams. "We're here where society is at."

Baker compares his technology to the days of the Old Testament, when people stopped offering sacrifices and started offering coins. "It's the

same now with bringing plastic," he said. "It's an evolution — and this will take root." And to placate churches concerned that parishioners will donate money they do not have, the company offers to build machines that only accept debit cards.

The Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, it was the price that was galling, not the concept. The church considered buying the kiosks before deciding to build a new sanctuary for a few hundred dollars, said Jeremy Turgene, the church's information service manager. "It's still a theory whether we could do it or not, but other churches have shown it's possible," he said.

In some ways, the rise of the kiosks are a natural extension of the online donations that many churches already now accept. Phill Martin of the National Association of Church Business Administration said he expects even some of the most resistant churches to eventually offer some sort of credit-based donations.

"Whether we'll have an offering plate with a card reader one day or not, we certainly," Martin said. "But we won't know it not far from that."

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# Putting back the 'good news'

## What does it mean to be an 'evangelical'?

Los Angeles Times

To Christians, the coming of God as a baby in a Bethlehem manger, and the promised second coming to establish his kingdom, are evangel — the Gospel or good news.

From evangel comes the word evangelist, as in evangelist Billy Graham. Evangelists proclaim the good news. That promise of salvation is at the heart of Advent, the holy season of reflection, which began Sunday and leads up to Christmas.

Richard J. Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., and one of the nation's leading evangelicals, believes many people don't know what the word really means.

Mouw belongs to the 2.3-million member Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He has conservative leanings on such issues as abortion but is a social activist from the 1960s. He is committed to eradicating poverty, injustice, genocide in Darfur and solving the AIDS crisis and global warming.

During a recent interview, Mouw reflected on the "useful word" that's become "ied up with culture wars."

**Q: What is an evangelical? What does it mean to be an evangelical Christian?**

**Mouw:** "To be an evangelical is to take seriously the cross of Jesus Christ as the only solution to the fundamental issues of the human life. We are sinners who need to come to the cross in order to get right with God. That's what it means to be an evangelical."

"Four criteria, enunciated by British evangelist and personal David Bebbington are widely accepted as necessary to be an evangelical:

"Conversion — the belief that lives need to be transformed through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.  
 "Bible in the Bible as the supreme authority."

"Crucicentricism — the emphasis on the Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross."

"Activism — living out one's faith through witnessing to others, social action such as serving the poor and disenfranchised, and developing a holy life."

"Whenever I have used the criteria in secular and (nonevangelical audiences), there'll always be somebody who stands up and says: 'I am an Episcopalian and I believe



Richard J. Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., sees social action as a key part of being an evangelical.

all those things, but I don't consider myself an evangelical."

"The point about evangelicals is that we highlight the criteria and we're willing to argue about them a lot. At the heart of it is the combination of biblical authority and that sense of having a personal relationship with Christ and the atoning work of Christ."

**Q: What are the origins and historical significance of this country?**

**Mouw:** "The movement in North America can trace its roots to times after the Protestant Reformation, when preaching and worship became much too formal and highly intellectual."

"Movements in favor of a more warm-hearted embrace of the Gospel — and a strong sense of experiencing the grace of God in one's personal life — came to be known as

pietism in Germany, the Netherlands and in Scandinavian countries and as Puritanism in the British Isles. They very much fed the evangelical movement as we see it today in North America."

"In the 19th century, evangelicals were social activists. They considered their faith as very much tied to concerns with antislavery, poverty, women's rights. But that changed in the 20th century, with the rise of secularism. Evangelicals became disillusioned with American culture."

"You can't routinize the deck chairs on the Titanic," was the talk. When evangelicals lost the evolution debate, it was, "Well, it's all over. We no longer control the culture. Our main job then is to get as many individuals saved as possible — get them ready for heaven."

"The focus was on going to heaven — getting saved in order to go to heaven rather

*"To be an evangelical is to take seriously the cross of Jesus Christ as the only solution to the fundamental issues of the human life. We are sinners who need to come to the cross in order to get right with God."*

— Richard Mouw, president of Fuller Theological Seminary

than dealing with the basic issues in our culture. They withdrew from society and concentrated on saving souls. This is what Timothy Smith, a famous evangelical historian, called the "great reversal."

