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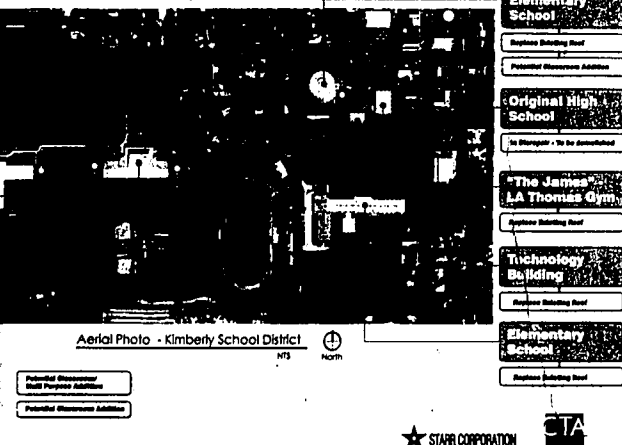
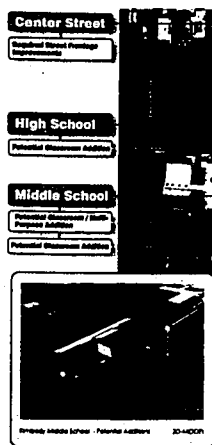
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## Bound for a bond vote



Aerial Photo - Kimberly School District

- Intermediate Elementary School
- Business Building
- Physical Education Addition
- Original High School
- Technology Building
- Elementary School

## Kimberly School District to seek \$6.09 million bond issue

**By Joshua Palmer**  
Times-News writer

**KIMBERLY** — It was bound to happen. The Kimberly School District will ask voters Tuesday to support a \$6.09 million school bond issue to expand existing facilities and prepare the district for even more growth.

Although the district completed a new high school less than seven years ago, student enrollment in the elementary, middle and high schools has exceeded capacity. Officials say much of the growth is due to the boom in residential construction in Kimberly, which has become a bedroom community for the Twin Falls area.

"Some people are asking why we didn't build the high school big enough for what we needed," said John Garner, superintendent of the Kimberly School District. "But if you

and the district hopes the money will be able to pay for the replacement of roofs on most of the existing facilities.

"There are only so many repairs you can make on a roof before it just can't take it anymore," Garner said. "To repair the roof on the gymnasium, we will have to strip it down to the rafters. Four of our buildings need to have their roofs replaced completely."

statewide is keeping costs high.

If approved, the bond issue would pay for additional classrooms at the middle and high schools as well as a cafeteria in the middle school. Students at the middle school now eat lunch at the elementary school. The bond money also will pay for upgrades to the high school to meet city code.

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**Heard it on the Web**

John Garner, superintendent of the Kimberly School District, discusses the district's options if the bond issue election fails.

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## Saddam's half brother, Revolutionary Court chief hanged

**By Osama Abdul-Zahir**  
Associated Press writer

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Saddam Hussein's half brother and the former head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court were both hanged before dawn Monday, Prosecutor Munshith al-Faroun said, two weeks and two days after the former Iraqi dictator was executed in a chaotic scene that has drawn worldwide criticism.

Barzan Ibrahim, Saddam's half brother and former intelligence chief, and Awad Hamed al-Bandar head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court, had been found guilty along with Saddam in the killing of 148 Shiite Muslims after a 1982 assassination attempt on

the former leader in the town of DuJail north of Baghdad.

"They (the government) called us before dawn and told us to send someone. I sent a judge to witness the execution and it happened," al-Faroun said.

The executions reportedly occurred in the same Saddam-era military intelligence headquarters building in north Baghdad where the former leader was hanged two days before the end of 2006, according to an Iraqi general, who would not allow use of his name because he was not authorized to release the information. The building is located in the Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah.

The two men were to have been hanged along with Saddam on Dec. 30, but Iraqi authorities decided to execute Saddam alone on what National Security adviser Mowaffak al-Rubaie called a "special day."

Last week, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani urged the government to delay the executions.

"In my opinion we should wait," Talabani said Wednesday at a news conference with U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad. "We should examine the situation," he said without elaborating.

Saddam's execution became an unruly scene that brought worldwide criticism of the Iraqi government. Video of the execution, recorded on a cell phone camera, showed the former dictator being tauted on the gallows.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki called Khalilzad asked him to delay Saddam's execution for 10 days to two weeks, but added that Iraqi officials rejected the demand.

A lawyer for the two men told The Associated Press recently that they were taken from their cells and told they were going to be hanged on the same day Saddam was executed.

Issam Ghazawi, a member of Saddam's defense team for the past two years, said he met individually with Ibrahim and al-Bandar recently, and that Ibrahim told him they were escorted from their cells and told they were also going to be executed.

"The Americans took me and al-Bandar from our cells on the same day of Saddam's execution to an office inside the prison at 1 a.m. They

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## Study links gene to risk of Alzheimer's disease

**By Mikalyn Biler**  
Associated Press writer

**NEW YORK** — A huge international study has identified a gene that apparently can raise the risk of developing the most common form of Alzheimer's disease, a discovery that may help scientists develop new treatments.

Scientists analyzed DNA from more than 6,000 people from a variety of ethnic groups and found evidence one expert not involved in the work, Jonathan Ilnaites of Vanderbilt University.

By shedding light on the biology of the illness, the discovery could help lead scientists to find new treatments, he and other experts said.

Up to 4.5 million Americans are estimated to have Alzheimer's, which gradually destroys memory and other mental abilities. No cure has been found.

The study, released Sunday on the Web site of the journal Nature Genetics, focused on Alzheimer's that appears after age 65, the most common type.

Only one gene, called APOE, has been firmly linked to raising susceptibility to the common form. A Harvard-based group lists about 20 other genes it considers promising candidates, based on research. Some authors of the new paper said they believe the evidence for SORL1 is unusually strong.

## Counting COWS

Counties try to cope as dairies keep coming

**By Matt Christensen**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — As controversy intensifies over confined animal feeding operations, or CAFOs, every Magic Valley county but two brought new cows into the valley in 2006. Dairymen say there is still room for growth here, where cows outnumber people by a ratio of about 7-to-1. But a long-growing anti-CAFO movement, largely championed by property owners adjacent to existing or proposed CAFOs, set the stage last year for showdowns in several of Magic Valley's most CAFO-friendly counties.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, CAFOs are sources for pollution because animals are contained in small areas where waste and wastewater have the potential to pollute otherwise clean land and waterways. CAFO permits — part of a larger program called the National Discharge Elimination System — are required for large operations that confine large numbers of cows, horses, sheep, chickens, turkeys or ducks.

In the Magic Valley, CAFO permits are issued mostly for dairy operations.

"There is definitely room for (dairy) growth in the Magic Valley," said Bob Naerboet, president of the Idaho Dairymen's Association. "If there's an issue of cow density, it's because people are concerned about phosphorus."

Several Magic Valley counties have elevated phosphorus levels in their soil. Phosphorus is a contaminant linked to dairies.

Concerns that dairies pollute land and waterways prompted Gooding County last month to implement a 182-day moratorium on CAFO permit applications. At the moratorium hearing, planning and zoning administrator Judy Davis presented a report to commissioners that argued against the dangers of uncontrolled dairy growth. The report contained information about high phosphorus and nitrate levels in Gooding County soil.

It's not a new issue there, where commissioners passed a 120-day moratorium in March 2005.

Gooding County planning and zoning is drafting a more stringent CAFO just over a mile from that historical site. That CAFO hearing is scheduled for next month.

According to information supplied to the Times-News by county officials in all but one Magic Valley county,

inside A chart comparing counties in the valley. Page A3


Cassia County implemented a 90-day moratorium in August amid concerns that too many dairies were coming into county.

In Jerome County, several property owners, along with the director of the Minidoka Internment National Monument, have pleaded with commissioners to stop a proposed CAFO just over a mile from that historical site. That CAFO hearing is scheduled for next month.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Tuesday
		
Sunny, but still very chilly	Cold again	Sunny skies, a few degrees warmer
High 20	Low 7	26 / 11

**MINI-CASSIA**  
 Today: Cold and partly cloudy. Highs, teens.  
 Tonight: Fair skies and quiet. Lows, single digits to near 10°  
 Tomorrow: Not quite as cold, but still below average. Highs, lower 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BUSINESS

**Bridal Fair**, sponsored by Hart's Lux and Gowns and the Buzz 99.9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, free admission, 734-8393.

CLUBS

The **Burley Music Club** January meeting, featuring a Broadway music performance by Trina Smith, 1:30 p.m., Heyburn LDS Church, 530 Villa Ave., Heyburn, 678-5482.

GOVERNMENT

**Hansen School Board**, 7 p.m., district office, 550 Main, 423-5158.  
**Mindoka County School Board**, 7 p.m., district office, 633 Fremont, Rupert, 531-4101.  
**Bliss School Board**, 7:30 p.m., school library, 601 E. Highway 30, 352-4445.

HEALTH

**Free vision screening**, including screening for glaucoma and cataracts by Dr. Rustin M. Hatch, D.O., Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, no cost (opens to the public), 733-2400.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins at 11:30 a.m., meeting from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Fellowship room, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2005 Filer Avenue E., no cost to visit, 736-7237 or 736-9282.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

**Monday**  
**Campus offices are closed** for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. **Business Professionals of America** regional competition, all day, all campus.  
**CSI Rodeo Team and Latham Motors annual car show**, all day, Elton Evans Expo Center (through Sunday).  
**Tax-Aide volunteers training**, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Evergreen C93.

**Tuesday**  
**First day of classes** for the spring semester. **Student services, business offices and bookstore** are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Friday.  
**CSI library** is open 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.  
**CSI Adult Basic Education Center** is open 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, second floor of Meyercoffer building.  
**CSI Testing Center** is open 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, second floor of Meyercoffer building.  
**Herrett Center for Arts and Science** is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
**"Circle," Amber Scorn art exhibit**, Herrett Center, Jean B. King Gallery (through Saturday).  
**CSI Equestrian Team** meeting, 5 p.m., Student Union, 248.

**Wednesday**  
**Alcohol and Traffic Safety School**, 5 p.m., Shields 106.  
**"Mingle in the Jungle,"** free family reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rainforest.  
**CSI Human Rights Day** celebration with special speaker Daniel Beatty, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Theater, followed by presentation of *Maga Tutley*. Human Rights Leader award (free and open to the public).  
**"Herrett Family Night,"** 6:30 p.m., Centennial Observatory, \$1 per person telescope view (ing).  
**CSI Early Childhood Education Program** training for parents and early childhood workers, 6:30 p.m., Taylor 277.  
**"Far Out Space Places,"** 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

**Thursday**  
**CSI Diversity Center** presents the film "Crossing Arizona," 6 p.m., Fine Arts Recital Hall 119 (free and open to the public).  
**Idaho Native Plant Society** meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 256.  
**Huggle Bears chapter of Narcotics Anonymous** meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.  
**"Far Out Space Places,"** 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.  
**January Astronomy Talk**, "Introducing Orion, the Hunter," 7:15 p.m., Rick Allen Community Room, followed by viewing in Centennial Observatory (\$2 for adults, \$1 for students).  
**Friday-Saturday**  
**Herrett Center for Arts and Science** is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday.  
**CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball** vs. Snow College, 5:30 p.m., gm (game broadcast cast on AM 1270 KTRF).  
**CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball** vs. Snow College, 7:30 p.m., gm (game broadcast cast on AM 1270 KTRF).

**Sunday**  
**National Traffic Safety Institute** traffic safety class, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Shields 109.  
**YMCA youth government regional convention**, all day, Taylor 277.  
**Rotary District 5400** midwinter district assembly, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Taylor 276.  
**CSI library** is open 1 to 5 p.m. (also Sunday).  
**Faulkner Planetarium** shows: "How to Build a Planet," 2 p.m.; "Star Signs," 4 p.m.; "Far Out Space Places," 7 p.m.; and "Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon," 8:15 p.m.

**Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition** board meeting, 6:45 a.m., Taylor 256.  
**CSI New Student Services Multicultural Day**, all day, all campus.  
**Regional school superintendent**

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Gym stars are not just about muscles

TWIN FALLS — "Cheers" had Norm. The Twin Falls Fitness Center has Reggie Larsen. Sometimes two hours a day, sometimes six days a week, Larsen grunts through a circuit of free weights and machine exercises — when he's not spotting someone half his age on the bench press, giving advice about proper form or welcoming a newbie at the drinking fountain. It's the same at every gym: a member or two whom every-one knows, most reverent and few dislike.

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Cow numbers rise in Magic Valley

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Kimberly to ask for \$6-million bond issue

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Collision shuts down one lane of I-84

JEROME — State troopers closed one eastbound lane of Interstate 84 on Sunday afternoon after a truck hauling construction equipment hit the I-84 overpass at U.S. Highway 93 north of Twin Falls.

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Local disasters drain Red Cross resources

TWIN FALLS — The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho is running out of money to help disaster victims, said Whitney Beem, director of the charity organization's Magic Valley district.

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Man's passion for music influenced others

HEYBURN — Lund Christensen didn't want to learn the piano when he was about 11 years old. But due to his mother and sister's sometimes strong prompting, Christensen became a talent that later brought unexpected enjoyment to himself and audiences. Christensen died Jan. 7 at age 89.

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OBITUARIES

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Utah Legislature to convene on MLK Day

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah will once again today be among a handful of states with legislatures that convene on the day the federal government has designated a holiday in memory of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., who was assassinated in 1968. Contemporary civil rights leaders say the state — which doesn't have a single black legislator — should be ashamed of itself. But lawmakers contend the start date is out of their hands. The Utah Constitution requires the Legislature to start the third Monday in January.

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Rare find fuels fossil sales debate

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — Fossil hunters have uncovered a world-class dinosaur find in the badlands of western Garfield County. Frozen in the sandstone are the death poses of two beasts, a meat-eater and a plant-eater, with their tails crossed like swords. The pair's sudden, sandy burial, near the coast of Montana's prehistoric sea 75 million years ago, preserved them with remarkable detail.

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Split could weaken business lobby's power

BOISE — A split in Idaho's business lobby could take away some of the clout that the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry has traditionally enjoyed, but possibly help businesses overall by having more lobbyists at the Capitol.

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Nez Perce bison hunt off to slow start

GARDINER, Mont. — A bitterly cold Saturday morning made for a slow start to the Nez Perce Indian Tribe's newly expanded bison and elk hunt. A handful of trucks carrying tribal members craved the roads in the land area north-east of here, but nobody seemed to be hunting very energetically, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported Sunday.

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NATION/WORLD



At least seven dead in West Virginia fire

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Fire raged an apartment building, killing at least seven people, including a child, and authorities said Sunday that they feared the death count could grow.

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Iraqi official seeks release of five Iranians held by U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi foreign minister called Sunday for the release of five Iranians detained by U.S. forces in what he said was a legitimate mission in northern Iraq, but he stressed that foreign intervention to help insurgents would not be tolerated.

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Saddam's half brother, court chief hanged

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Kings' oldest daughter honors parents

ATLANTA — The oldest daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King combined her love of acting with her passion for social justice as she reminded those remembering her parents Sunday that America has not yet attained peace and racial equality.

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Cheney defends records searches

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday the Pentagon and CIA are violating personal privacy rights by examining the banking and credit records of hundreds of Americans and others suspected of terrorism or espionage in the United States. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, the new chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said his panel will be the judge of that.

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SPORTS



Bears down Seahawks with field goal on OT

CHICAGO — Two swings of the foot by Robbie Gould, were all the Chicago Bears needed to offset any short-comings in Rex Grossman's arm. And the Chicago Bears got their first playoff win since 1995, moving them one step to the Super Bowl. Gould, who was working construction 16 months ago, cleared a path for the Bears with his strong leg Sunday, kicking a 49-yard field goal in overtime for a 27-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. The game-winner came shortly after Grossman got them in position with a clutch pass to Rashied Davis.

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Patriots claw their way past Chargers

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers gave Tom Brady one chance too many, and that's what the three-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback needed. Brady and the New England Patriots shocked league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson and the Chargers on Sunday, winning 24-21 to move within one win of their fourth Super Bowl trip in six seasons.

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Arizona Cardinals hire Whisenhunt as coach

PHOENIX — Ken Whisenhunt helped the Pittsburgh Steelers and their young quarterback win a Super Bowl. Now he will take over for the Arizona Cardinals, where another youngster is at the controls of the offense. But the franchise has made long-term a way of life for a long time. The Cardinals hired Whisenhunt, Pittsburgh's offensive coordinator on Sunday, to replace head coach Dennis Green, who was fired after going 16-32 in three seasons.

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COMING TOMORROW

COUNTRY WINTER

Our photographer showcases rural scenes. TUESDAY IN COUNTRY ROADS



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# CAFO

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Cassia County granted the most CAFO applications in 2006. Those applications included several for new dairies as well as permits to expand existing dairies.

Jerome County could not say how many applications it received in 2006 — or how many applications were approved — even after the Times-News filed public information requests. The county's CAFO files are not up to date, said employees in the planning and zoning office after a reporter asked in person to see the files. Not all applications have been converted from paper format to computer-accessible electronic files. Also, because some dairy operations in the county have changed owners, the paper files may contain outdated information. An incomplete index is all the county could offer.

**By the numbers**

County	Cows	People	Cows per 1,000 residents (national average)	Cows per 1,000 people
Blaine	20,000	1,188	16.84	9
Camas	2,000	1,050	1.91	21
Cassia	220,000	21,232	10.36	86
Gooding	246,500	14,481	17.02	337
Jerome	168,500	19,038	8.85	250
Lincoln	43,500	14,845	2.93	26
Minidoka	37,500	19,014	1.97	49
Twin Falls	176,000	26,000	6.77	111

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; National Agricultural Statistics Service  
Includes cows on CAFOs and small farms  
CAFO = Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation

Only Blaine and Camas counties did not approve CAFO applications in 2006. Neither county received a CAFO application last year.