**Q: Why has the term evangelical become so unflattering in the popular culture?**

**Mouw:** "Since about 1980, with the emergence of the Moral Majority and the new religious right, people have seen evangelicals as a group to be afraid of — that we're trying to do something bad. Prior to that, for most of the 20th century, evangelicals were pretty withdrawn from American life."

"But in the 1980s, it took a very political form and especially a very conservative, moral-right-wing kind."

"Much of that came into being because of the sexual revolution. A lot people have this image that around 1980 evangelicals said, 'Let's get involved with politics and try to impose our view on everybody.'"

"What really happened in the 1960s was that Hugh Hefner and the Playboy philosophy came along as well as the birth-control pill. Suddenly there was this emphasis on sexual freedom, and many evangelicals got very worried about the rise of pornography, the gay rights movement and sex education. It was this that got a lot of evangelical involvement in politics going."

# Baptist colleges seek greater independence from church

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Belmont University has a national reputation as country music's best finishing school, with a music business program that has trained countless executives and country singers including Blind Faithley, Tishia Yearwood and Lee Ann Womack.

But Music Row's favorite school is also affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, and that longstanding religious tie is now the focus of a court battle.

To attract a wider array of donors, Belmont, like several other Baptist schools, is trying to win greater independence from the denomination and more control over its board. The Tennessee Baptist Convention has responded with a lawsuit meant to retain control of Baptist identity.

"There's a real push for fundraising now and they need non-Baptists," said David Kirk, director of Baptist studies at Emory University's Candler School of Theology. "A lot of people are not going to give huge amounts of money unless they're on a board of trustees."

In some cases, Baptists have been willing to part ways with the schools — in Georgia for example, where Baptist lead-

ers perceive Mercer University as too liberal. The Georgia Baptist Convention voted Nov. 14 to end its 170-year relationship with Mercer, which now has control over choosing its trustees. Convention members were upset last year by a National Coming Out Day program on campus sponsored by a gay student group and supported by faculty and staff.

But several state Baptist groups are fighting to keep the schools in the fold. Shorter College, another Georgia school with Southern Baptist ties, voted in 2003 to sever its relationship with the state convention after regional agency threatened its accreditation because of the power vested in the Baptist association.

The Georgia convention filed suit against the school in the Georgia Supreme Court to block Shorter's attempt to make the split, saying Baptists have sole power to appoint the college's trustees. In Belmont's case, school administrators said they wanted to lower the representation of Southern Baptist trustees on the school board from 100 percent to 60 percent, with the other 40 percent to be drawn from other Christian denominations.

# Clothing designer says modesty doesn't have to look mundane

ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, N.J. (AP) — Brooke Samard's contribution to high fashion may not be as well known as Diane von Furstenberg's wrap dress or a Vera Wang wedding gown.

But her long skirts with kick pleats and her kimono and Nehru jackets are allowing Muslim women who want to dress modestly to be fashionable at the same time.

A year and a half ago, Samard, 27, visited Maraba, a clothing line that she designs and sews herself in her small studio located in her home along the central New Jersey shore. The clothing line is geared toward Muslim women like herself who have had a difficult time finding suitably modest clothing at the mall or in catalogs.

"There's not a lot of options, and it's a hassle," Samard said. She said her customers, "want to look put together. They want to look professional. And to top it all off, they want to look modest ... I don't think

that there's anything un-Islamic about that." The world Islam and fashion are not usually mentioned in the same sentence, and when they are, many people think of the burqa, a floor-length garment that covers a woman's entire body, including her face.

But that certainly is not the standard of dress for every Muslim woman, and especially not in the United States. Many Muslim women often wear a combination of contemporary-yet-conservative clothing.

Growing up, Samard was always interested in sewing and clothes, but following her parents' wishes for a well-rounded education, she went to New York University and studied politics. But clothing caught her interest after taking some evening fashion classes, she decided to go back to school full-time at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology, where she graduated in 2004.

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# Out of mouths of babes come nosy questions

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a busy, 72-year-old substitute teacher in the elementary grades, and I do my best to make a difference with the limited time I have to spend with each of the many groups of students I teach in various classrooms.