According to data from the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Gooding County has more cows than any other Idaho county: 246,500. That's about 337 cows per square mile. Based on U.S. Census Bureau figures, cows outnumber people in that county by a

ratio of about 17-to-1.

There are about 280 cows per square mile in Jerome County, which has the third-highest cow population among Magic Valley counties.

Every county operates under a different CAFO ordinance — some more stringent than others. That explains why counties such as Cassia County, which had eight permit applications last year, had significantly more applications than

counties with stricter ordinances, Muerbott said. However, ordinances in every county contain provisions about CAFO zoning, environmental-protection clauses and rules about waste-removal. Dairies must apply for CAFO permits before they can open. In some counties, planning and zoning boards approve or deny the applications, and in other counties commissioners have the final say.

Dairymen also must apply for CAFO permits before expanding their operations. Idaho produces more milk than 45 other states, despite having about 50 fewer dairies than last year. Expansions probably maintained Idaho's place as a top milk producer again in 2006.

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# Kimberly

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But Garner said the district does not know how much the projects will cost. He said the bond has to pass before the district can hire someone to evaluate the cost. The district also would like to demolish the old high school, which now sits vacant beside the elementary school.

Garner said the greatest need is to meet city code and to add classrooms to the existing facilities. He said the district will be forced to resolve issues such as growing enrollment and aging facilities, even

"... the needs don't go away, so things like the roof needs and space needs will need to be dealt with."

— John Gardner, superintendent of Kimberly School District

If voters do not support the bond election.

"First off, the needs don't go away, so things like the roof needs and space needs will need to be dealt with," Garner said. "I just want to be clear that they are not threats, they are the reality."

If voters approve the bond issue, the bonds will be "wrapped around" the existing bond obligation and paid off over 20 years. Property taxes would not increase unless homeowners have their homes re-evaluated. The state of Idaho also will pay 50 percent

of bond interest because Kimberly is considered a low-wealth district.

Even if voters approve the \$6.09 million bond issue, which is the maximum amount the district can bond for, Garner said the district will still need to expand facilities beyond the proposed changes to accommodate long-term growth.

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# Iraq

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asked us to collect our belongings because they intend to execute us at dawn," Ibrahim reportedly said.

He said the two men were also told to write their wills.

Al-Bandar and Ibrahim were taken to their prison cells nearly nine hours later, according to Ghazawi.

"Their execution should be commuted under such circumstances because of the psychological pain they endured as they waited to hang," he said.

Ghazawi quoted as Al-Bandar as saying he "wished to have been executed with President Saddam," Ibrahim, the lawyer said, "was in the worst condition. He kept crying over the death of his brother and said it was a great loss for the family and the Arab world."

After Saddam's execution but before Ibrahim and al-Bandar's, Human Rights Watch released a report calling the execution and subsequent hanging of Saddam proof of the new Iraqi government's disregard for human rights.

# Apparently mimicking hanging, several children kill themselves

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The boys' deaths — scattered in the United States, in Yemen, in Turkey and elsewhere in seemingly isolated horror — had one thing in common: They hanged themselves after watching televised images of Saddam Hussein's execution.

Officials and relatives say the children appeared to be mimicking the former dictator's Dec. 30 hanging, shown both on a satellite Iraqi government tape and explicit clandestine videos that popped up on Web sites and some TV channels.

The leaked videos, apparently taken by cell phone cameras, set off international outrage over the raucous scene at Saddam's execution, but some experts are more concerned

about the images of the deposed Iraqi leader dropping through the gallows floor and his body swinging at the end of a rope.

The experts say such graphic images can severely affect youngsters who do not yet understand the consequences of death and violence.

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High-speed chase ends in arrest

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A routine traffic stop Sunday afternoon turned into a high-speed chase on the back roads of Twin Falls County.

deputy spotted a driver speeding south in a Honda Prelude on U.S. Highway 93, said sheriff's spokeswoman Nancy Howell.

String of fires, few donations worry Red Cross leaders

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho is running out of money to help disaster victims, said Whitney Beem, director of the charity organization, Magic Valley district.

"The Red Cross is only as good as the community we live in," Beem said. "We can only continue to provide services when we have the money to support them."

As of Sunday, the charity has spent 80 percent of its disaster-relief budget for fiscal 2007 — mostly in the form of debit cards for victims.

That worries organization officials, who say they're helping more disaster victims than ever using fewer resources and staff.

A winter that's brought more house fires than usual has taxed the Idaho chapter's coffers. Statewide, the group is responding to an average of one house fire a day.

Beem said the charity faces a Catch-22: As it continues to help more victims — the organization's goal — it is forced to do so with fewer dollars.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? No hearings on energy plan, for now

Q: The Interim Energy Committee met 11 times this summer ... and was unable to determine a final draft. This issue has been raised before, but will the public ever have hearings?

A: Not on the interim committee's report.

Members of the Energy, Environment and Technology Interim Committee are reviewing their final report, Sen. Curt McKenzie, committee chair, said Wednesday.

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— Christopher Bennett, Lee Newspapers

Send questions to Chris Baldus, Times-News news editor, at cbaldus@magicvalley.com, 735-3259, or 132 W. Fairfield St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Snowpack levels

Table with 4 columns: Location, % of Avg., % of Normal, % of 30-yr Avg. Rows include Salmon, Big Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Little Lost, Hells Canyon/Teton.

Highway headache

Collision prompts long-term lane closure on I-84

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

JEROME — State troopers closed one eastbound lane of Interstate 84 on Sunday afternoon after a truck hauling construction equipment hit the I-84 overpass at U.S. Highway 93 north of Twin Falls.



The arm of this John Deere excavator hit the Interstate 84 overpass Sunday afternoon as it was being hauled north on U.S. Highway 93.

The lane will be closed indefinitely. The driver, Keith Nix, was northbound about 2:45 p.m. on U.S. 93 hauling a John Deere excavator with the boom raised when he hit the south side of the overpass with the equipment, said Idaho State Police Trooper Kevin Haight.

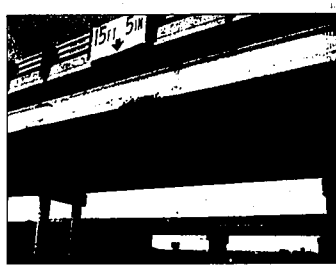
Deputies from Jerome and Twin Falls counties, worked the scene of the collision.

The overpass is more than 15 feet above the highway. Nix failed to clear it by at least a foot. No one was hurt, Haight said.

Crews from the state Transportation Department cleared concrete and other debris from the highway as wide-eyed motorists drove past.

Haight said one eastbound lane of I-84 will stay closed until the overpass can be repaired, which might take weeks.

About 250 yards north of the overpass, Nix coaxed the excavator, which was hemorrhaging hydraulic fluid, off its trailer and into a roadside ditch.



This damage to an overpass north of Twin Falls indefinitely closed one eastbound lane of Interstate 84. A state transportation official said repairs could cost \$400,000.

Nix declined to comment beyond confirming the spelling of his name.

Man's passion for music brought rewards to all

By Jani Whitte Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN — Lund Christensen didn't want to learn the piano when he was about 11 years old. But due to his mother and sister's sometimes strong prompting, Christensen began a talent that later brought unexpected enjoyment to himself and audiences.

Advertisement for Lund Edward Christensen, a life member, with a photo and biographical details.

Christensen's dedication to students and devotion to learning.

Christensen died Jan. 7 at age 89.

State Elementary Music Committee, which wrote a music guide for elementary teachers throughout Idaho.

He was principal all through Sumpter's education and she remembers him going down slides with the children at recess and directing the music class while playing the piano at the same time.

His music career was a success due to hours of practice, and the hard work took him from first performing at Tuesday night priesthood meetings to singing in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to playing the organ at funerals, weddings, community functions and more.

Christensen also was a very community-minded person. Aside from serving various church callings, he was a member of the Burley Kiwanis Club and in the club's Singing K's group. He served as a scout master for nine years and was a member of the state and national education associations.

"He really enjoyed the kids," Sumpter said. Music always remained a passion, though. As the family wrote, "Some people think he was born with his talent, but he has spent many hours practicing."

"He has always given of his talents willingly and lovingly," said his family in a tribute to him.

"Being in the school business, he felt that it was his responsibility to be out in the community and have people know that he cared what happened," Sumpter said.

Christensen indeed spent many hours perfecting his craft over the years. In his own words, it was, "A life full of enjoyable, interesting, spiritual, thrilling, frightening, and yes, hard work."

He also was able to conduct his own orchestra, a dream he'd had since childhood, and was a member of the Idaho

and worked another 11 years. Christensen also was a community-minded person. Aside from serving various church callings, he was a member of the Burley Kiwanis Club and in the club's Singing K's group. He served as a scout master for nine years and was a member of the state and national education associations.

But it was work he never regretted.

WHAT GOES UP, MUST COME DOWN



Aldi's demolished vacant buildings behind its Addison Avenue store near Elm Street in Twin Falls last week, after the city asked the company to address concerns about the area's safety. In December, city attorney Fritz Wenderlich asked the supermarket company to either develop or improve the property behind the store, which Aldi's owns, because the area was attracting vagrants.

Many offices will be closed today for MLK Day

- TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed today for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Here's a rundown of what will be closed and open:
• Most city offices will be closed, including in Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Rupert, Halley and Gooding.
• County offices will be closed.
• State and federal offices will be closed.
• Post offices will be closed.
• Local banks will be closed.
• Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
• The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
• YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be open regular hours for lap swim and from 8 to 9 p.m., for open swim.
• Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
• Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

**Francis Reed Hulet**

WENDLELL — Francis Reed Hulet passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at Willowood Assisted Living in Wendell, Idaho, with his wife by his side.

Reed was born Oct. 18, 1922, in Driggs, Idaho, to Francis Edgar and Ella Hulet. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Reed spent most of his childhood and his youth helping his father and family with farming and raising sheep. He attended school in Wendell and then graduated from Wendell High School. Reed's father walked him to school on the first day of first grade. Then every day after that, he and his twin sisters walked to and from school about three miles each way. After Reed graduated from high school, he spent about one year working at the Japanese Internment Camp in Harlan, Idaho, after which he joined the U.S. Army in 1942.

Reed was an excellent marksman and earned a position in the Army as a scout/sharpsnooter for his General. He was discharged from the service in 1946, at which time he returned to his family farm.

Reed met his lifelong companion, Marlan Owens on Oct. 18, 1946. They were married and sealed in the Salt Lake City Temple in Utah on Feb. 19, 1947. Reed and Marlan had nine children. They spent most their lives together farming and raising children. They lived in Wendell for nine years and then moved to American Falls

for about three years. Later, they moved to Dietrich for approximately five years and then returned to Wendell for the remainder of their lives.

Reed had several lifelong passions: his family, serving his father in heaven, sheep, horses, hunting and fishing.

Reed is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marlan Owens Hulet; eight children and their families, Ken and Mary Hulet of Port Orchard, Wash.; Darrel Hulet of Shoshone, Idaho; Dean and Linda Hulet of Pocatello, Idaho; Christine and Bill Royce of Jerome, Idaho; Paul and Tess Hulet of Ogden, Utah; Todd Hulet of Dallas, Texas; Russell and Diane Hulet of Farwest, Utah; and Barry and Marianna Hulet of Pocatello, Idaho. He is also survived by two brothers, Clarence and Donna Mae Hulet of Spanish Fork, Utah; and Grant and Wanda Hulet of Helay, Idaho; three sisters, Maurine and Bill Rappleye of Twin Falls, Idaho; Dorothy and George Pincock of Rigby, Idaho; and Ella Mae Sawyer of Orem, Utah; 32 grandchildren; and 52 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Reed was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Ella Hulet; sister, Elise Hulet; son, Oren Lawrence Hulet; and nephew, Lynn Francis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Reed's name to the American Alzheimer's Research Foundation or First Choice Hospice and may be given to any of the monetary staff. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the LDS Church on North Idaho Street in Wendell. A grave dedication will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the Demary Funeral Chapel, 164 Main St. in Wendell, Idaho, and from 12 to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the LDS Church.

**Geneva Davies**

TWIN FALLS — Our loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Geneva Davies, 82, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Geneva was born March 9, 1924, in Firth to Chris and Jane Phelps Peterson. Geneva grew up in Firth and attended schools there.

After high school she attended a 4-year school where she graduated with a nursing degree. It was while she was a nurse that she met the love of her life, Delmer Davies. They were married on Nov. 12, 1947, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They had three daughters: Jane (who died as an infant), MaryAnn, and Penny.

Geneva was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She held many positions, Relief Society being her first love.

Delmer and Geneva moved to California for a few years after their marriage. Then they decided to move back to Idaho because of Delmer's health.

In 1976, Delmer and Geneva decided to try living in Quartzsite, Ariz. They fell in love with the desert and the people and eventually bought a home there for the winters, returning to Twin Falls in the summer. In 1993 they moved back to Twin Falls to be closer to their children and because of Delmer's health problems. Geneva's greatest joy in her life were her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Surviving Geneva are her daughters: MaryAnn (David) Sweet of Twin Falls, Penny (Gordon) Sim of Sandy, Utah; Heidi Thiner, Brad Thompson, Greg Thompson, and Tami Howe; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Delmer Davies; one grandson, Justin Boswell; and one great-granddaughter, Kendall Howe.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at White Mortuary, 216 S. 17th St. Interment will follow in Filer Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Tuesday from 6 until 8 p.m.

**S. Rose Vaughn**

RICHFIELD — S. Rose Vaughn, 40, of Richfield, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at her residence.

Rose was born March 5, 1966, in Portland, Ore., the daughter of Bill Jr. and Janet Ryal Earl. She lived in Portland, Ore., Seattle and Chico, Calif. for several years before she moved to Richfield. While in Chico she attended school at the Springs of Living Water.

It was in Richfield that she met Clint "Beeb" Vaughn, whom she married on Dec. 19, 1993. She worked for the Jerome City Fire Department where she was awarded the Rookie Fire Fighter of the Year. She worked for EMS in Jerome County and Blaine County, as well.

Rose received a degree in criminal justice from the College of Southern Idaho. She was awarded a bronze medal for third place in the national at the VICA competition in St. Louis. She was employed as an officer in

Jerome County, as well as the Camas County Sheriff's Department, for several years until deciding to stay at home and work with her husband on the ranch. She trained horses and gave riding lessons, as well as served on the Board of Directors for Miss Rodeo Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, her parents, Bill and Janet, dearest friend, Debbie Loyce, her beloved nephew Wyatt C. Vaughn and her little buddy, a Boston terrier named P Diddy.

Survivors include her husband, Beeb Vaughn, sister Cindy (Tina) Bratvold of Hamilton, Mont.; brother, Michael (Carl) Earl of San Francisco; nieces Geneva, Kelly and Laura; nephews Josh, Lyrel and Adam. Janis, beautiful blue-eyed blonde will be loved and missed by all that knew her.

"I will always love you Rosie," said Beeb Vaughn. "Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Harvest Community Church in Richfield. Burial will follow in the Richfield Cemetery. Arrangements are by Demary Funeral Chapel.

**SERVICES**

**Father Simeon (Wilber Paul) Van de Voord of Jerome,** funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

**Eldred "Arlene" Lammers of Filer,** celebration of life at 1 p.m. Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

**Pedro B. Gabriel of Gooding,** funeral at 3 p.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. in Jerome (Demary Funeral Service in Gooding).

**Howard H. Thon of Jerome,** viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

**Ashlyn Roger Lynn of Twin Falls,** celebration of life at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls LDS Stake Center, 421 Maurice St. N.; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

**Allen E. "Doodle" Hunt of Burley,** funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

**John Allen McClure of Heyburn,** funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main; friends may call one hour before the service Wednesday at the mortuary.

**Frank Richard Lesniskl of Buhl,** memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Wendell.

**Donald Max Burton of Burley,** funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church.

**Ignacio Azumendi, formerly of Gooding,** funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding; visitation for family and friends from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Demary's Gooding Chapel; rosary will follow the visitation Friday at the chapel.

**Business lobby split could reduce clout of commerce and industry group**

BOISE (AP) — A split in Idaho's business lobby could take away some of the clout that the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry has traditionally enjoyed, but possibly help businesses overall by having more lobbyists at the Capitol.

The group in the last year started working more for its core business members, which caused the state's chambers of commerce to recently form their own group called the Idaho Chamber Alliance.

"We believe it's important to have a voice for chambers in the state," said Jonathan Coe, president of the new group. "There are a lot of good services IACCI provides. However, because of the way the legislation this session was very limited ability for us to be involved in choosing issues."

He said the new group has hired John Watts of Veritas Advisors to represent them at this year's Legislature, which began earlier this month. Kent Jull, formerly with the Twin Falls chamber, was selected as the new group's executive director.

One said the alliance is now choosing what issues it wants to pursue with lawmakers this session, and hopes to have a

Website up and running soon. The changes at the more established association followed the retirement last year of longtime director Steve Ahrens. The group secured lawmakers each year on how closely they voted in favor of the association's positions.

"My first year in the Legislature I got 100 percent from IACCI," Rep. Frank Henderson, R-Post Falls, told the Spokesman-Review. "Last time, it was like 50 percent, and frankly, I did not regret any of my votes."

Many lawmakers were displeased with the association when it proposed an exemption from property taxes for homeowners last year, exacerbated by the association indicating it would try to weaken the legislation this session by trying to repeal an inflation adjuster to account for increasing home values.

"When you're every day talking to people who are afraid they're going to lose their home because of property tax, it's pretty hard to support an organization that doesn't recognize that," said Rep. George Eskridge, R-Dover.

The new director of the association is Alex LaBau, a former lobbyist with the Idaho Association of Realtors.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

**Mary A. Jewell**

Mary A. Jewell, 87, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at Twin Falls Care Center. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

**Blake Taylor**

Blake Taylor, a 47-year-old resident of Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Alma, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, in Las Vegas. A funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

**Kasey Janet Lynskey**

Kasey Janet Lynskey, 47, of Heyburn, passed away Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Memorial services are pending and will be under the direction of The Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

**Delos K. DeBerg**

Delos K. DeBerg, 92, of Wendell, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at Magic Valley Manor & Assisted Living in Wendell.

Arrangements are pending at Demary Funeral Chapel.

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Sixty-percent majority still won't pass muster

The Lewiston Tribune

Gov. Butch Otter has joined the people telling regions without community college services to look to Coeur d'Alene and Twin Falls for their models. They — and Coeur d'Alene and Twin Falls — would be smarter to look to Lewiston.

This region enjoys the benefits of a community college without suffering the drawbacks in those other regions.

What drawbacks are those? Property taxes. Lewis-Clark State College, which provides community college services as well as four-year degree programs, is financed the way the state's universities are, with its public money coming from state government's general fund. It levies no local property taxes to finance its operations, the way North Idaho College at Coeur d'Alene and the College of Southern Idaho at Twin Falls do.

That has long been a sore point at least in Twin Falls, and why shouldn't it be? Both NIC and CSI receive more state money than they once did, but nothing like LCSC.

The disparity no doubt helped spur the crusade from late House Speaker Tom Stivers, R-Twin Falls, to close or shrink LCSC. It survived the assault, but if its supporters are smart, they will stage off any future raids by endorsing a statewide system of community colleges, financed by the state, not local property taxes.

Such a system was proposed in the mid-1980s by the Idaho Task Force on Higher Education. The task force's work was financed by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, but when IACI discovered its recommendations amounted to real money, it failed to support them.

Today, people in the Boise Valley and other regions think they have discovered a need not known earlier. They are wrong, but not as wrong as they will be if they think the way to new community colleges is through local property tax levies. Even if legislators followed Gov. Butch Otter's recommendation to reduce the majority needed for such a levy from 66 percent to 60 percent, a populace resentful of property tax would be unlikely to vote yes.

State funding for new colleges might seem equally improbable. But with Boise State University eager to cast off its remaining community college functions, and run with the big dogs academically as well as athletically, and with Idaho State University lobbying for a medical school, the political stars might be closer to alignment than in past years.

If any spending is an investment in the future, community college spending is. Those colleges tailor training to employer needs, and operate much more economically than universities. But telling communities already phobic about property taxes to tax themselves is no way to get them.

## Celebrate King's dream

Idaho Press Tribune (Nampa)

Today marks the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is a federal holiday that commemorates not just the ideologies and legacy of a man who strived to bring positive change to the United States in a time of civil unrest.

In King's day, racism, hatred and injustice were institutionalized values. These values were embraced by hypocrites in all levels of government and society who prioritized the greatness of American values while demanding people such as Rosa Parks move to the "back of the bus" because of their skin color.

Thanks to people such as King, those days are now history. And while racism, intolerance, bigotry and injustice still exist today, such things are not as overtly evident and pervasive as they were prior to the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Americans arguably are more unified as a nation than ever before.

But we still have a long way to go, and we should never forget the lessons of the past.

For these reasons it's important for everyone to take time to concentrate their individual obligation to bestow others with the respect and dignity they deserve as human beings.

## LETTER

## Military needs our full support in war time

Support our troops.  
As a veteran, I sometimes wonder what people think. Do we stop and tell our veterans "thank you?" Whenever I see someone who is of the age of 50 to 55, I make sure I ask them if they are a Vietnam veteran, and I thank them for their service. We need to thank all of our veterans for their service. What they do is an honor to our country.  
I know some of the returning soldiers who have been injured or seen things they wish they had not seen may

be disenchanting at what we are doing, but we have rid the world of an ugly dictator. We need to support our president and his move to increase troops. We need to strike while the iron is hot.  
With the ridding of Saddam, we are primed to make the final push. Speak up and let your government know that you support this decision. Don't make it personal because you may have a loved one that has to go and fight. Look at the entire picture. Look at freedom.  
Support our troops past and present.  
GEORGE MILEY  
Twin Falls

## Bush gambles big with a final surge

With his new Iraq policy, President Bush essentially has written off any prospect of regaining broad support at home for his course of action, in the slender hope of finding the key to military success and political agreements in Baghdad.

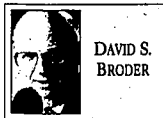
It is a huge personal gamble, one that has triggered a debate which may well dominate the final two years of Bush's tenure. Interestingly, Bush and his critics start from the same premise: The ultimate solution in Iraq is political, not military, in his televised speech Wednesday night, he said. "Only Iraqis can end the sectarian violence and secure their people."

That will require concrete steps toward national unification with the Sunni minority and the Kurds which the Shiite-dominated government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has balked at taking for the past year.

And Bush and his critics share a second premise: That government must be nudged into action — or Iraq is lost.

The Iraq Study Group, the bipartisan panel headed by James A. Baker III and Lee Hamilton, argued that the most effective signal to Maliki and his associates would be to announce plans for a phased withdrawal of American troops in the first quarter of next year.

That plan would have commanded strong support in the



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Congress elected last November and, if polls are correct, among the American people.

Bush chose another course, arguing that any early pullout or loss of American assistance would lead to "a collapse of the Iraqi government, tear the country apart and result in mass killings on an unimaginable scale."

That does not say much about the viability of that government, but there is certainly a measurable risk that Bush may be right about the consequences.

In any case, he has chosen to send Maliki a very different signal — more troops under broader terms of engagement, ready to support Iraqi forces in an effort to purge Baghdad of rival Sunni and Shiite militias.

In doing this, Bush has adopted the view of John McCain, Joe Lieberman and the neo-cons, namely, "The most urgent priority for success in Iraq is security, especially in Baghdad."

But he has claimed to be dealing with the political problem at the same time — by

informing Maliki that "America's commitment is not open-ended," and by reiterating the now-familiar set of steps needed for political progress — division of oil revenues, constitutional reform, provincial elections, de-Baathification — that the Maliki government has long resisted.

Bush said he has Maliki's word that all this will happen — and that there will be an end to the unspoken policy of targeting Sunnis while protecting Shiite militias. When I asked a National Security Council official why the promise should be taken seriously, after so many disappointments in the past year, he said the prime minister now faces not just external pressure from the United States, but also the urgings of "other moderate elements" in his own coalition who are weary of the fighting.

A skeptic would say that Bush has sacrificed the support of moderates at home — the Republican as well as Democratic lawmakers voicing skepticism about his plan — for so supposed "moderates" in Baghdad. For this gamble to work, a lot of implausible things have to happen.

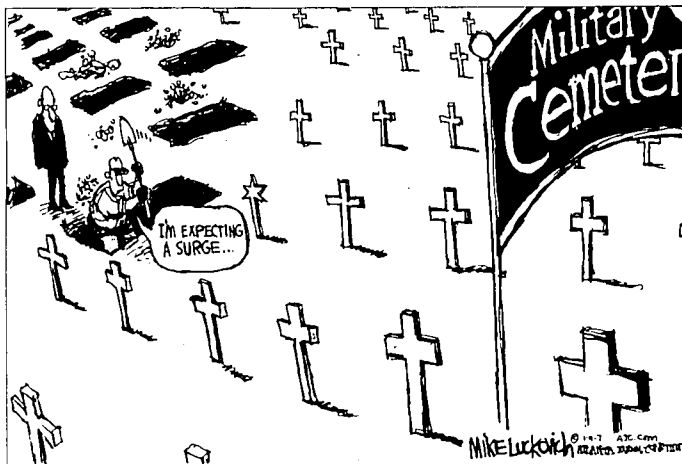
Maliki's governing coalition, which includes the party of Moqtada al-Sadr, will have to steel itself to send troops into the neighborhoods controlled by Sadr's own Mahdi Army.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates says this will happen, but the promise remains to be tested. Also unproved is the capacity of the Iraqi army and police force which are supposed to be "in the field," with American troops in support, in clearing out Baghdad. The army was disbanded in a reckless decision soon after the fall of Saddam Hussein, and is only now being slowly rebuilt. The police force is notoriously overrun with sectarian militias.

When Bush draws a picture of Iraq's army and police brigades going "door-to-door to gain the trust of Baghdad residents," he has to hope those cops aren't regarded as assassins disguised in uniform when they go into Sunni neighborhoods.

And then there are those politicians in Baghdad — the ones Bush is gambling can find consensus in a country that has known national unity only under a dictator. Everyone acknowledges there is no risk-free way of solving the mess in Iraq. Bush has chosen a way that guarantees what was forecast here just a month ago: "a foreign policy and national security debate as consequential as any this nation and its allies have faced since the start of World War II."

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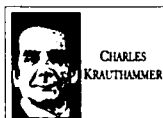
## A breakthrough that supports Bush

When President Bush announced in late 2001 a restrictive funding decision for federal embryonic stem cell research, he was widely attacked for an unwarranted intrusion of religion into scientific research. His solemnity for a 200-cell organism — the early embryo that Bush declared should not be destroyed to produce a harvest of stem cells — was roundly denounced as reactionary and anti-scientific.

And cruel to boot. It was preventing the cure for thousands of people with hopeless and terrible diseases, from diabetes to spinal cord injury. As John Edwards put it most starkly and eloquently in 2004: If John Kerry becomes president, Christopher Reeve will walk again.

This kind of stem cell advocacy did not just shamefully inflate its promise. It tended to misrepresent the basis for putting restrictions on embryonic research, insisting that it was nothing more than political enforcement of the religious fundamentalist belief that life begins at conception.

This has always been a tenuous characterization of the argument for restricting stem cell research that relies on the destruction of embryos. I have long supported federal abortion. And I don't believe that life — meaning the attributes and protections of personhood — begins at



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

conception. Yet many secularly inclined people like me have great trepidation about the inherent dangers of wanton and unrestricted manipulation — to the point of dismemberment — of human embryos.

You don't need religion to tremble at the thought of unrestricted embryo research. You simply have to have a healthy respect for the human capacity for doing evil in pursuit of the good. Once we have taken the position of many stem cell advocates that embryos are discardable tissue — a source of intrinsic value than a hangout or an appendix, then all barriers are down. What is to prevent us from producing not just tissues and organs, but human-like organisms for preservation as a source of future body parts on demand?

South Korea enthusiastically embraced unrestricted stem cell research. The subsequent greatly heralded breakthrough, accompanied by imitations that America was falling behind — were eventually exposed as a swamp of decep-

tion, fraud and coercion.

The slope is very slippery. Which is why, even though I disagreed with where the president drew the line — I would have permitted the use of fertility clinic embryos that are discarded and going to die anyway — I applauded his insistence that some line must be drawn, that human embryos are not nothing, and that societal values, not just the scientific imperative, should determine how they are treated.

Congress will soon vote to erase Bush's line. But future generations may nonetheless thank Bush for standing athwart history, if only for a few years. If gay technology enough time to catch up and rescue us from the moral dilemmas of embryonic destruction. It has just been demonstrated that stem cells with enormous potential can be harvested from amniotic fluid.

This is a revolutionary finding. Amniotic fluid surrounds the baby in the womb during pregnancy. It is routinely drawn out by needle in amniocentesis. The procedure carries little risk and is done for legitimate medical purposes that have nothing to do with stem cells. If it nonetheless yields a harvest of stem cells, we have been enabled upon an endless supply.

And not just endless, but uncontroversial. No embryos are destroyed.

The cells are just floating there, as if waiting for science to discover them.

Even better, amniotic fluid might prove to yield an ideal stem cell — not as primitive as embryonic stem cells and therefore less likely to grow uncontrollably into tumors, but also not as developed as adult stem cells and therefore more "pluripotent" in the kinds of tissues it can produce.

If it is proved that these are the Goldilocks of stem cells, history will record the amniotic breakthrough as the turning point in the evolution of stem cell research from a narrow, difficult, delicate and morally dubious enterprise into an uncontroversial one with raw material produced unproblematically every day.

It will have turned out that Bush's unpopular policy held the line, however arbitrary and temporary, against the wanton transgression of the human embryo just long enough for a morally neutral alternative to emerge. And it did for the moral cost of turning one potential human being into replacement parts for another. Who will be holding the line next time, when another Faustian promises medical nirvana if he is permitted to transgress just one moral boundary?

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# At least Bush wants to win the war in Iraq

Americans are torn between two irreconcilable positions on the Iraq war. Some want to win the war to success — variously defined — and some want the war to be over.

Conservatives are basically, but not exclusively, in the "success" camp. Liberals (and those farther to the left) are basically, but not exclusively, the "over" party. And many people are suffering profound cognitive dissonance by believing these two positions can be held simultaneously.

The motives driving these positions range from the purely patriotic to the coldly realistic to the cravenly political or psychologically perverted. Parsing motives is exhausting and pointless, but one remains: "End it now" and "win it eventually" cannot be reconciled.

With Wednesday night's speech, President Bush made

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It clear that he will settle for nothing less than winning. He may be deluding himself, but he at least has done the nation the courtesy of stating his position, despite an antagonistic political establishment and a hostile public. What's maddening is that the Democratic leadership cannot, or will not, clearly tell the American people whether they are the party of "end it" or "win it."

Give Sen. Ted Kennedy his due. He not only wants the thing over, consequences be damned, but he's got the clarity to admit it, as he did Tuesday at the National Press Club. But when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid come to a fork in the road, they follow Yogi Berra's advice

and take it. On one hand, they tell the president they want this war brought to a close. On the other, they refuse to use their power of the purse to do exactly that, opting instead for a symbolic resolution. It may be the wisest political course for them, but it does a disservice to the nation by making the Iraq debate the equivalent of boxing with fog.

Here we have a president forthrightly trying to win a war, and the opposition — which not long ago favored increasing troops when Bush was against that — won't say what it wants. This is flatly immoral. If you believe the war can't be won and there's nothing to be gained by staying, then, to paraphrase Sen. John Kerry, you're asking more men to die for a mistake. You should demand withdrawal. But that might cost votes, so they opt for nonbinding symbolic votes.

Another Democratic dodge is the demand for a "political solution" in Iraq, the preferred talking point among Democrats these days. This is either childishly naive or reprehensibly dishonest. No serious person thinks that peace can be secured without a political solution. The question is how to get one. And nobody — and I mean nobody — has made a credible case that the Iraqis can get from A to B without more bloodshed, with or without American support.

Saying we need a political solution is as helpful as saying "give peace a chance." Peace requires more than pie-eyed verbiage. In the real world, peace has no chance until the people who want to give death squads another shot have been dispatched from the scene. It reminds me of the liberal obsession in the 1980s with getting inner-city gangs

to settle their differences with break-down competitions. If only Muqtada al-Sadr would moonwalk to peace.

Wednesday, Bush finally acknowledged what Americans already knew: The war has not gone well. But he also acknowledged what few Democrats are willing to admit: If we leave — i.e., lose — it will be a disaster, a geo-strategic calamity for America and possibly a genocidal one for the Iraqis. One moral argument against the Iraq war in 2003 was that it would create an enormous humanitarian crisis in the form of refugees spilling over the borders, which in turn would destabilize the region. That didn't happen. But it would be the most likely result of a U.S. withdrawal now. Yet that's a risk the antiwar crowd is suddenly willing to take.

Bush declared that "victory will not look like the ones our

fathers and grandfathers achieved. There will be no surrender ceremony on the deck of a battleship. ... A democratic Iraq will not be perfect." This sober, stubborn emphasis on victory puts Bush at odds with much of official Washington. He wisely refused to abdicate his war responsibilities to lead to the Iraq Study Group and instead launched a broader effort to find a way to win in Iraq — a goal former Secretary of State James Baker explicitly dismissed.

Bush came up with the "surge" plan. Will it work? Nobody knows. But the one thing the American people know about George W. Bush is that he wants to win the war. What the Democrats believe is anybody's guess.

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# Bush's strategy for Iraq is to not be seen as the loser

"Who lost Iraq?" That's the question nobody wants to have to answer, and if trends continue, nobody will have to answer it — at least for a few more years.

President Bush may or may not still think he has a "strategic" victory, but the escalation of troops he proposed Wednesday night shows that he doesn't intend to see America defeated in Iraq during his remaining two years in office. There'll be no endgame rooftop evacuation during the 43rd presidency.

Indeed, it is evident that American forces are not going to be defeated on the battlefield, even on an urban battlefield. The recent fighting along Halifa Street in Baghdad is a reminder that our troops, backed by helicopters and jet aircraft, enjoy remarkable dominance in any fight.

According to reports, American forces inflicted scores of fatalities on the insurgents in recent days without losing a single GI. So from a purely military point of view, the situation in Iraq is less than dire.

Yet, at the same time, as the Prussian military philosopher Clausewitz explained almost two centuries ago, war is "politics by other means." Or to put it another way, war is a subset of politics. And so it is worth pausing over the glut



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fact that the United States finds itself fighting in the middle of Baghdad nearly four years after taking the city the first time.

In other words, while the war is going OK, the politics are going badly — in the Middle East and in Middle America. The Washington Post reported Wednesday that Bush called congressional Democrats to the White House on Tuesday, telling them that "America's credibility would be shattered if the United States pulled its troops from Iraq, forcing close ally Saudi Arabia to look elsewhere for protection and potentially destabilizing Egypt." That's a lot of weight to put on the narrow shoulders of the Democratic leadership.

Even now, with the exception of a few liberal lions such as Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, most Democrats on Capitol Hill prefer to denounce the war as opposed to seeking to fund funding for it. To put it bluntly, Democrats are afraid they will

get the blame for an American defeat. And the precedent of such painful episodes as "Who lost China?" in the '50s and "Who lost Vietnam?" in the '70s tells Democrats that they have good reason to be worried toady.