I realize that I look older than other teachers and, every once in a while, a student will ask me my age. It may be an inappropriate question, but these are youngsters who may not have learned about such sensitivities. Ignoring "the" question doesn't make it go away and undoubtedly would puzzle the student who asked it.

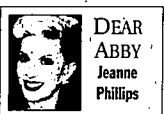
It is honestly the best policy in such cases? I'm open to suggestions as to how to best handle this situation in the future.

**—AN ARIZONA SENIOR**

**DEAR ARIZONA SENIOR:** There are certain questions that are considered rude to ask. A person's age is one of them. If these students have not been taught that lesson at home, then it falls to you as a teacher to enlighten them.

Your answer should be, "My dear, that question is inappropriate and should not be asked of someone who is an adult." Say it gently with a smile so it does not seem like a rebuke.

**DEAR ABBY:** A close friend of mine, "Trish," is being married in March in Hawaii. The groom's brother, "Tom," and his fiancée announced this week that they plan to have



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

their honeymoon at the same time as the wedding in Hawaii. This has upset Trish and her future husband, whose wedding plans had long been in place.

"Should Trish be upset about this? And if so, does she have a right to voice her opinion to the honeymooners? Other family will be at the wedding. Will this steal Trish's wedding limelight?"

**—MAID OF HONOR**

**DEAR MAID OF HONOR:** In no way will Tom and his bride steal the spotlight from Trish by having their honeymoon at the time of Trish's wedding. There may have been budgetary considerations that led to their decision. It's possible they could not afford to have a honeymoon and attend the wedding, too — so they combined the two happy occasions.

Your friend may be suffering from pre-wedding jitters, which can cloud a person's judgment. Under no circumstances should she say anything negative to her new in-laws or the rest of the family if she is gracious, she'll have no regrets — or rifts — in the family later.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife of 24 years refuses to wear her wedding rings. When I asked why, she said it's because we're not getting along. I asked her to put them back on, but she refused.

We talk, but my love for her is wearing thin — and when she goes out of town without the rings, it burns me up. What can I do? She refuses to go to a counselor.

It's a stay-at-home, retired dad, and she works full time. I do all the chores, including "cooking dinner. There has been no intimacy for months. We have two boys, 14 and 16.

Why would she do something like this? I think she doesn't want to be married anymore.

**—SMARTING IN**

**FORT MYERS, FLA.**

**DEAR SMARTING:** Your wife is certainly acting that way. By refusing to wear her wedding rings, she's not only sending a strong message to you, but also to her co-workers and the community at large that she's "available."

It's a shame she won't consider marriage counseling because it takes two people who are committed to a marriage, and yours appears to be in trouble.

Please consider getting counseling by yourself. It will help you decide what would be best for you and your sons — whether it's continuing to tolerate this stressful atmosphere or ending the marriage.

## American Minerva, first daily paper, published for the first time in 1793

This day in history: On Dec. 9, 1793, Noah Webster published the first issue of his American Minerva, which was New York City's first daily newspaper.



**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS**  
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

You may think you know what the world's oldest profession is, but you may be surprised. It's probably health care. Evidence of tribal shamanism has been found in the earliest of societies.

Wilson Sporting Goods was a spin-off of meat-packing firm Schwanzel & Schibinger in 1913. The company had been looking for a way to dispose of the left-over animal parts that kept piling up at their slaughterhouse. Wilson's first products included two types of tennis rackets, baseball shoes, and sutures.

As far as anyone knows, Ann Bradstreet of the Massachusetts Bay colony, was

the first poet in colonial America.

Cats have five toes on each foot, right? Wrong. They have five toes on each of their front feet, but only four on their hind feet.

New York has the highest number of malpractice suits filed each year against doctors than any other state in the Union.

Edgar Allan Poe only received \$10 from the New York Mirror for his famous poem "The Raven" when it was published in 1845. Allowing for inflation, this still only

amounts to \$178 in today's money.

When Levi's jeans first went on the market in the 1960s, they were marketed to be blue. That was until the company began receiving dozens of complaints from hot, testy cowboys. They'd discovered that for pieces of metal was a painfully good conductor of heat when squatting before a campfire. The company quickly removed that rivet from its pant designs.