Yet, even so, the Democrats are in better shape than the Republicans. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., was a loyal supporter of the president until recently, when he began noticing that Iraq was casting a dark shadow over his own 2008 re-election prospects. Last month, Smith took to the floor of the Senate to take a different tack. He called the war "absurd," adding, "It may even be criminal." It's safe to say that Smith speaks for many, if not most, Republicans who are facing the voters next year. Like the Democrats, they don't want to get tagged with losing in Iraq, but unlike the Democrats, they are finding that the status quo is killing them.

Killing them politically, that is. The real victory is going on thousands of miles away, in Iraq. But even there, Clausewitzian politics reigns over the battlefield, which means that there's not much chance of an outright military victory for Uncle Sam, the best efforts of our warriors notwithstanding. Will there be some sort of political settle-

ment, perhaps with the help of neighboring countries?

Or will the United States, or Israel, carry the fight into

nuclear-bent Iran?

And if the war eventually extends into Iran, a country three times the size of Iraq, then what's happened in the

past four years would be just a first chapter in a long book, and Bush's speech Wednesday night would be just a footnote.

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  - **Save as much as you can.** Ideally, you would want to have a couple of years' worth of living expenses saved before you go solo. But that's a pretty tall order for most people. And if you have a spouse earning a good income, you may have less need to put away a large sum. Nonetheless, it's almost always a good idea to save as much as you possibly can before becoming your own boss.
  - **Think twice before cashing out retirement plan.** If you're leaving a job that provided you with a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b) plan, you might be tempted to cash out your account to help pay for the transition to the world of self-employment. However, try to avoid this move. By liquidating your employer-sponsored plan, you will face early withdrawal penalties if you are younger than 59½, and income taxes, too. Just as importantly, you will be depleting a valuable resource for your retirement. If at all possible, try to find other sources of income. For example, you may want to consider a home equity loan; interest rates on these loans are usually competitive, and your interest payments may be tax deductible. Be aware, though, that you will be using your house as collateral, so make sure you can afford the payments.
  - **Consider opening a new retirement plan.** Once you make the jump to self-employment, start thinking of what type of retirement plan you might want to choose. Fortunately, you have some attractive options that offer both tax advantages and a wide range of investment choices. If your business has no other employees except you and possibly your spouse, you may be able to establish a SEP-IRA or an "Owner-Only" 401(k). If you will have employees, you might want to consider a SIMPLE IRA or a "Safe Harbor" 401(k). Your tax adviser and investment professional can help you choose an appropriate plan.
  - **Pay yourself a regular "salary."** Depending on what type of business you are opening, you may well experience an uneven flow of income — which could, at times, force you to dip into your long-term investments to help you meet your daily and monthly expenses. To avoid this potential problem, consider paying yourself a regular "salary" out of your business' earnings. It's crucial that you live on a pre-agreed amount — even if one month's "paycheck" and then have nothing left in the next "down" month. But if you have the discipline to stay within the income you've allotted yourself, and your business succeeds, you should eventually build up a cash cushion that can be used for emergencies or investments.
- Your career as an entrepreneur can be rewarding in many ways — and you'll enjoy it even more if you make the right financial moves.

Questions:  
(1) True or False — It is a good idea to have 2 years worth of living expenses saved up before starting your own business. (2) True or False — Self-employed do not need a retirement plan.

## LETTER

State invests \$11 million in wrong industry

In my college economic classes, we used to discuss a concept known as the "law of diminishing returns." That took place at a point of over-production, when every new product brought down the value of the whole.

With regard to confined animal feeding operations, I think, if you took in the diminishment of our quality of life and the burden of their "externalities" (those costs they can pass off to the rest of us), then the point of diminishing returns was reached in the late '80s shortly after the first CAFOs showed up in the Magic Valley.

I find it rather pathetic that our new pseudo-conservative governor wants to put almost \$11 million into a research dairy. This concept was campaigned on by Sen. Gannon, the new chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

As I have said before, we don't need to invest money in figuring out the impacts of CAFOs and the impact of those problems on the environment and our quality of life. Anyone with a lick of sense, a once-valued commodity here in rural Idaho, knows that the problem is too many stressed out, exploited animals confined in too small an area.

Solution, reduce the numbers, spread 'em out and practice responsible animal husbandry.

There you have it, and I give

that valuable information free of charge. Put the \$11 million to some use, like investing in green buildings or mass transit — something that will actually solve some problems.

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Nez Perce bison hunt off to a slow start

GARDINER, Mont. (AP) — A bitterly cold Saturday morning made for a slow start to the Nez Perce Indian Tribe's newly expanded bison and elk hunt.

A handful of trucks crisscrossed the roads in the Jardine area northeast of here, but nobody seemed to be hunting very energetically, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported Sunday.

The hunters were primarily interested in bison, according to Cpl. April Skahan, of Nez Perce Fisheries Conservation Enforcement, which enforces the tribe's fishing and hunting laws.

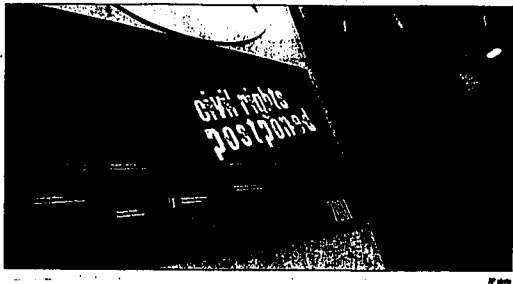
But there weren't many bison around, except for a group of 40 grazing on the Gardiner High School football field, where they are off limits to any type of hunting.

Few bison have left Yellowstone National Park so far this winter.

The group of hunters have been issued tribal tags good for six bison and five elk.

According to an 1855 treaty, the tribe has hunting rights on "open and unclaimed" land near Yellowstone, which means they can hunt on national forest land, but not on state or private property.

Tribe hunters look six bison last winter, the first time in modern history the tribe exerted its hunting rights. All of those animals were killed on roads, making the processing of the plant beasts relatively easy.



A poster featuring Martin Luther King Jr. hangs on the podium as activist Angela Davis, right, walks to it at the University of Utah during a program honoring King on last Wednesday in Salt Lake City. On Monday, Utah will once again be among a handful of states with legislatures that convene on the day the federal government has designated a holiday in memory of civil rights leader who was assassinated in 1968.

Utah Legislature comes under fire for convening on MLK Day

By Brock Vergalis Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — On Monday, Utah will once again be among a handful of states with legislatures that convene on the day the federal government has designated a holiday in memory of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., who was assassinated in 1968.

Contemporary civil rights leaders say the state — which doesn't have a single black legislator — should be ashamed of itself.

"They really should be embarrassed," said Janetta Williams, president of the Salt Lake branch of the NAACP. "It does frustrate me — very much."

But lawmakers contend the start date is out of their hands. The Utah Constitution requires the Legislature start the same day designated in 2001 as a state holiday honoring King.

"If the constitution changes every time another holiday is created it is cumbersome. It

isn't simply a matter of approving it on the Hill. It has to go to the people," said Senate Majority Assistant Whip Sheldon Killpack, R-Syracuse.

Changing the constitution, however, is not unheard of. Voters did it a few months ago so businesses wouldn't have to pay property taxes on things like office furniture.

Williams believes it's time for Utah, the last state in the nation to establish a King holiday, to change its constitution again.

"We would like to see the legislative session begin on that Tuesday. It's just one day off," Williams said. "I don't see a reason why it could not happen, but for some reason they just don't want to do it."

Senate President John Valentine, R-Orem, said he believes the Legislature is honoring King by meeting on his holiday. The first day of the session is largely ceremonial and includes speakers who talk to lawmakers about King's legacy.

"I've always felt good about the fact we honored Dr. King at

that time hearing about his efforts. It provides an overview for the attitude for the Legislature to take into its session. Personally, it would be very disappointing if we lost that," he said.

That thinking is nice, said the Rev. Francis Davis of Calvary Baptist Church. But it would be more meaningful if the Legislature passed civil rights and other legislation that benefited the poor and needy on MLK Day, he said.

"If we're not going to get that, why just do the show?" Davis asked.

Rep. Dave Hansen, D-Ogden, agrees.

He's hoping he can get legislation passed Monday that would honor Juneteenth Day, which marks the June 19, 1865, date when slaves in Texas learned they had been freed by the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation. Under the measure, the anniversary would be recognized on the third Saturday in June. He knows getting his bill passed in a single day — especially the one — could be a tall order.

New film seeks to counter Mormon stereotypes

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The filmmaker behind a new four-hour documentary about The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said she hopes her work will debunk some myths about the Utah-based church.

She hopes that most of the stereotypes, ideally, all of them will be blown away," Helen Whitney told The Deseret Morning News from a television critics gathering in Pasadena, Calif., Saturday. "Because so many of them are just based on ignorance, ignorance about Mormon history, ignorance about Mormon theology, ignorance."

The two-part film called "The Mormons" is a joint presentation from public broadcasting's "American Experience" and "Frontline." The "American Experience" segment is expected to air April 30 and cover the church's history, including its founding, persecutions leading to exodus and polygamy.

The "Frontline" broadcast is planned for May 1. Its focus is the modern church, including missionary work, family life, temples and the elevation of the faith to a mainstream religion.

"It's not exhaustive. It is not comprehensive. It is thematic," said Whitney, who spent three years on the project. "I have chosen what I felt to be the defining ideas and themes and events in Mormon history that would help outsiders go inside the church."

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— Film maker Helen Whitney

Mormon and non-Mormon consultants while making the film. She said she interviewed "hundreds" from everyday members to church President Gordon B. Hinckley and those antagonistic toward the faith.

"Mormons are everywhere, and I wanted to make that point," she said. "There are more Mormons outside of America than in this country. And even within America, there are many Mormons outside of Utah. So only a small part of it was shot in Utah."

Whitney, who won both Emmy and Peabody awards for her films profiling monks and Catholic Pope John Paul II, said Mormon church leaders said the film's goal is neither to recruit new members to the church, nor discourage its believers.

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Montana discovery fuels fossil sales debate.

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP) — Fossil hunters have uncovered a world-class dinosaur find in the badlands of western Garfield County.

Frozen in the sandstone are the death poses of two beasts, a meat-eater and a plant-eater, with their tails crossed like swords.

The pair's sudden, sandy burial near the coast of Montana's prehistoric zone 75 million years ago, preserved them with remarkable detail, right down to tendons and teeth, the Great Falls Tribune reported in describing the find Sunday.

The discovery is believed to be one of only three world-wide capturing a meat-eater and plant-eater together, and the first in North America, the newspaper said.

At first blush, the evidence implicates the carnivore in its grave mate's death.

But Nate Murphy, paleontologist at the Dinosaur Field Station in Malta, who visited the quarry last summer, says the murder case against the meat-eater is weak.

Based on the placement of the skeletons, it's more likely that the two unfortunate were victims of a flood and their bodies washed up on the same sandbar, he said. The vegetarian's attacker or

attackers struck at some point before its carcass came to rest, Murphy said.

Fossil enthusiast Clayton Phipps, who discovered the fossils along with partner Mark Eaton, has spent considerable time pondering the animals' demise.

He entertains a theory drawn from life on the ranch, where he's seen dogs chase cows into the water. Perhaps predator chased prey into a bog, where they were trapped, he speculates.

The find has also stirred up the feud between paleontologists, who want fossils donated to universities or museums, and commercial fossil hunters, who aim to cash in on their efforts.

"I've always been an advocate of keeping our dinosaurs here in Montana," said Murphy. In 2001 Murphy discovered Leonardo, the famous "Mummy Dinosaur" that was featured in a Newsewer centerfold spread in 2005.

Such finds are a uniquely Montana resource," Murphy

said. "A lot of museums around the country and around the world have taken advantage of our resource, and we've lost it."

Eaton, the Billings floor salesman who first spotted the new fossils last summer, says he and his team have deep respect for the science of paleontology.

They also have a bottom line.

"We all went back digging them up," said Eaton, who hopes to sell the specimens to a major American museum.

The profits would be shared among Eaton, his two digging partners and the ranch couple that owns the fossil.

They say the find is in the league of "one," the largest, most complete T. rex fossil ever found. After a legal battle, that fossil sold to the Chicago Field Museum for \$8 million.

"We want to do the right thing and we do want (the bones) to be studied, researched and go to an American museum," Eaton said last week.

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## Solid Gould

### Bears top Seahawks on OT field goal

By Rick Gano  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Two swings of the foot by Robbie Gould were all the Chicago Bears needed to offset any shortcomings in Rex Grossman's arm.

And the Chicago Bears got their first playoff win since 1995, moving them one step from the Super Bowl.

Gould, working construction 16 months ago, cleared a path for the Bears with his strong leg Sunday, kicking a 49-yard field goal in overtime for a 27-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. The game-winner came shortly after Grossman got them in position with a clutch pass to fashed Davis.

"A year ago I'm pounding nails. Now I'm hitting game-winning kicks and going to the NFC championship game," Gould said. "I didn't even watch the end of it. I hit it right where I wanted it to go."

Where the Bears want to go is their first Super Bowl in 21 years. Chicago will host the Saints next Sunday in the NFC championship game; New



Chicago Bears kicker Robbie Gould (9) and punter Brad Maynard (4) celebrate after Gould kicked a 49-yard field goal to defeat the Seattle Seahawks 27-24 in overtime in the NFC divisional playoff football game in Chicago Sunday.

### A split persona: Grossman wonderful and wild

After almost 500 throws during the regular season, half that many in practice each and every week, and three dozen more against the Seahawks late Sunday afternoon, Bears quarterback Rex Grossman finally let one fly that kept a city from tossing him into the lake.

This week, anyway.



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For the record, it was a 30-yard completion to Rashied Davis, who split the seam on the right side of Seattle's zone defense on a third-and-10 play in overtime and carried the ball to the Seahawks' 36-yard line.

"A lot of guys," Chicago center Olin Kreutz said, "wouldn't throw that pass."

True. So just for good measure, Grossman tempted fate once more before laying the game on the foot of kicker Robbie Gould.

After handing off twice to Cedric Benson for 4 yards, Grossman went back to pass and was flushed from the pocket. He took off to his right, running for his life on one of those impromptu adventures that all too often have been preludes to disaster.

This time, though, instead of trying to do too much, Grossman simply threw it so far out of bounds that the vendors in the stands were more likely to fight over it than anybody wearing a uniform. He then wisely ran off the field with his head down, not looking up until it was time to track Gould's game-winning kick from 49 yards.

"The most important thing is we won," Grossman said. "I don't care how we do it. I really don't."

Who does the town that would like to adopt him but can't get too cozy with a quarterback who plays like Bart

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## Brady brings Pats closer to Super Bowl

By Bernie Wilson  
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers gave Tom Brady one chance too many, and that's exactly what the three-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback needed.

Brady and the New England Patriots shocked league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson and the Chargers on Sunday, winning 24-21 to move within one win of their fourth Super Bowl trip in six seasons.

Brady overcame three interceptions, his career playoff high, to lead the Patriots to 11 points in 3:26 late in the game. He and coach Bill Belichick now have a 12-1 postseason record and are heading to Indianapolis for the AFC championship game next Sunday.

"That was as tough of a game as I can ever remember playing," Brady said.

While the Chargers respected the mystique Brady and the Patriots had built with Super Bowl wins following the 2001, 2002 and 2004 seasons, they hoped to be the ones raising the Lombardi Trophy in Miami on Feb. 4.

San Diego had nine players voted to the Pro Bowl team and five to the All-Pro team. And it had been supercharged by Tomlinson, who became the most prolific scorer in one season in NFL history with 31 touchdowns and 186 points while winning the rushing title with 1,815 yards.

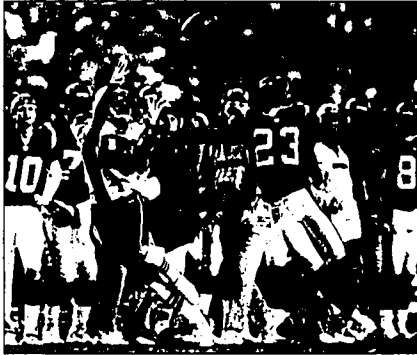
But Brady is the one who's been there before in January. And nearly always has won — it was Brady's 24th career game-winning drive.

He left behind some frustrated Chargers, including Tomlinson, who went after an unidentified Patriots player when the game ended. Tomlinson ran for 123 yards and two scores, and caught two passes for 64 yards.

Tomlinson said he was upset that some Patriots were dancing on the Chargers logo at midfield after they had silenced the record crowd of 68,810 at Qualcomm Stadium and wrecked the Chargers' season, which included an NFL-best 14-2 record and 8-0 home mark in the regular season.

"I would never react in that way. I

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New England Patriots wide receiver Reche Caldwell (10) celebrates in a 49-yard catch as San Diego Chargers cornerback Quentin Jammer (23) defends to set up the winning field goal in Sunday's AFC Divisional playoff game in San Diego.

## Roddick, Mauresmo advance in first round of Australian Open

By John Pyle  
Associated Press writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick overcame a shaky start against French wild-card Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the first round of the Australian Open on Monday, rallying from 2-5 in the second set to win 6-7 (10), 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-3.

The 2003 U.S. Open champion was constantly critical of chair umpire Carlos Ramos, calling the Portuguese official a "glorified scorekeeper" after a call that gave Tsonga a set point at 11-10 in the first tiebreaker. Roddick, who wasted four set points in the tiebreaker, thought one of Tsonga's balls was 3 inches over the baseline.

Video replays are in use on Rod Laver Arena, the center court at Melbourne Park, for the first time at the Australian

Open, but not on any other courts. The sixth-seeded Roddick was playing on the second showcourt, so he could not ask for a replay.

"I think I got a little first-round jitters," Roddick said. "I played better as the match went on. I hope I can get better in the second round."

The American star said at times he was scared in the first set against the 21-year-old Tsonga, who was playing only his sixth match in a top level ATP event.

"Absolutely, to say the least. I was wondering if we were ever going to finish the tiebreaker."