Advertising man Leo Burnett didn't just create the Jolly Green Giant character. He also was behind the Marlboro Man, Charlie Tuna, the Maytag Repairman, Poppin' Fresh, the Koehler Elves and Morris the Cat.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmango@emingo-burnett.com.

## Pigeons take over military recruiting office

**NEW YORK** — For decades, the military recruiting station in Times Square was known as "The Booth," but it's recently looking more like "The Roost."

Pigeons sometimes outnumber potential inducements at the U.S. Armed Forces Recruiting Station and the military has gone on the offensive. So far, the mission hasn't been accomplished.

The initial plan of using speakers to pump in disturbing noises — the sounds of predators, or of pigeons under attack — has failed, perhaps because the birds are accustomed to the high-decibel Times Square soundscape.

The pigeons, who are often fed by passers-by, leave behind droppings, while creating a whizzing noise.

"Why would you go anywhere else?" asked Leonardo Reis of LAR Industries, a Long Island-based contractor hired to chase away the pigeons. "There's free rent, free food and free heat from the subway grates."

Reis said he'll try using chemicals that repel pigeons. If that fails, the next step is to be placing spikes on the recruiting station roof to prevent the pigeons from landing.

"We want to go non-hazardous," Reis explained. "Everything we're trying is to not harm the birds. We just want to try and get them to not go to the recruiting station."

**Odds & ends**

**Store fire doesn't keep shoppers from aisles**

**MENTOR, Ohio** — An electrical fire that filled a department store with thick smoke didn't deter holiday shoppers, and firefighters had to block the doors to keep customers from entering, authorities said.

No one was injured in the fire Wednesday at Dillard's South at Great Lakes Mall, but some bargain hunters were inconvenienced.

"It was amazing," said fire Battalion Chief Joe Busher. "Even though there was heavy smoke in there, they all wanted to stay and shop. We even had to put people at the door to keep people from coming in."

The fire burned circuits of a high-voltage electrical panel near a women's dressing room, firefighters said. It took them eight minutes to put it out.

**Virginia gov. deals with mansion's ghosts**

**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** — Gov. Timothy M. Kaine isn't calling the Ghostbusters, but he's not saying he would have no use for the Hollywood

spirit chasers.

Asked during his monthly radio show whether he has had paranormal experiences similar to ones previous Executive Interoceanics have reported, Kaine answered, "Yes."

The governor said Thursday that at the same "inconvenient time" every week, the telephone rings in his family's private quarters — and when he picks up the phone, nobody's there.

He said he's researching whether "something odd happened" on the same day and hour sometime in the mansion's history.

Unlike some previous residents and staff, Kaine said his family has not seen any of the friendly ghosts of a young woman who is said to haunt the mansion.

However, he said, first lady Anne Holton witnessed other strange occurrences in a mansion in the 1970s while living there with her father, Gov. Linwood Holton. For example, a portrait was mysteriously taken from a wall and deposited in another room.

There also was a storm-related power outage that left all of Richmond in the dark except a lone light that mysteriously burned in the mansion.

**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

Today: Mild with clouds and a little bit of rain possible  
 Highs mid to 40s  
 Tonight: A low passing rain showers. Lows near 30  
 Tomorrow: Chance for mixed rain and snow showers  
 Highs upper 30s

**BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST**

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy and breezy at times. Highs low 40s  
 Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy. Lows upper 20s  
 Tomorrow: A slight chance of mixed rain and snow showers developing. Highs upper 30s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 A series of incoming storm systems will up the chance for rain and snow showers developing today. As temperatures cool, mainly snow will fall on Sunday with light accumulations possible.  
 Today Highs 30 to 38 Tonight's Lows 15 to 18  
**BOISE**  
 Scattered showers are expected to develop today and stick around through Sunday. Conditions will likely be mild for snow in the valleys, but the mountains will receive a fresh coat of powder.  
 Today High/Lows 42 to 47 / 23 to 28  
**SCOTTSDALE**  
 Unsettled conditions will emerge this weekend turning cloudy and cooler. Saturday Rain and snow. Savings Sunday into Monday.  
 Today High/Lows 42 to 47 / 23 to 28

Yesterday's State Extremes: 52 at Hudson; Low: 2 at Ovid  
 weather key: S: 50% to 70% cloudy; B: heavy snow; L: low to mid 20s; M: mid to high 20s; H: high to very high 20s to 40s; N: no clouds; P: part cloudy; R: rain; S: snow

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	City	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Mild with clouds	A few passing rain showers	Chance for mixed rain and snow	Showers likely backing off	A renewed chance of mixed showers	Clearing and mostly dry				
High 45	Low 30	39 / 32	44 / 27	42 / 28	44 / 29				

**Yesterday's Weather**

City	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Boise	41	25	0.00"
Idaho Falls	40	24	0.00"
Jerome	39	23	0.00"
Malheur	43	31	0.00"
Meridian	40	27	0.00"
Post Falls	40	26	0.00"
Rupert	40	26	0.00"
Shoshone	40	26	0.00"
Twin Falls	40	26	0.00"
Walters	40	26	0.00"

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 40 Yesterday's Low: 22 Normal High/Low: 39 / 22 Record High: 57 in 1961 Record Low: -8 in 1973	Yesterday's: 0.00" Month to Date: 0.01" Normal Month to Date: 0.33" Year to Date: 2.64" Normal Year to Date: 3.11"	Yesterday's: 49% Yesterday's Maximum: 46% Normal: 60% Today's Minimum: 0% Today's Maximum: 0%	Yesterday: 30.02 in Today: 30.02 in	Today: 7:57 AM Sunset: 5:00 PM Monday: 7:58 AM Tuesday: 7:59 AM Wednesday: 7:59 AM

**MOON PHASES**

Dec 13	Dec 20	Dec 27	Jan 3
Last Day	First Day	Full Moon	Full Moon

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Hi	Lo	W	P
Albany, N.Y.	45	30	53	20
Albuquerque, N.M.	46	28	44	27
Anchorage, Alaska	40	33	44	20
Annapolis, Md.	46	33	44	20
Asheville, N.C.	46	33	44	20
Astoria, Ore.	46	33	44	20
Atlanta, Ga.	46	33	44	20
Aurora, Ill.	46	33	44	20
Bakersfield, Calif.	46	33	44	20
Baltimore, Md.	46	33	44	20
Baton Rouge, La.	46	33	44	20
Birmingham, Ala.	46	33	44	20
Bismarck, N.D.	46	33	44	20
Boston, Mass.	46	33	44	20
Butte, Mont.	46	33	44	20
Cambridge, Mass.	46	33	44	20
Charleston, S.C.	46	33	44	20
Chicago, Ill.	46	33	44	20
Cincinnati, Ohio	46	33	44	20
Cleveland, Ohio	46	33	44	20
Columbia, S.C.	46	33	44	20
Colorado Springs, Colo.	46	33	44	20
Columbus, Ohio	46	33	44	20
Dallas, Texas	46	33	44	20
Dayton, Ohio	46	33	44	20
Denver, Colo.	46	33	44	20
Des Moines, Iowa	46	33	44	20
Detroit, Mich.	46	33	44	20
El Paso, Texas	46	33	44	20
El Paso, Texas	46	33	44	20
Evansville, Ind.	46	33	44	20
Fargo, N.D.	46	33	44	20
Fort Worth, Texas	46	33	44	20
Galveston, Texas	46	33	44	20
Houston, Texas	46	33	44	20
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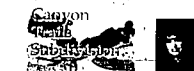
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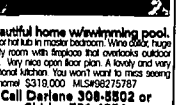
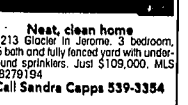
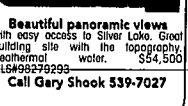
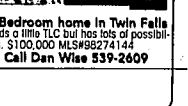
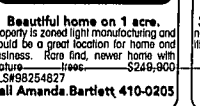
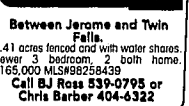
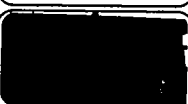
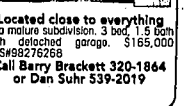
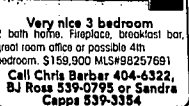
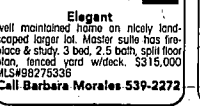
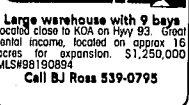
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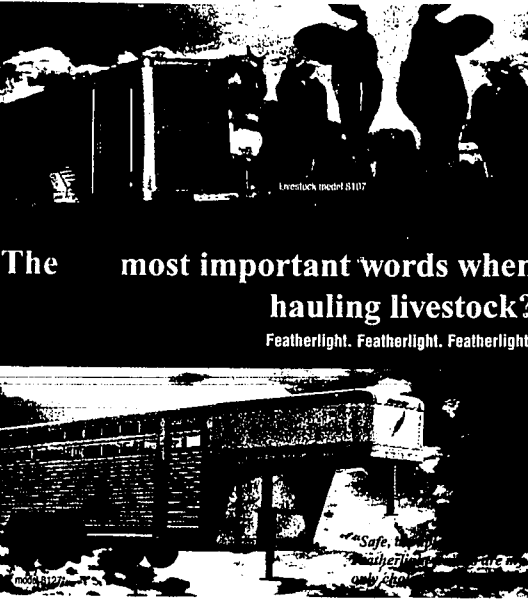
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
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## THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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"Defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies."