Earlier, Amelie Mauresmo opened her title with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 in the first match on center court. Apart from dropping serve in the third game and again when serving for the match at 5-2, the second-



Andy Roddick serves during his first-round match against France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, Monday.

seeded Mauresmo was in control as she returned to the scene of her biggest breakthrough victory. Mauresmo beat Justine

Henin-Hardenne in the final last year to claim her first Grand Slam title, seven years after losing in her only other trip to the final of a major.

Mauresmo also won the Wimbledon title last summer and spent most of the season at No. 1. Mauresmo said she felt under no extra pressure as defending champion.

"It was good. I felt pretty happy to go on the court and to play first and to be able to, right from the first day, go on court and defend a title," Mauresmo said. "I think once you've tasted what it is to win the big ones, you really want to feel that again."

Ferry, 22-year-old American who finished 2006 at No. 43 in the rankings, let Mauresmo off the hook with 21 unforced errors. Serving for the match a second time, Mauresmo held at love, closing with a powerful forehand cross.

In the second match at Rod Laver Arena, defending men's champion Roger Federer faced Bjorn Phau of Germany.

Mario Ancic and Richard Gasquet were among the other men's seeded players advancing.

Gasquet, the 2002 world junior champion, won his first match in four trips to the Australian Open, advancing 7-4, 6-4, 6-2 over Italian Filippo Volandri.

Ninth-seeded Ancic beat Japan's Go Soeda 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

American Amer Dedic beat Frenchman Gilles Simon 6-3, 6-0, 6-2, making the second round for the third time in four trips to the majors.

Spaniards Juan Carlos Ferrero and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez progressed to the second round after playing five games between them.

Former top-ranked Ferrero, the 2003 French Open champion, was leading Jan Hajek 3-0 when the Czech player retired because of stomach illness.

SPORTS

Ducks upset No. 10 Wildcats

TUCSON, Ariz. — Aaron Brooks barked a shot over two defenders with 2 seconds left to give No. 15 Oregon a 79-77 victory over 10th-ranked Arizona on Sunday night.

Brooks finished with 21 points to lead the Ducks (16-1, 4-1 Pac-10) to their seventh victory over a Top 10 team in eight days. Oregon beat then-No. 1 UCLA on Jan. 6.

Bryce Taylor also scored 21 points, and Maarty Leunen had 14 points and 14 rebounds.

In a riveting showdown between two of the Pac-10's most powerful teams, the Ducks tied it at 77 on Brooks' 3-point shot with 1:50 to play. After Arizona point guard Mustafa Shakur turned the ball over, Brooks drove the right side of the lane and banked a shot over two defenders to put the Ducks ahead for good with 2 seconds to go.

Marcus Williams' fallaway 18-footer at the buzzer was short.

Williams scored a career-high 34 points and had 12 rebounds for Arizona (13-3, 4-2) in the Wildcats' second loss in three games. Arizona did not have a field goal in the final 5:15.

The Ducks are 6-0 away from home and have already passed last season's 15 total victories.

The game featured five of the top nine scorers in the Pac-10 heading into this weekend's action, led by Aaron Brooks, who was averaging 18.0 points. Arizona's Ivan Radenovic, Williams and Chase Godin and Oregon's Taylor were also among the league leaders.

Williams has been the most productive player on the Pac-10's most explosive offense. He came into the game shooting 63.0 percent from the floor in conference play.

Against Oregon, Williams didn't score until almost four minutes into the game. But scored 17 points in the next 12 minutes.

Trailing 30-37 at halftime, the Ducks opened the second half with a 12-4 run sparked by Malik Hairston, who scored Oregon's first nine points.

The Ducks' lead grew to 55-49 before Arizona awoke and went to a 7-0 run. The points came on drives to the basket by Lavann McClellan, Radenovic and Shakur, whose 3-point play gave the Ducks a 66-55 lead with 12:19 to go.

The Ducks scored seven straight points to take a 62-56 lead. But Arizona went on another 7-0 run to lead 63-62 with 9:40 left.

Arizona later went on an 8-0 run with Williams scoring on a pair of emphatic jabs. But the Wildcats went cold during the stretch and didn't score another basket after Williams dunked with 5:15 to play.

Oregon coach Ernie Kent reached 180 career victories, moving into a tie with Bill Walton for second place on the school's wins list. The leader is Howard Hobson with 212.



Oregon's Malik Hairston (1) shoots over Arizona's Ivan Radenovic in the first half of Sunday's game in Tucson, Ariz.

No. 11 Duke 85, Miami 63

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Freshman Jon Scheyer scored a season-high 25 points and No. 11 Duke shot a season-best 68 percent in its first conference victory of the season, 85-63 over Miami.

Duke missed only 13 of 41 shots, and Scheyer was especially efficient. He went 5-of-8 from the field, including 4-for-6 on 3-pointers, and made all 11 free-throw attempts. Greg Faulso added 15 points, and DeMarcus Nelson had 14.

The Blue Devils (14-3, 1-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) had been off to their worst start in the league since 1996.

Brian Asbury led Miami (9-9, 2-2) with 19 points.

No. 22 Notre Dame 88, Seton Hall 76

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Russell Carter had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Rob Kurz added 15 points and nine rebounds for Notre Dame.

Zach Hillstead had a career-high 12 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists to help Notre Dame (15-2, 3-1 Big East) improve to 13-0 at home.

Brian Lang led Seton Hall (10-6, 2-2) with 20 points.

— The Associated Press

Zabransky can't finish Hula Bowl miracle

HONOLULU (AP) — Reggie Millerweaver scored on a 15-yard run with 44 seconds left, and Tigers teammate Will Proctor completed a 2-point conversion pass to Tennessee's Ben Smith to help the Aina team tie the 18-10 in the Hula Bowl on Sunday night.

Alabama cornerback Rameze Robinson then intercepted Boise State quarterback Jared Zabransky's pass and returned it to a touchdown with 10 seconds left, giving the Aina team 15 points in 34 seconds.

The Kai, which had a 10-3 lead heading into the final minute, had one final shot, but Zabransky couldn't repeat his Fiesta Bowl magic, with his desperation pass falling short.

It was a thrilling finish to a game that was a defensive struggle.

With the game in hand and the Kai trying to drive down the clock, Wisconsin quarterback John Stocco fumbled the ball, giving Aina the ball on the Kai 39 with less than 3 minutes to play.

The fumble was recovered by Nazy's David Mahoney.

Proctor then completed a 20-yard pass on third-and-11 to Smith to set up the Aina's first touchdown.

Proctor finished 9-of-15 for 107 yards. Zabransky was 7-of-27 for 67 yards with a touchdown and the late interception.

Aloha Stadium was barren with bigger crowds outside at the swap meet in the parking lot.

But the small crowd was spirited and treated to a good game.

The 61st Hula Bowl was played in Honolulu for the second straight year eight years on Maui, where it struggled with finances, sponsorship and attendance.

The Kai couldn't get much going after scoring on its opening series of the game.

Zabransky threw a swing pass to Hawaii's 250-pound running back, Nate Inoa, who rumbled 16 yards down the left sideline and dove into the end zone.

It was set up by two nice plays by Zabransky on third down, a 15-yard run and an 18-yard pass to Sydrine Steptoe. Zabransky was 4-of-6 for 53 yards on the drive.

Texas' Greg Johnson kicked a 23-yard field goal to put Kai up 10-0 in the second quarter. The field goal was set up by a 28-yard pass from Utah's Bret Batloff to BYU's Curtis Brown and a 14-yard reverse by Steptoe.

The Aina had trouble with Kai's aggressive defense, racking up just 107 yards in the first half.

The Aina did manage a field goal just before halftime.

Auburn's John Vaughn booted a 24-yard field goal to cut Kai's lead to a touchdown. Oregon was 6-of-6 for 64 yards on the drive.

Nowitzki leads Mavs past Raptors, 97-96

TORONTO — Dirk Nowitzki scored 38 points and Josh Howard made the go-ahead layup with 0.9 seconds left to give the Dallas Mavericks a 97-96 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Sunday.

Nowitzki triple-doubled with 33 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists.

Howard made a wide-open layup to give Dallas the lead. Toronto's Anthony Parker missed a 3-point shot at the buzzer.

Nowitzki had 13 rebounds, five assists, three blocks and two steals for the Mavericks, winners of 17 of their last 18 games. Toronto's Chris Bosh scored 24 points and 15 rebounds, but his turnover after winning a jump ball put the Mavericks' last play with 6.5 seconds left.

Nuggets 109, Trail Blazers 93

PORTLAND, Ore. — Allen Iverson scored 32 points and Steve Blake added a career-high 18 points for the former team, leading the Nuggets to a 109-93 victory over the Trail Blazers.

Iverson added nine assists for the Nuggets, who trailed at halftime but outscored the Blazers 41-17 in the fourth quarter.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak for Denver, coming off a 90-86 loss Friday to the Houston Rockets.

Blake was acquired by Denver on Thursday in a trade that sent Earl Boykins to Milwaukee. He started in the backcourt for Portland last season with Juan Dixon.

Bookie Sergio Rodriguez scored a career-high 23 points and had 10 assists for Portland.

— The Associated Press

Brady

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was very upset," Tomlinson said. "When you go to the middle of our field and start doing the dance Shaun Merriman is known for, that is very special. They showed no class and maybe that comes from the head coach."

Merriman, nicknamed "Ughs Out," did a spasmodic dance to celebrate each of his 24 straight 17 sacks.

"We lost to a better team today," Tomlinson said. "Hopefully the next opportunity we have we'll learn something from this." The winning points came on

a 31-yard field goal by Stephen Gostkowski with 1:01 left. That capped a 72-yard drive highlighted by a 49-yard pass to Reche Caldwell, who left the Chargers as a free agent after last season.

Coincidentally, the man the rookie Gostkowski replaced, Adam Vinatieri, kicked five field goals for all of Indianapolis' points in a 15-6 win at Baltimore on Saturday.

With the Patriots trailing 21-13, Brady threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to the wide-open Caldwell with 4:36 to play. The Patriots tied it on a tricky 2-point conversion, snapping the

ball directly to running back Kevin Faulk, who was standing next to Brady and ran through the middle of the line.

San Diego's Pro Bowl kicker Nate Kaeding was short on a 53-yard field goal try with 3 seconds left.

It was a crushing end to San Diego's season, and could lead to coach Marty Schottenheimer's ouster.

Schottenheimer led to 5-13 in the postseason in his career, with Cleveland, Kansas City and San Diego. Although he has a year left on his contract, at more than \$3 million, he and general manager A.J. Smith

have had an icy relationship for months, and the front office felt this team was built for a deep playoff run.

Schottenheimer will no doubt be criticized for going for it on fourth-and-11 from the New England 36-yard line in the fourth quarter rather than having Kaeding try a field goal.

Philip Rivers, the Chargers' first-year starting quarterback, was sacked by Mike Vabel and fumbled, giving the Patriots the ball at their 35.

The Chargers had four turnovers and made other critical mistakes.

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Start one week and Bart Simpson the next. And Grossman is hardly the first quarterback in Chicago to be accused of having multiple personalities.

Former Bears coach Mike Ditka was so exasperated with Jim McMahon back in the day that he referred to the punky QB as "Sybil." But McMahon was a model of consistency — on the field, anyway — compared to Grossman.

Grossman threw 23 touchdowns in the regular season, offset by 20 interceptions. He's been the league's highest-rated quarterback a handful of times, but his lowest-rated almost as often. No wonder every week became a referendum on whether to bench Grossman in favor of backup Brian Griese. With the Bears' key going fans two weeks to rage, the latest debate was the loudest.

After Sunday's 27-24 victory,

Grossman was asked: "How long have the last two weeks been?"

"Thankful for an easy question," Grossman smirked. "Fourteen days," he said.

Without prompting, he added: "I think you give yourself too much credit; how the criticism affects me. It affects my family more than it affects me."

His teammates, taking their cue from stubborn Bears coach Louie Smith, have baited Grossman out a few times and supported him after every one. But you had to wonder how long that would have lasted Sunday had Grossman's first pass not bounced off the hands of Seahawks cornerback Jordan Babineaux on the second play of the game and into the waiting arms of Bears wideout Bernard Berrian.

"When the ball bounces your way," Berrian said, "sometimes that's because it's

meant to be." Other times, it meant absolutely nothing.

Grossman has had great throws tipped into the wrong hands for interceptions and poor throws, like the one Babineaux could have stolen and sent the Bears into an early funk, work out wonderfully. One reason his teammates consistently cover his back is Grossman behaves the same either way.

He doesn't point fingers, and so far, they've returned the favor. It makes no difference whether the town and the newspapers lionize him, as they did early in the season, or call for his head, as they often did at the end.

"They love to hate him, I'll tell you that much," Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "The media is all over him.

"But as as a team, and our head coach? He's our guy. We believe in him. He comes

through for us," Urlacher added, "when he has to."

Grossman must do it again next week when the Saints come to town — with a much stronger offense and a healthy secondary to boot. The Seahawks were so devastated by injuries to their defensive backs that they played Pete Hunter, who was working in a Dallas-area mortgage office until recently, at one spot and left overmatched rookie Kelly Jennings out there in another.

Grossman knows the pickings won't be that easy against New Orleans.

"We're in the NFC championship, and we win one game, we're in the Super Bowl," Grossman said.

"Two wins away," he said, "from having a ring on my finger for the rest of my life."

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Gould

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Orleans never has been this far.

"We win one game and we're in the Super Bowl," Grossman said, "two wins away from having a ring on my finger for the rest of my life."

Grossman, one of the most scrutinized figures in the football-crazed city for his inconsistent performances, set up the kick with his pass to Davis.

"In every game you're not going to play perfect. There were several situations where I would've had a few plays back, but for the most part I'm pleased," Grossman said.

Grossman completed 21-of-36 for 282 yards with an interception and a fumble. It was an upgrade from his final performance of the regular season, when he had a quarterback rating of 0.0 in a loss to Green Bay.

Seattle got the ball first in overtime, but Chicago's Israel Idonije forced an 18-yard punt by Ryan Plackemier with a strong rush. Grossman hit Davis for a third-down pass of 30 yards to the Seattle 36.

"I've learned that he knows how to bounce back from tough situations," coach Lovie Smith said of Grossman. "He's been roasted the past couple weeks over all different kinds

of things. He is our quarterback... There was a lot of pressure on him and our entire football team and I thought they handled it well."

The unheralded Davis is a former Arena League player. "After I got up, I screamed. It was probably the biggest catch I made in my life," Davis said.

Gould, who entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent and is now headed to the Pro Bowl, made his first 24 field goals this season, and 32 of 36 overall. His 41-yarder with 4:24 left Sunday just cleared the crossbar and tied the game at 24.

The Bears had won a division title and reamed a first-round bye in their previous two playoff appearances, only to lose their first game at home, so their elation was unaged with relief.

The Seahawks (10-8), ravaged by injuries throughout the season, got a strong performance from Shaun Alexander, Alexander, who missed the first meeting between the teams, led Chicago win in October, gained 108 yards and gave the Bears' defense a tough time. He had a pair of touchdowns runs.

"I've had a lot of touchdowns runs. It was, 'Nah we came up short.'"



**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

Today: Sunny skies, still well below average temperatures. High near 20.  
 Tonight: Quiet, clear and cold. Lows, single digits.  
 Tomorrow: A touch warmer, with plenty of sunshine. Highs, 20s.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

Today: Clear and partly cloudy. Highs, teens.  
 Tonight: Fog and quiet. Lows, single digits to near 10.  
 Tomorrow: Not quite so cold, but still below average. Highs, lower 20s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 We will stay in the deep freeze for the next couple of days at least. A weak cold front moving through quickly on Wednesday could bring us a few flurries, but significant precipitation is not expected.

**BOISE** Bundle up before heading off to work and school as it is going to be another chilly day. Skies will stay mostly sunny through Tuesday. A front will bring us clouds on Wednesday.

**NORTHERN UTAH** Temperatures will gain a little ground today and Tuesday, but it will still be quite chilly. Conditions will stay dry through Wednesday.

**Today High/Lows 22 to 37 / 12 to 17**

**COLEMAN** 26/12  
**GRANGEVILLE** 22/10  
**IDAHO FALLS** 12/5-10  
**POCOSTA** 15/8  
**RUPERT** 16/11  
**TWIN FALLS** 18/7  
**WALTON** 20/7

Yesterday's State Extremes: 27 at Coleman, Low: 20 at Walton. Monthly record highs: 82 at Pocatello, 19 at Burley.

weather key: ☀️ Sunny ☁️ Partly Sunny ☁️ Partly Cloudy ☁️ Mostly Cloudy ☁️ Overcast ☁️ Foggy ☁️ Snowy ☁️ Windy ☁️ Stormy

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sunny, but still very chilly	Cold again	Sunny skies, a few degrees warmer	Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Increasing clouds
High 20	Low 7	24/11	24/18	26/14	28/18

**Yesterday's High/Low**

City	High	Low
Burley	22	11
Coeur d'Alene	14	2
Condon	18	7
Glenns Ferry	16	7
Lowell	20	14
Malheur	16	8
Malta	16	8
McCall	18	10
Redmond	21	10
Shoshone	21	10
Twin Falls	20	10
Walton	21	10

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity
Yesterday's High: 18 Yesterday's Low: 7 Normal High/Low: 37/12 Record High: 54 in 2003 Record Low: -3 in 1987	Month to Date: 0.00" Normal Month to Date: 0.82" Year to Date: 4.68" Normal Year to Date: 4.68"	Yesterday's Maximum: 62% Yesterday's Minimum: 25% Today's Maximum: 79% Today's Minimum: 50% A 6 a.m. wind gust from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30

**Barometric Pressure**  
 Yesterday: 30.21"  
 Today: 30.21"  
 Tomorrow: 30.21"  
 Wednesday: 30.21"  
 Thursday: 30.21"  
 Friday: 30.21"

**Sunrise and Sunset**  
 Today: 6:00 AM / 5:00 PM  
 Tomorrow: 6:00 AM / 5:00 PM  
 Wednesday: 6:00 AM / 5:00 PM  
 Thursday: 6:00 AM / 5:00 PM  
 Friday: 6:00 AM / 5:00 PM

**U.V. INDEX**  
 Low Moderate High  
 The higher the index the more sun protection needed.

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	70-80	70-80
Boston	40-50	40-50
Chicago	30-40	30-40
Denver	20-30	20-30
Houston	60-70	60-70
Los Angeles	60-70	60-70
Miami	70-80	70-80
New York	40-50	40-50
San Francisco	50-60	50-60
Seattle	40-50	40-50
Washington	40-50	40-50

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	40-50	40-50
Paris	40-50	40-50
Tokyo	50-60	50-60
Sydney	60-70	60-70
Auckland	60-70	60-70
Wellington	60-70	60-70

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**MOON PHASES**

Jan 18	Jan 25	Feb 2	Feb 10
New Moon	First Cr.	Full Moon	Last Cr.

**MOONRISE AND MOONSET**

Today	Tomorrow	Monday	Tuesday
Moonrise: 8:15 AM	Moonrise: 8:24 AM	Moonrise: 8:34 AM	Moonrise: 8:44 AM
Moonset: 7:28 PM	Moonset: 7:38 PM	Moonset: 7:48 PM	Moonset: 7:58 PM

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**

Fronts: Cold, Warm, Occluded

**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	10-20	10-20
Edmonton	10-20	10-20
Halifax	30-40	30-40
London	40-50	40-50
Ottawa	40-50	40-50
Quebec	40-50	40-50
Vancouver	40-50	40-50
Winnipeg	10-20	10-20

**No. 4 Tennessee women top Georgia**

ATHENS, Ga. — No. 4 Tennessee relied on a stifling defense to beat 15th-ranked Georgia 52-41 Sunday, holding the Lady Bulldogs to their fewest points since their inaugural season in 1974.

Alexis Iordhuckle and Nicky Anuske scored 14 points apiece for the Lady Vols (16-1, 3-0 Southeastern Conference), who knocked off their seventh ranked team this season.

Georgia (14-4, 2-2) shot only 32 percent from the field (15-of-47) and had just one player in double figures, Christy Marshall with 12 points.

The last time Georgia was held to a fewer points was a 48-31 loss to Berry on Feb. 15, 1974 — the debut season of a women's basketball program that became one of the nation's best.



Tennessee's Candace Parker, center, is tied up by Georgia's Christy Marshall, right, as Tasha Humphrey, left, looks on during the first half of Sunday's game in Athens, Ga.

**No. 5 LSU 77, Mississippi St. 50**

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Sylvia Towles had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and LSU held Mississippi State without a field goal for more than 12 minutes in the first half.

Allison Lightowler added 14 for LSU and Quiniana Chaney scored 13 for the Biggers (16-2, 4 Southeastern Conference), who contested every shot and forced 19 turnovers that led to 20 points.

**No. 6 Ohio St. 70, Northwestern 42**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jessica Davenport had 22 points and 12 rebounds, and Ohio State stretched its big win winning streak to 21 games with a victory over Northwestern.

**No. 12 George Washington 61, Massachusetts 48**

WASHINGTON — Kenan Cole had a season-high 19 points and George Washington defeated Massachusetts for its 10th consecutive home victory over the Minutewomen.

**No. 13 Purdue 73, Indiana 51**

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Katie Gerards scored 20 points, Fakhra Malone added 15 and Purdue beat Indiana in Sharon Versyp's first game against her former team and nine players

she either coached or recruited last year.

Tim Lawless added 14 points for the Butlermakers (16-3, 5-0 Big Ten), who lost at Mackey Arena when Versyp was the Indiana coach a year ago.

**No. 14 Vanderbilt 82, Florida 69**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Christina Withers scored 30 points to lead Vanderbilt to a comeback victory over Florida.

Withers scored 12 points in the second half and sparked an 11-0 run that led to a 44-40 lead for the Commodores (16-2, 3-1 Southeastern Conference), who made only six of their first 25 shots and shot 36.7 percent to end the first half trailing 33-28.

**No. 20 Michigan St. 83, Iowa 63**

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Allyssa Deftaan had 20 points and six rebounds to help Michigan State beat Iowa.

Five Spartans scored in double figures and Michigan State (13-4, 4-1) shot 53.6 percent from the field and nearly 79 percent from the foul line.

**Cincinnati 62, No. 24 DePaul 44**

CINCINNATI — Michelle Jones had 19 points and 13 rebounds to lead Cincinnati's upset of DePaul.

Treasure Humphries had 16 points and nine rebounds, and Carla Jacobs added 14 for the Bearcats (11-5, 2-3 Big East), who beat a Top 25 team for the first time since beating then No. 19 Xavier on Dec. 12, 2006.

**No. 25 Arkansas 65, Auburn 62**

AUBURN, Ala. — Dominique Washington scored 24 points and Lauren Ervin had 19 to lead No. 25 Arkansas to a 65-62 victory over Auburn on Sunday.

— The Associated Press

**Goydos wins Sony**

HONOLULU — Paul Goydos staged an unlikely rally 11 weeks ago just to keep his PGA Tour card. Sunday was even sweeter, with three birdies in the final four holes at the Sony Open for his first victory in 11 years.

Goydos closed with a 3-under 67 and made birdie on the last hole when his 25-foot chip banged into the pin and settled within tap-in range. Charles Howell III and Luke Donald tied for second, a stroke back.

The tournament belonged to Howell for most of a sunny afternoon at Waialae until a sudden shift on the back nine, when Howell made back-to-back bogeys and Goydos made consecutive birdies.

Howell had a chance to force a playoff when his 5-foot from the rough came up 50 feet short of the green. His chip ran 15 feet past the pin and the birdie putt never had a chance. He shot 70 for his seventh runner-up since his only victory in 2002.

Donald had an eagle chip on the par-5 14th that would have forced a playoff, but it hit the pin and spun away, leaving him with a 69.

Tadd Fujikawa, the 16-year-old who became the youngest player in 50 years to make a cut on the PGA Tour, finished his dream week with a birdie on the final hole for a 72, putting him in a tie for 20th.



Paul Goydos lines up his putt on the third green of Waialae Country Club during Sunday's final round of the Sony Open PGA Tour golf event in Honolulu.

**Nicklaus, Watson win Champions Skins Game**

WAILAE, Hawaii — Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson won the Champions Skins Game, earning seven skins and \$360,000 on the back nine to edge Gary Player and

**Jay Haas by \$30,000.**

Nicklaus and Watson finished with nine skins and \$320,000, giving Nicklaus an event-record 96 skins and \$2,295,000. Second last year, Nicklaus and Watson sealed the win when Player-Haas bogeyed the first playoff hole and were eliminated.

Player and Haas, the Champions Tour player of the year, finished with six skins worth \$290,000 in the four-team, alternate-shot event. The \$30,000 margin was the second-smallest in event history, behind only Gary Player's \$10,000 victory over Watson in 2000 in individual play.

Arnold Palmer made a 10-foot birdie on the second playoff hole to earn a skin worth \$100,000, the only money he and Loren Roberts won. Defending champions Raymond Floyd and Dana Quigley began the day tied for the lead with Nicklaus. Watson at two skins and \$60,000, but were blanked on the back nine.

— The Associated Press

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## Cheney defends records searches by Pentagon, CIA

### Banking and credit reviews didn't violate people's rights, vice president says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney said Sunday the Pentagon and CIA are not violating people's rights by examining the banking and credit records of hundreds of Americans and others suspected of terrorism or espionage in the United States.

Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, the new chairman of the House Intelligence

Committee, said his panel will be the judge of that.

National security letters permit the executive branch to seek records about people in terrorism and spy investigations without a judge's approval or grand jury subpoena.

"The Defense Department gets involved because we've got hundreds of bases inside the United States that are potential terrorist targets,"



Cheney

Cheney said.

"The Department of Defense has legitimate authority in this area. This is an authority that goes back three or four decades. It was reaffirmed in the Patriot Act," he said. "It's perfectly legitimate activity. There's nothing wrong with it or illegal. It doesn't violate people's civil rights."

In a statement Sunday, Reyes promised that his panel would take a careful look at those claims.

"Any expansion by the department into intelligence collection, particularly on U.S. soil, is something our committee will thorough review,"

Reyes said.

"We want our intelligence professionals to have among tools that will enable them to interrupt the planning process of our enemies and to stop attacks against our country," he said. "But in doing so, we also want those tools to comply fully with the law and the Constitution."

The Pentagon and the CIA, to a lesser extent, have used this little-known power, officials said. The FBI, the lead agency on domestic counterterrorism and espionage, has issued thousands of such letters since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The letters have generated criticism and court challenges from civil liberties advocates who say they violate the privacy of Americans' lives, even though banks and other financial institutions typically turn over the financial records voluntarily.

The vast majority of national security letters are issued by the FBI, but in rare circumstances they have been used by the CIA before and after Sept. 11, according to a U.S. intelligence official. The CIA has used these noncompulsory letters in espionage investigations and other circumstances, the official said.

The New York Times, which reported Sunday on the expanded use of the technique by Pentagon and CIA, said military intelligence officers have sent the letters in up to 500 investigations.

"This is a dramatic story, but I think it's important for people to understand here this is a legitimate security effort that's been under way for a long time, and it does not represent a new departure from the standpoint of our efforts to protect ourselves against terrorist attacks," the vice president said.

Cheney was interviewed on "Fox News Sunday."



People carry a coffin past a poster showing Shi'ite religious figures, Imam Ali, in the holy city of Najaf, Iraq, 100 miles south of Baghdad, Najaf, Sunday. Imam Ali was a son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

### Students' knowledge of King's legacy a mixed bag

By Valerie Strauss  
The Washington Post

In a recent survey of college students on U.S. civic literacy, more than 60 percent knew that the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was expressing hope for "racial justice and brotherhood" in his historic "I Have a Dream" speech.

That's the good news. Most of the rest surveyed thought King was advocating the abolition of slavery.

The findings indicate that years of efforts by primary and secondary schools to steep young people in the basics of the civil rights leader's life and activities have resulted in a mixed bag. Most college students know who he is — even if they're not quite clear on what he worked to achieve.

Students and teachers say Monday's federal holiday marking King's birthday is the one that receives the most attention in schools, in part because the events surrounding the man it commemorates are the most recent.

The recent survey of college students, conducted by the University of Connecticut's Department of Public Policy for the non-profit Intercollegiate Studies Institute, suggests that schools are not doing as much as they could to go beyond a cursory history lesson. More than 14,000 college freshmen and seniors at 50 colleges and universities earned an average score of 53.2 percent in the survey.

Many of the 10 federal holidays have become little more than days of school or

work, even if they are dedicated to significant Americans, such as Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Many people have no idea what labor Day commemorates, educators say.

"I honestly, I never knew what Veterans Day was until last year," said Taneisha Rodney, 14, ninth-grader at William E. Dour Jr. Public Charter School for the Performing Arts in the District of Columbia.

In many schools across the country, teachers say history studies has taken a back seat under the federal No Child Left Behind law, which stresses math and reading.

King and the civil rights movement are part of the curriculum in many school systems, although lessons do not always coordinate with the holiday. This is true especially in higher grades where broad issues in U.S. history, such as social justice, are addressed in depth.

But for elementary school teachers, federal holidays sometimes are the only chance to teach students about subjects for which they otherwise have little time.

"One of the raps on elementary social studies is that it is all about heroes and holidays, and with standardized testing, it often becomes that," said Andrea Libresco, an education professor at Hofstra University in New York who teaches prospective teachers how to use the holidays as teaching opportunities. "People tend to concentrate on English and math."

## Iraq calls for release of Iranian officials detained by U.S.

By Jasna Farlow  
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi government called Sunday for the release of five Iranian officials accused by the U.S. military of being linked to an organization that provides weapons to Iraq militants and supports violence against U.S. soldiers.

The capture of the Iranians by U.S. troops at an office in the northern city of Irbil exposed a growing rift between the United States and Iraq on how to deal with Iranian activity inside Iraq's borders.

Kurdish legislators condemned the raid as "illegal." Iraqi Foreign Minister Ishaqiyah Zebari defended the detainees — members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard's al-Quds Force — as long-standing officials who provide outreach to Iranians in Iraq.

While the Iranians were not accredited diplomats, they worked in a well-known office approved by the Kurdish regional government that offers consular services and is on its way to becoming accredited as a formal consulate, Zebari said. A similar office exists in Sulaymaniyah, he said.

"It's not a clandestine operation at all. We are working to

try to seek their release," he said.

The raid Thursday was the second time in the past month that Iraq has found itself caught between the interests of Iran, a neighboring country that has close contacts with many of the leading Iraqi Shiite Muslim politicians, and the United States, which considers Iran a growing threat to stability in Iraq.

Despite U.S. opposition, the Iraqi government in December decided to release two Iranian officials who had been arrested by U.S. troops at the compound of a powerful Shiite leader, Abdul Aziz Al-Hakim. Zebari said the Iraqi government needed to preserve open, productive relations with Iran despite hard-line statements by U.S. leaders about the need to stamp out Iran's maddening influence.

"We are here treading a very fine line. On the one hand, we are aware of this new U.S. strategy to go more aggressive against supporters of violence in Iraq, he said. "On the other hand, we as a country need good relations with our neighbors."

The arrests undermine the confidence of neighboring countries in Iraq's sovereignty, Zebari said. "Here is the dilemma, here is the embarrassment. And that's why we have

been trying to manage it and to handle it with care."

Top U.S. officials on Sunday reiterated the tough stance toward Iran that President Bush outlined in his Iraq strategy speech last week. National security adviser Stephen Hadley said U.S. officials know Iran is supplying militants who attack U.S. and Iraqi government forces.

"We will interdict their operations," he said on ABC's "This Week." "We will disrupt their supply lines. We will disrupt these attacks. And you have seen in the last couple of weeks that Iranians found doing things in Iraq have been picked up by coalition forces. And I think you're going to see more of that."

The Iranian government sent the United States a formal diplomatic protest over the arrests via the Swiss Embassy, which represents U.S. interests in Iran, said Lou Fintor, spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Iraq. U.S. military officials declined to say where the Iranians were being held.

"Americans should immediately release the five Iranians and pay compensation for the damages they caused to our office in Irbil," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini said at a press conference in Tehran, according to news

services.

Fintor said the U.S. military had information indicating the Iranian individuals were "closely associated" to activities that targeted U.S. and Iraqi forces. "We believe that many of the activities taking place in this facility were not consistent with normal diplomatic or consular functions," he said.

Kurdish officials widely condemned the detentions, saying the United States should have contacted the regional government before launching the raid.

"I think this is the new policy of the U.S. in Iraq, in order to be defensive they are offensive," said Saad Barazanchi, a Kurdish legislator. "We are neighbors to Iran... so we want to have amicable and good relations with Iran."

Also Sunday, the U.S. military announced the deaths of two U.S. soldiers — one killed Sunday by a roadside bomb while patrolling in downtown Baghdad, and the other killed the day before by an explosion in northern Iraq. The bombing in Baghdad injured four other soldiers while their patrol was conducting a route-clearing mission. The soldier killed in northern Iraq was from Task Force Lightning of the U.S. military said. The deceased soldiers' names were not released.

## At least seven dead in West Virginia apartment fire

By Tom Brown  
Associated Press writer

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Fire ravaged an apartment building, killing at least seven people, including a child, and authorities said Sunday that they feared the death count could grow.

The fire broke out in the 64-unit, five-story building late Saturday. Firefighters discovered two bodies and a child on the building's top floor while fighting the blaze, and crews found four more bodies Sunday morning on that floor. Fire Chief Greg Fuller said. The child died on the way to a hospital.

"We have not been able to complete the search," Fuller said. He said some of the fifth floor was blocked because the building's roof and part of the floor collapsed.

Fuller said the building housed both city residents and



Firefighters search a complex structure inside a burning apartment building in downtown Huntington, W.Va.

Marshall University students. Fourteen people were rescued, Fuller said, and four were listed in serious or critical condition Sunday afternoon. One firefighter was treated for smoke inhalation and released. Firefighters had called off

their search for trapped residents during the night out of fear the structure could collapse, city Fire Marshal David Bias said.

"It's a very sad day," Bias said. "It's very troubling when you have a building of this size and you work as hard as they have and you just come up a little short."

Fuller called it the worst fire in nearly 50 years in the Ohio River city.

The fire was reported around 11 p.m. Saturday. Fire departments from nearby Ohio and Kentucky also responded.

Bias said it could take days to determine the cause of the blaze that began in a second-floor unit. From that apartment, flames and smoke shot up utility access channels to the upper floors, Fuller said. The building, built in 1924, is owned by Woodmark Enterprises Inc. of White

Plains, N.Y. Fuller said. A message left at the company was not immediately returned.

Fuller said there were some smoke alarms in the building, but he was unsure how many were working at the time of the fire. Fuller was not aware of any fire code violations at the building.

Resident Dreauna Decki said her family made it out safely.

"All I heard was people screaming, 'Get my baby out of here!'" Decki said. "And then it was like 'Run! Run! Run!'"

Patricia Betts said she awoke home to find smoke filling her apartment.

"My brother was in my apartment watching our kids and smoke started coming from the closet. They were outside in the hallway sitting on the steps when I got home," she said. "We opened the door and smoke was everywhere. Then my whole apartment just blew up."



Kendall Robinson copies down the epilogue on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s and Coretta Scott King's crypt so she can show her teacher, Sunday in Atlanta.

## Kings' oldest daughter honors parents at MLK's Ebenezer Baptist Church

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The oldest daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King Jr. combined her love of acting with her passion for social justice as she reminded those remembering her parents — Sunday that America has not yet attained peace and racial equality.