— Duc de Villars

Defense is often described as the most difficult part of the game. Some plays, such as rising with an unsupported king instead of an ace to protect partner can be nearly impossible to find — unless you're Zia Mahmood.

This deal from the 2002 Cavendish Pairs had an additional element of piquancy to it. The point was that when regular partners meet at the table as opponents, there is more than the usual amount of pride and dignity at stake. Declarer here was Andy Robson, who has been Zia's partner in several major events over the last decade.

After North-South had bid to three no-trump, Bob Hamman as West led a diamond. Declarer played low from the board, Zia put up the queen (not an easy decision, though as it happened his choice of cards did not matter today), and Robson won the ace.

Now declarer went to the spade ace and led a low heart from dummy. When Zia hopped up with the king — nice play — and cleared the diamonds, Robson had only eight tricks.

The way the cards lie, if Zia had ducked his heart king, declarer would eventually have had his ninth winner via the club finesse. Alternatively, he could have set up the hearts, since West would no longer have had an entry to the diamonds.

One final thought: might Zia have had a tougher task if declarer had led the heart jack from dummy? Who can say!

**NORTH** 12-9-A  
A K Q  
J 10 7 6  
J 6 4  
J 7 2

**WEST**  
J  
A 9 5  
K 8 7 5 3  
9 5 4 3

**EAST**  
9 7 5 4 3  
K 8 2  
Q 9  
K 10 8

**SOUTH**  
10 8 6 2  
Q 4 3  
A 10 2  
A Q 6

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East  
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass  
1NT Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Diamond five

**BID WITH THE ACES** 12-9-B

South holds:  
A J  
A 9 5  
K 8 7 5 3  
9 5 4 3

South West North East  
1♦ Pass  
2♦ Pass 2♥ Pass  
?

**ANSWER:** Your hand is enormously suitable for partner, but not easy to describe. The best way might be to jump to three spades, a splinter bid to indicate a singleton spade and a maximum, given your bidding thus far. In almost all sequences where a simple bid of a suit would be natural and game-forcing, jumps can be efficiently used to show shortage.

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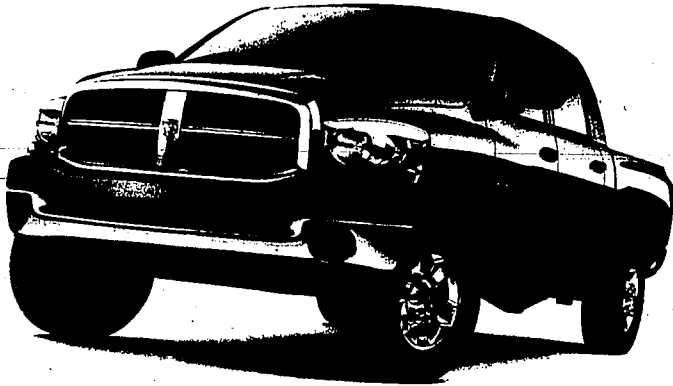
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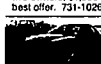

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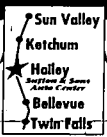
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