Yolanda King, 51, said at the end of an hourlong presentation that was part of a commemorative speech, part drama. The stage and television actress performed a series of one-act skits that told stories including a girl's first ride on a desegregated bus years — to be a force for peace and love, and to use the King holiday Monday to ask tough questions about

their own beliefs on prejudice.

"We must keep reaching across the table and, in the tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, feed each other," Yolanda King, 51, said at the end of an hourlong presentation that was part of a commemorative speech, part drama. The stage and television actress performed a series of one-act skits that told stories including a girl's first ride on a desegregated bus years — to be a force for peace and love, and to use the King holiday Monday to ask tough questions about

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed use of one federally funded Block Grant Plan. Availability of Plan for public review.  
**PURPOSE:** The purpose is to receive comment on the proposed use of funds during Federal Fiscal Year 2007. The Block Grant Plan being reviewed will be the Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant.  
**PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE:** A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, from 8:00 to 9:00 am in the conference room on the 6th floor of the Pat & Wynne Building. **AVAILABILITY OF PLANS:** The Plan will be available for public review at The Department of Health and Welfare, Central Office at 450 West State Street, 6th Floor, Boise, Idaho, or call (208) 334-6882. For more information, contact Jamie Hineman at (208) 334-6882 or Cheryl Smith at (208) 334-6882, Department of Health and Welfare, 450 West State Street, 6th Floor, Boise, Idaho 83720. Written comments regarding the plan must be submitted on or before Tuesday, January 30, 2007.  
**DATED** this 4th day of January, 2007.  
**Elke Shaw-Tufsch, Chief, Bureau of Community & Environmental Health Department of Health & Welfare 450 West State Street, 6th Floor PO Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0036**

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
Loan No. 001845-7931 T.S. No. 06-5780-ID No. 572067 of 1100 A.M. (recognized local time) in the lobby to First American Title Insurance Company, 250 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303 in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho. First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee on behalf of Ocean One Mortgage Corporation, a California corporation, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: EXHIBIT A legal description: Lot 23 and the west one-half of Lot 24 Block 09 of Fair Towers, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in the office of the county recorder of said county. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of complying with section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 212 5th St. Filer, ID 83328, is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Sean Peseck, a married man as his sole and separate property. Also known as First American Title Insurance Company as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Ocean One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 8/24/2005, recorded 09/22/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-019738. Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. **Note:** The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(A)(4), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 8/22/2005. The monthly payments for Principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$709.46 due per month from 7/1/2006 through 5/7/2007, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by this deed of trust is \$103,251.95, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.25% per annum from 6/1/2006 All delinquencies amounts are due now, together with accruing late charges and interest, trustee's and attorney's fees, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary agrees to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated 12/22/07. By: First American Title Insurance Company By Allainne DeMott, Trustee Services, 212 5th Avenue East 4665 MacArthur Court Suite 250 Newport News, VA 23606 949-252-2800 Zare Miller, Trustee Sale Officer D2993636

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
February 8, 2007

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission upon said requests: **A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION** by Bruce Shott or David Short and Walter P. Jones on property consisting of approximately one hundred twenty (120) +/- acres located in Section 11, Township 11 South, Range 17 East E. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3163 East 3400 North, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide off approximately five (5) +/- acres and an existing home. **A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION** by Roger Vincent on property consisting of approximately eighty (80) +/- acres located in Section 31, Township 09 South, Range 16 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 2445 East 4200 North, Filer, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide off approximately two (2) +/- acres with existing homes. **A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION** by Jon Kimball on property consisting of approximately seventy-eight (78) +/- acres located in Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 15 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 3693 North 1900 East, Filer, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to divide off five point eight (5.8) +/- acres for a home-site. **A REZONE** by Thomas Sharp on property consisting of approximately six (6) +/- acres located in Section 26, Township 09 South, Range 16 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 4275 North 800 East, Filer, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to rezone zone 1 point one (1.1) +/- acres from Agricultural Zone to Rural Residential Zone.

**A CONDITIONAL USE** by Joe and Cheryl Gelings and DEBOCO Construction on property consisting of approximately eighty-five (85) +/- acres located in Section 23, Township 09 South, Range 13 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 4350 North 800 East, Burli, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to operate a potable asphalt plant production. **A CONDITIONAL USE** by Ridgepole Development (Sunset Ridge Estates Subdivision) on property consisting of approximately forty (40) +/- acres located in Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 15 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 2468 East 3700 North, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to construct a thirty-four (34) lot subdivision on approximately forty (40) +/- acres. **A PRELIMINARY PLAN** by Ridgepole Development (Sunset Ridge Estates Subdivision) on property consisting of approximately forty (40) +/- acres located in Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 15 East B. M. Also known as being addressed approximately 2468 East 3700 North, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Rural Residential Zone. The intended use is to construct a thirty-four (34) lot subdivision on approximately forty (40) +/- acres.

**OTHER ITEMS:**  
1. Williams Ranch Subdivision  
**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a Public Hearing will be held before the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission at the hour of 7:00 pm on the 8th day of February at the Marvin Hempleman, Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho upon said requests.  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a work session will be held on February 6, 2007 at the hour of 12:00 Noon at the Marvin Hempleman, Twin Falls County Office Building Meeting Room, 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. The Planning and Zoning Commission will review the applications that are to be heard at the February 6, 2007 Public Hearing. A complete description of each request is on file with the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator and available upon request. Any and all persons may register their comments, protests or agreements on the subjects being considered. Written materials or comments must be submitted by the close of business February 2, 2007 to the Office of the Planning and Zoning Administrator at 246 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed hearing should contact Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Office by February 1, 2007.  
Dated: 1/10th day of January, 2007.  
Tom Moore,  
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LOST Boxer w. female light brown w. a white spot on chest, answers to George. On January 11th around 5:00 AM in Twin Falls, Idaho. Please call 825-4119 for details.

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See it online  
Watch an interview with Reggie Larsen, at [www.magvalley.com](http://www.magvalley.com).

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By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — "Cheers" had Norm. The Twin Falls Fitness Center has Reggie Larsen.

Sometimes two hours a day, sometimes six days a week, Larsen grunts through a circuit of free weights and machine exercises — when he's not spotting someone half his age on the bench press, giving advice about proper form or welcoming a newbie at the drinking fountain.

Larsen is no body builder, but he is fit: He looks more like 35 than his true age, 59. But he hasn't been elevated to the uppermost echelon of the gym's hierarchy because of athletic prowess. Rather, Larsen is the gym's most-respected member because he is honest, knowledgeable, humble.

It's the same at every gym: a member or two whom everyone knows, most revered and few dislike. These top dogs are seldom the twentysomething alpha males you might picture. Many times, in fact, you wouldn't know their status by looking at them.

Larsen, for example, is built like a bulldog. His grizzled face is partly hidden by a baseball cap. He wears a torn shirt two sizes too small, and his legs are hidden by baggy gray sweat pants. A brown leather weight belt emphasizes the fledgling "V" of his compact torso.

Though club owner Connie Rencher calls Larsen a "gym rat," he looks more like a soldier than a fitness nut. That's because he was one. The gym threw Larsen a pizza party before the National Guardsman was deployed to Iraq, and he was welcomed back just as enthusiastically when he returned to Twin Falls in November.

While deployed, Larsen ruptured disks in his back trying to jump a ditch carrying more than 200 pounds of gear. By the time he got back to the gym, he could barely walk.

He still managed to motivate members, even coaxing longtime friend Bob Maxwell to join the gym. Maxwell was beyond out of shape when the pair started working out together a few months ago.

"They had to open both doors just to get him in here," Larsen joked about his buddy. Now, Larsen runs up stairs and Maxwell uses one door.



Bob Maxwell, 60, left, gets a little help from his friend Reggie Larsen, 59, as they load a machine with more weights Thursday morning at the Twin Falls Fitness Center.



Bob Maxwell does repetitions as Reggie Larsen looks on. Larsen motivated Maxwell to start exercising, and now they meet about four to six times a week for workouts.



Jessica Clark, 33, does chest exercises at the Body IQ, fitness center in Twin Falls on Friday.

Clark said her husband works out at a big-name gym in town, but she doesn't like the competitive feel there. Clark prefers to go about her business without worrying about how much weight she's seen lifting.

She is, however, more than willing to answer a new member's question. "People ask how to use a machine, or they want advice on cardio," she said before a workout last week. "And I'll help them."

"It's smaller here, more comfortable," she said. "It's not competitive."

That's the kind of attitude that distinguishes top dogs.

"We're just ordinary people," Larsen said back at Twin Falls Fitness Center. "We're not body builders or anything. We're not just doing this for us — we're doing it for other people."

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Clark's status is because of quiet dedication, said a gym owner Kaylan Vialpando. She's there alone most mornings on the treadmill for 20 minutes before hitting the free weights or machines. And sometimes you'll see Clark again later in the day, barefoot at a Pilates or yoga class. She's got the admiration of her classmates.

"It's an inspiration," Maxwell said of Larsen, as the friends pumped from last week. "He gives freely of his time to come in to give support to me. And that's important."

Across town at the Body IQ fitness center, 33-year-old Jessica Clark isn't the top dog because she motivates. In fact, during an early-morning workout last week, she was alone at the women-only Twin Falls gym.

## The weight of obsession

I must kick the front of the digital bathroom scale I got for Christmas to turn it on.

OK, maybe not kick. More like gently tap with my big toe.

Regardless, I like how the designer paid attention to humanity's natural tendencies. We tend to kick things that give us bad news.

But I will use it often — because I'm obsessive, and because I'm latching onto one paragraph in a booklet my doctor gave me when I started my football-training-to-get-in-shape project.

"Of the successful people in the National Weight Control Registry, 44 percent weigh themselves at least once a day," Dr. Robert Hamby writes in "Sensible Weight Control." "But



THE FOOTBALL WAY  
Chris Bakalis

### Keep track

News Editor Chris Bakalis, a former college football player, is in training to play in an annual football game next fall at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He's tracking his progress in his blog "The Football Way," which you can read at [www.magvalley.com](http://www.magvalley.com). And thank this page for his monthly updates in print.

you may think daily weighing is obsessive. Weighing the first thing in the morning is best, but it's up to you."

I really want to succeed, so I've started weighing myself a lot.

• Dec. 26, 11:30 p.m.: 298.8 pounds. Aargh. Say it ain't so. Just so you know, I didn't kick. I just stared for 27.5 minutes.

Our old scale, by the way, is now on its

way to a landfill for being such a liar. It said I was at 280 pounds.

• Dec. 27, 9:45 a.m.: 295 pounds. OK. I'm starting fresh. Hamby was right: weighing yourself in the morning is much better.

• 10:25 a.m.: 296 pounds. After six orange slices, one small glass of grape juice and one bowl of Cheerios with skim milk.

• 12:30 p.m.: 294.6 pounds. After walking from Lincoln Elementary to the Twin Falls Public Library to the microwaves at Blacker Appliance and Furniture and then to Banner Furniture before returning home near Lincoln.

• 12:35 p.m.: 293.8 pounds. After changing into work clothes.

• 12:45 p.m.: 295.8 pounds. After eating one slice of summer sausage and then changing our baby's soiled diaper. So obviously I can eat meat with no fear if I change enough diapers.

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## Drops beat oral meds for childhood ear infections

By Shari Ross  
Los Angeles Times

It is not easy to apply ear drops to a fussy tot with a raging ear infection. But for kids with ear tubes, antibiotic drops appear to be a vastly superior way to treat infections.

Middle-ear infections are the most common diagnosis for which children receive antibiotics, and insertion of ear tubes is the most common surgery performed on children.

During this surgery, small tubes are placed in the eardrums to ventilate the area behind the eardrum and to equalize the pressure in the middle ear. Approximately 2 million tubes each year are

given to U.S. children with chronic middle-ear infections.

A new study of 80 children published online in a recent issue of the journal *Pediatrics* showed that antibiotic eardrops were more effective than oral antibiotics for middle-ear infections.

The drops resolved the ear drainage three to five days faster and resulted in more cures overall — 85 percent of those using drops compared with 59 percent of those swallowing pill or liquid antibiotics.

Ear tubes provide better access to the middle ear so that more of the medicine reaches the infection.

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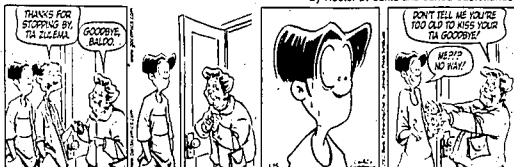
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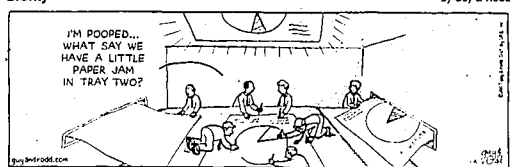
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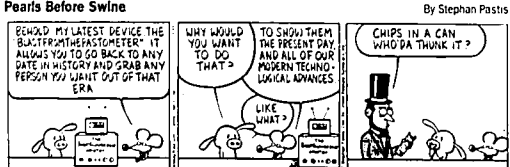
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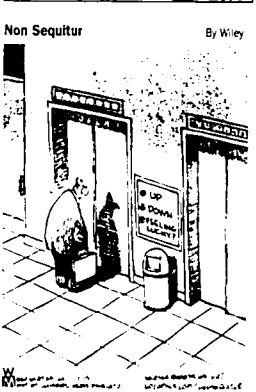
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## Don't underestimate wishful thinking, Aquarius

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

**IF JAN. 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** It is necessary to be highly realistic and grounded in the year ahead. For the next several weeks your business acumen is in top form, so plan the year ahead carefully. Avoid self-deception and wishful thinking during March and May. You must work twice as hard as anyone else to get a nod of approval in July, so don't start anything of importance or vie for favors. By October your life will make a definite change for the better. Whatever you truly need could be offered on a silver platter and you can put your most heartfelt desires into motion.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Those on a teeter-totter need a cast-iron stomach. Why are you bothering to simply go back and forth anyway? Don't sit still for nonproductive ideas or get caught up in unrealistic pursuits.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Skip the vitamins and charlatans. In business, or even at home, there is a tendency to see only what you wish to see. Hold off on making decisions or starting new projects or relationships.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Inner dialogues sometimes give the wrong advice. Steer

clear of making essential plans or decisions. Concentrate on pleasing others or making the most of a significant relationship.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** If wishes were horses, beggars would ride. It is difficult to be clear about your true financial status. Optimism must buy hamburger, so steer clear of doubtful investments or crucial purchases.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** It might be fun but it isn't productive. You can drive a Ferris wheel to a desired destination. To attain your objectives, you must avoid wishful thinking or traveling in endless circles.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** It pays to be suspicious. Maybe it is your own inability to tell truth from fiction that is the problem. Somewhere deep within, you still think it is possible to reach the end of the elusive rainbow.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Comparisons can be costly. Those airbrushed magazine models with the unblemished complexions and flawless outfits could give you an inferior-

ty complex.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Spiders have sticky webs. The tantalizing sensuality emoting from all corners may trap you like a fly. Check with friends to be sure that the object of your desires is worthy of attention.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Chaos precedes clarity. You could be in the mood to be generous or extravagant, but the world has a tendency to offer a skewed picture. Maybe you really don't know what is important.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Doubting Thomas has his day. Use the well-known Capricorn trait of "locking before you leap" to get through the hours. The glamorous deal or glossy bauble might not be what it seems.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Never underestimate the power of wishful thinking. A fish really hopes a lure is the real thing, but you know what happens if it swallows the bait. Don't sign contracts or agreements.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Those who hesitate aren't necessarily lost. Potential publicity through an ad or an interview might make your heart go pitter-pat as you imagine greatness, but be warned: success could be a mirage.



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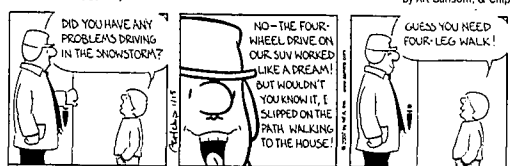
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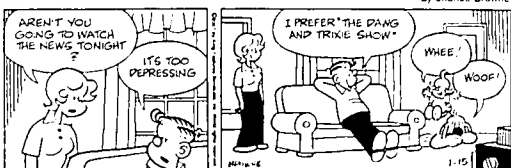
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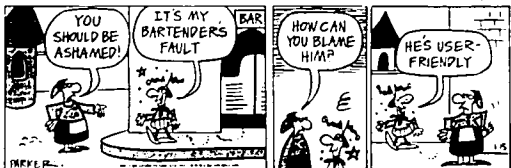
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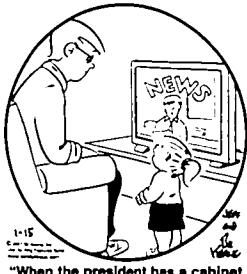
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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# Parents' big loan delivers wedding on a shoestring

DEAR ABBY: I was married recently, but I am extremely embarrassed about the wedding. My husband and I are recently out of college and have no money. The wedding was done on a shoestring, and it looked it. It was certainly not the fantasy I had envisioned.

We are now trying to buy a house and, coincidentally, using the same mortgage company my parents have used for years. During a chat with our loan officer, she let it slip that "the wedding must have been gorgeous" because my parents took out a huge loan to pay for it. Well, they didn't pay for anything but the food. It was barbeque and not expensive.

I am very hurt that my parents used me as an excuse to get a large loan and didn't even offer to help. I expected anything from them. I worked my way through college. Now that I'm aware of their lie, I want to talk to them about it. Should I?



DEAR ABBY  
Jeannie  
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a chip on your shoulder.

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UPSET IN IDAHO  
DEAR UPSET: The loan officer was confidential information. However, rather than being hurt by the news, perhaps you should be concerned. It's possible your parents took out the loan to help with the wedding but needed the money for some emergency. By all means discuss it with them. But don't do it with

DEAR ABBY: I am 23 years old and in the Navy. I am in the medical field, and the chances of my going to Iraq are very high. Lately, all I can think about is when I die what song I want my parents to play at my funeral. I have the song already picked out. My problem is, how do I bring this up to my parents without freaking them out?

—CONFUSED CORPSMAN  
IN ILLINOIS

DEAR CONFUSED: Write your parents a letter "to be opened in the event of your death." In that letter, outline whatever wishes you have regarding your funeral — should you need one — and the disposition of your property. (It is surprising that the subject of a last will has not been raised already by the command of your unit.)

It is not necessary to discuss this with your parents right now. Hold a good thought and keep in mind that most members of the military come back alive after

their tours of duty. Leave the letter with your attorney or your parents — or a trusted friend, to be delivered if you do not return.

P.S. Please do not think negatively. It will only distract you. Your safe return is in the prayers of many people today and every day.

DEAR READERS: Today marks the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a martyr of the civil rights movement, who was shot to death at the age of 39 in 1968.

Dr. King rose to prominence because of his courage in pleading for social justice and his persistence in the face of violent opposition. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. His words of wisdom ring as true today as when they were spoken during his acceptance speech: "Nonviolence," he said, "is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time; the need for man to overcome oppression and intolerance without resorting to oppression and violence.

"Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

God bless America. May we as Americans learn from Dr. King's example.

## 21 people couldn't escape molasses flood

This day in history: Just after noon on Jan. 15, 1919, a tank building 2.5 million gallons of hot molasses burst open in Boston. Mass. a wall of boiling, sticky goo knocked down buildings, freight cars and bystanders, killing 21 people and dozens of horses in what would become known as the Great Boston Molasses Flood.

Don't embarrass yourself in front of the livestock. Remember that bovines are cattle, but ovines are sheep.

Which state has given the U.S. the most presidents? Actually, it's a tie: Virginia and Ohio were each home to eight U.S. presidents.

In a textile mill, a slubber doffer is the person in charge of changing bobbins.



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Goldberg coined the term "agribusiness" in 1957.

The Cleveland Indians were named in honor of hometown hero Louis Sockalexis, the second Native American to play pro baseball. Before that, the team was called the Cleveland Spiders.

Wednesday was named after Woden (or Odinn), the chief god of the Saxons, the inventor of all writing. He rode an eight-legged horse and had two ravens as messengers.

Friday was named for the Saxon god Frigg. She was Woden's wife, but she also had affairs with his brothers, so it's a little strange that she was not only the goddess of fertility but of marriage as well.

## Prankster finds a use for trees

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — When Carol Lopez lost her Labrador retriever out for the morning the dog had an unusual number of tree trunks to attend to surrounding her aboveground pool. Lopez found 37 used Christmas trees for the job.

"I had just woken up and boom, they're there and that's it," Lopez said Thursday.

Whoever put the trees there apparently took their time, neatly organizing and standing the trees upright.

Lopez said she called Allentown police, and an officer told her to call the city to have the trees removed.

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The senior can take payments in a lump sum, on demand under a line-of-credit, for a specific number of months, or in monthly distributions for life. The availability of these options varies with the age of the senior, value of home equity, and home location.

The loan becomes due on the death of the borrower, sale of the home, or other agreed circumstance. Next week's column will discuss cautions that should be exercised when shopping for a reverse mortgage.

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IMAGE

Free vision screening takes place today

A free vision screening will be held from 10 a.m. to noon today at the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center, 530 Shoshone St. W.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays at the Jerome Recreational District, 2032 S. Lincoln. This week's topic is "Parents as Teachers."

Aerobic dance class

The College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center will offer "Dance Fitness," an aerobic dance class for anyone wanting to get in shape. The class will meet from noon to 12:50 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, this week through May 10, in Room 238 at the CSI gymnasium.

Happy babies

"The Happiest Baby on the Block" class will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center's downtown campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

To do for you

Expectant parents will learn how to help babies sleep longer and how to soothe fussy infants.

Cast is \$20, which includes a parenting kit. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

Brain injury support

The Brain Injury Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Outpatient Rehab, 560 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Alzheimer's support

Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sunbridge, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Learn CPR/first aid

A first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the Sage Room at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The class combines first aid and CPR training under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants.

The Diabetes Support Group will host Dr. Mike Taylor, a member of the Diabetes Center Foundation, to lead a discussion about diabetic retinopathy and to inform people with diabetes that the disease can cause eye problems and may lead to blindness.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at South Central District Health, 1020 Washington St. W., Twin Falls. Use the north entrance of the district health building.

Prepare for childbirth

Class will include instruction on wellness of the mother, labor and delivery process with relaxation and breathing techniques, care of the postpartum mother and care of the newborn including breast feeding and bottle feeding; and a video tour of the

Women's and Infant Center. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring two pillows and a support person.

Cost is \$50. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148 or go online at www.wimc.org.

South Central District Health reports the flu season appears to be starting, but it is not too late to be vaccinated.

Influenza is picking up in Idaho, specifically in Boise and Idaho Falls. In Idaho, the influenza season usually begins in late December and peaks in February.

The office encourages people to help prevent spreading the flu by covering their coughs and using good hand-washing etiquette.

For information about influenza vaccination clinics, call a local district health office: Bellevue, 788-4335; Burley, 678-8221; Gooding, 934-3477; Jerome, 323-8836; Rupert, 478-1187; and Twin Falls, 734-5900.

"To do for you" is a listing of health-related activities, events and education. Submit information by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Image section. Mail notices to: Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Fairfield St. W.

Study: Curry, onions show cancer-fighting properties

By Shari Roas Los Angeles Times

Curry and onions might do much more than spice up a meal. They also could help prevent colon cancer.

A study published in the Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology found that a pill containing large doses of curcumin in chemical found in curry and turmeric and quercetin, an antioxidant found in onions, helped prevent precancerous polyps in several people at high risk for colon cancer.

Five people with an inherited disease called familial adenomatous polyposis, which often leads to colon cancer, took the pill for six months. The average number of polyps the patients developed dropped by more than 60 percent, and the average size of the polyps was reduced by 50 percent, said Dr. Francis A. Giardiello, senior author of the study and a gastroenterologist at the cancer center at Johns Hopkins University.

Earlier studies had suggested that people who eat large amounts of curry have lower rates of colon cancer. But to have real effect, the chemicals probably need to be taken in pill form, Giardiello says. "You can put a lot of turmeric on your food, and it's still only 3 percent to 6 percent of curcumin," he says. "The supplementation is multiple times what you eat as a regular diet."

People with familial adenomatous polyposis typically take nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs to help reduce their cancer risk. But these drugs are associated with side effects; curcumin did not cause serious side effects. A larger, randomized study on curcumin is planned, Giardiello said. The research was sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

Infections

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"Mom's instinct is that drops are weak, pills are strong," says Dr. Peter Roland, chairman of otolaryngology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. "But the concentration of antibiotic you can get in the ear is so much greater."

aren't too helpful in children without tubes who develop ear infections. Only about 1 in 9 kids benefits, says Roland. Antibiotic eardrops also cause fewer stomach problems and lead to less antibiotic resistance. "The one bad part of it is that kids don't like them," Roland says. "It may be worth warming up the drops before putting them in."

Seeking shingles sufferers

Have you had a bout with shingles? Or have you received a new vaccine to prevent it? Either way, we would like to interview you for an upcoming article on the subject. Call Times-News correspondent Jean Bean at 733-0830.

A new treatment for prostate cancer. NEXT WEEK IN IMAGE

All dressed up and nothing to dry clean

By Joseph V. Novak St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Let's hope Mom isn't reading this. I recently wore my suit while eating a juicy, ketchup dripping hamburger. I smeared chocolate on the lapel. — yes, that's right — I wiped my nose on my sleeve. One night, I even slept in the thing. And I never took it to the dry cleaner.

The line is as functional as it is fashionable, says Greg Gilboa, CEO of flag kid, the Israeli-based firm that developed the suits. Wash-and-wear suits have come round before — itchy, scratchy, ill-fitting versions that dropped, dry and bore the look and feel of cardboard. These new babies are made of a wool/polyester/Lycra blend.

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hush-hush when it comes to updating how the suit does what it does. The high-tech fabric boasts "crease recovery" and "crease resistance" — that is, fibers remember where to stay flat, where to stay folded, while the wool offers the drape, feel and breathability of regular suits. And according to flagit, in lab tests (presumably none more serious than my own) they survived 30 washings and looked similar to suits that underwent 30 dry cleanings.

Wrestling: From television to your date

The Washington Post

Fighting and date violence may occur more often among adolescents who watch wrestling on TV.

according to a study in Pediatrics. Researchers from Wake Forest University School of Medicine surveyed 2,226 North Carolina high school

students and found that the more teens watched TV wrestling, the likelier they were to engage in fighting. The association was highest in those who had been drink-

ing alcohol, and stronger for females than males. Wrestling shows are among the most popular on cable TV, according to Nielsen ratings.

Football

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• 1:10 p.m.: 297 pounds. After a lunch of four little summer sausage sandwiches with pepperoni (these equivalent of one regular size sandwich), a glass of skim milk, a bowl of tomato soup and a slice of apple. • 6:20 p.m.: 293 pounds. After an unusual afternoon of work for me, because I walked around a bunch. Most of the time sat at my

computer. But today I was dressed over to the Twin Falls Public Library to talk with librarians about our new Q & A feature. And then I walked to City Hall to look at building permits. • 6:50 p.m.: 297 pounds. After eating a dinner of left-over stir-fry, mixed with leftover green beans and white rice. I also had one slice of roast beef. • Midnight: 296 pounds. After wrapping up the night

on the copy desk (that's where we electronically lay out the newspaper and proof stories). Not much physical activity at the copy sitting, typing, mouse shuffling and wandering around a mostly empty office looking for candy to savor. There are a lot of nice people in this office who leave candy out for the likes of me. • 12:02 a.m.: 294 pounds. After not being completely satisfied that I was getting my

best weight, I put away my work clothes and tried again. Ah, that's better. Now I'm off to eat some peanuts, drink some water and watch a trailer for "Transformers: The Movie" on YouTube.com. And so ended an obsessive day with my new scale. • Dec. 28, 9:45 a.m.: 293.4 pounds. Chris Kallias can be reached at ckallias@magicalcity.com.

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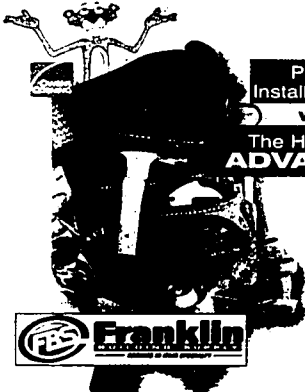
A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

## New Year — Future Vision!

or any business to grow, it has to have a good roadmap to find its way to success. That's exactly what the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce hopes to accomplish with its updated Strategic Plan. The plan outlines the mission, vision, goals, and objectives of the Twin Falls Chamber. It's based on feedback we received through a survey of the membership last summer. Please take the time to review the entire plan inside *Business Beat* and let us know how we're doing on meeting or exceeding your expectations as a member.

### Inside:

- New Chamber Members
- Monthly Calendar of Events




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The latest ear, nose and throat treatments

- Money and how it affects your health
- Recipes for quick, healthy meals

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**The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Mission Statement**  
 The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit business organization providing members a strong voice, vision and focused leadership to enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in our community.

## Strategic Plan Vision

- Over the next five years, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will...
- Continually provide excellent and responsive service and communications with its members, its staff and board leadership, and the public.
- Strive to increase membership involvement in the programs and activities of the organization.
- Be proactive in working with other organizations in the community to identify and address issues of civic importance.
- Support positive economic development and business growth.
- Utilize membership investment funds and other revenue responsibly to achieve the mission, vision, and objectives of the organization.
- Align the operations of the organization with standard business practices of general business to conduct activities with honesty, integrity, financial responsibility, and in accordance with the law.

### Focus Areas and Goals

#### Membership

Offer programs, activities, and services to meet or exceed the needs and expectations of the organization's members.

#### Community

Strive to be a leader in regional cooperation, collaboration and planning to promote a positive quality of life and civic responsibility.

#### Business

Support diverse business and industry throughout the region in partnership with other economic development organizations.

### Membership

#### Objectives:

Annually survey the membership's satisfaction with existing programs, activities, and services and provide an opportunity for the development of additional programs, activities, and services based on membership needs and expectations. Benchmark results and annual objectives from 2006 survey.

Initiate retention and recruitment programs to increase the total number of member businesses by 3% each year.

Maintain communication with members:

weekly email and fax communication (Friday Facts)  
 monthly newsletter communication (Business Beat)  
 annual outline of the programs, activities, and services of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce (Program of Action)  
 annual operational report (Annual Meeting & Banquet and published report)

Utilize the US Chamber of Commerce Accreditation Program to evaluate the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce in the following areas:

- Governance
- Finance
- Human Resources & Staff
- Government Affairs
- Program Development
- Communication
- Technology
- Facilities
- Benchmarking

Ensure the responsible use of financial resources to maintain an appropriate level of service to members now and into the future.

Membership investment and other general income will cover general membership expense and provide a 5% annual reserve for future needs.

Programs, activities, and other services will operate at a minimum "break-even"

Fundraising activities will be used to supplement reserve funds.

### Community

#### Objectives:

Annually survey the membership's satisfaction with existing Chamber involvement in community activities and provide an opportunity for assessment of Chamber leadership and/or support for additional involvement.

Maintain active and visible participation in the community and a continued positive perception of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.

Establish and maintain direct relationships with government officials to advocate for issues important to the business community.

Continue to support development of a community-wide enhancement plan to include at minimum, prioritized projects (such as the Shoshone Street Hanging Baskets), project leads and partners, determination of organizational involvement and a supporting funding strategy, in cooperation with the City of Twin Falls.

Operate the Buzz Langdon Visitor Center to promote information about the community for residents and visitors. The Center's operation will provide an adequate revenue stream for its current operation and maintenance as well as build reserves for future enhancement.

Promote the tourism opportunities in the Twin Falls Area in partnership with other tourism-focused organizations throughout the region (such as other Chambers of Commerce and Southern Idaho Tourism). Primary funding for this promotion will be through the Idaho Regional Travel Grant Program offered through Idaho Commerce and Labor.

Support efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life in the region through existing civic, community, educational, and charitable organizations.

### Business

#### Objectives:

Annually survey the membership's satisfaction with existing Chamber

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**Business After Hours**  
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We hope you find this printed monthly calendar helpful in identifying important Chamber activities. We also provide a weekly calendar in your Friday Facts. Now, you can also log onto [www.twinfallschamber.com](http://www.twinfallschamber.com) to see the Chamber's website including "Area Events" in a calendar format.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15 8:00am Office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 12:00pm Economic Development Forum (Idaho-Joe's Restaurant) 1:00pm Chamber Board Meeting (Chamber office)	17	18 6:00pm Chamber Annual Meeting & Banquet (Radio Rondevo • 241 Main Ave. W)	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 5:30pm Business After Hours at Snake Harley Davidson (2404 Addison Ave. E.)	26 7:00am Government Affairs Committee (Chamber office)	27
28	29	30	31	1 Feb.	2 7:00am Government Affairs Committee (Chamber office)	3
4	5 5:30pm Ambassador's Meeting (Chamber office)	6 9:30am Agribusiness Cmte. (Chamber office)	7	8	9 7:00am Government Affairs Committee (Chamber office)	10
11	12	13 12:00pm Twin Falls Today - Black Swan Inn Luxurious Theme Suites (The Ballroom - 206 Shoehouse St.)	14	15	16 7:00am Government Affairs Committee (Chamber office)	17

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involvement in economic development activities and provide an opportunity for assessment of Chamber leadership and/or support for additional involvement.

Support business retention and expansion as well as recruitment through positive partnerships with organizations, such as:

Other area Chambers of Commerce  
 Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization  
 Business Plus  
 City of Twin Falls

Continue to recognize the importance of agriculture in our local economy and regional heritage and implement programs to support agribusiness.

Develop a "Workforce Development Plan" in cooperation with the College of Southern Idaho, area school districts, Chambers of Commerce, and economic development organizations in order to assist local business in finding employees with appropriate skills and training.

Provide opportunities for education on issues, workforce training, services, and programs to support local business. These activities will include:

-Monthly Economic Development Forum with specific topics for each month  
 -Annual Small Business Recognition and Awards

-Annual Success Breakfast, in coordination with the Chamber Ambassador Committee and College of Southern Idaho to include a business-related keynote speaker and potential educational sessions to support the needs and expectations of the business community.

-Periodic membership meetings on topics of interest to business and/or business-related seminars and educational offerings.

Participate with the Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee to identify appropriate transportation improvement projects to focus on the needs of Chamber members and the Twin Falls area.

### Plan Development and Review

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Strategic Plan is intended to be "living document" providing general direction for the organization. It will be reviewed at least annually by the Chamber President/CEO and Board of Directors. The Chamber membership is encouraged to provide input to the Chamber Staff and Board Members about the plan at any time. As outlined in the plan, the membership will be surveyed at least annually on the Chamber's mission, vision, goals, and objectives to ensure the organization is meeting or exceeding the needs and expectations of its membership.

Thank you to the following businesses for their ongoing commitment to the work of the Chamber!

#### 1-5 Years

BPI Automotive & Muffler  
 Cedar Lanes  
 Denise Swain Insurance  
 Miles Pyle Co., LLC  
 Jackson Howell Tax Service  
 Lyndon Mint Market  
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 New Construction & Home Improvement  
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#### 16-25 Years

Agri-Service  
 Idaho Commerce & Labor  
 Keegan, Inc.

#### 26+ Years

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#### 6-15 Years

Daley's Oldie Time Confections  
 Family Physical Therapy & Sports Injury Clinic  
 Lammert's Real Estate Co.  
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Welcome to these new members of the Chamber who've joined the organization recently. Take a moment to stop in to see them and please do business with other Chamber businesses!

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# Annual Meeting and Banquet

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