

DOGGIE DRAMA

Meet a canine that overcame adversity. SEE COUNTRY ROADS, PAGE D1

RIDING INTO THE SUNSET

Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells announces his retirement. SEE SPORTS, PAGE B1

STATE OF THE UNION

President Bush's address will be televised on all four major networks starting at 7 p.m. tonight.

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Temple rising

Steel beams give glimpse of future

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TWIN FALLS — Beam by beam, brick by brick, the temple for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is taking shape on Eastland Drive in northeast Twin Falls.

The temple won't open in September, as reported previously in the *Times-News*, and an opening date in the first half of 2008 is more realistic, said Terry McCurdy, spokesman for the LDS church in southern Idaho.

When finished, the temple will dominate the Twin Falls skyline, standing 159.5 feet from its base to the top of the golden Angel Moroni statue on the steeple.

The finished complex will cover 9.1 acres and include the 29,679-square-foot temple and 24,119-square-foot meeting house next-door.

It will serve about 50,000 Mormons in the region, according to the church.

On the Web

Go to <http://www.timesnews.com> to get the latest information and see views from the church's webcam.



A backbone sits in what will be the east entrance of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints temple at the corner of Eastland and Cheney drives in northeast Twin Falls.

"We don't want to be in a lease. We want to get back as soon as we can get back on our feet."
— Chris Campos, 31, owner of burned log home on corner of Heyburn Avenue and Tyler Street

Man, family want neighborhood back

Neighbors come to aid in wake of Jan. 12 house fire

Family needs

- Dining table and chairs
 - Couches
 - Beds (larger sizes like queen and king), including mattresses, box springs, sheets, comforters, pillows, etc.
 - Food (it's a large family to feed and all stored food was ruined)
- To donate, call (208) 410-1143

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Chris Campos felt sure he had planned for everything.

He was paying off his \$20,000 mortgage. Once it was paid, he planned to knock down the century-old two-bedroom log cabin that he and nine other family members shared at the northwest corner of Heyburn Avenue and Tyler Street and build a four-bedroom home.

Then near midnight on Jan. 12, a short circuit in the attic sparked flames that tore through a section of the roof and burned his home. After three trips into the smoldering building, 31-year-old Campos and his brother had pulled their families safely onto the street and were watching fire crews extinguish the flames. The crews brought the fire under control in about 30 minutes, according to a fire report.

As relieved as Campos was that his family was safe, he was about to find out that two months earlier his home insurance policy expired.

"You get the feeling everything is starting to work out, everything is coming together," said Campos, a lube technician at the Flying J in Jerome and father of four. "Then something like this happens. I f---! We got to start over. The only thing we have is the land."

And great neighbors, he added.

The destruction's aftermath fortified Campos' belief that he had chosen the right neighborhood for his family.

Neighbors donated clothes, friends, churches and the Red Cross saw to it that the family had a place to stay while they found a place to rent.

When someone suggested the family commit to a year-long lease at a temporary address, Campos found himself refusing without having a proper plan.

"We don't want to be in a lease," he said. "We want to get back as soon as we can get back on our feet."

Just how he will manage that while meeting mortgage payments and car payments on top of the \$800 he now pays for rent remains uncertain.

Campos visits the home every day to pick up his mail. Neighbors tell him to hurry up and move back.

As much as he loves visiting the home and contemplating how he will come back, he faces an additional obstacle: his 4-year-old son hates the sight of his old home.

"He doesn't want nothing to do with the house," Campos said. "He calls it the burn house. He won't stay by himself in the car. He is scared that everything will be burning. I don't leave him alone because he panics."

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Chris Campos stands amid the charred ruins of his home at the northwest corner of Tyler Street and Heyburn Avenue.

Legislators' names can be a minefield

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — What's in a name? Plenty, if you're House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum. Tired of having her name butchered by colleagues, she interrupted a House Revenue and Taxation Committee meeting Monday to offer a little phonetic direction on the northern Swiss surname she took when she married her husband, Jim.

"It's not jacket, juh-quet, jay-quet or jack-kay — though lawmakers have used all of those during her seven terms. "A person came up to me and said, 'You've got to fix this.' He thought it was a distraction that didn't reflect well on the entire body," Jaquet said. "Think of it like this: There was a guy named 'Jay,' and he 'quit his job.'"

Stop the slaughter

Some names in the State Legislature and their correct pronunciation:
• Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum: Jay-quet
• Rep. James Ruchti, D-Pocatello: Rock-toe
• Rep. John Vander Woude, R-Nampa: Van-der-Wow-duh

• Rep. Carlos Bilbao, R-Emmett: BIR-bow
• Rep. Janice McGeechin, R-Idaho Falls: McGee-in
• Sen. Edgar Matepaul, D-Pocatello: Mat-up-pay!

Culturally speaking, 96 percent-white Idaho has one of the most homogenous Legislatures in the nation. That hasn't stopped confusion from arising over how lawmakers pronounce each other's names, which generally represent the melange of Western European immigrants who settled Idaho since the 19th century.

For every Bradford, Broadsword and McGee, there is a Bilbao or a

McGeechin. Where there's a Patrick or a Wood, there's also a Pasley-Stuart and a Nonini.

"It's nothing new for me. People have always slaughtered my name," said Rep. James Ruchti, a Pocatello Democrat who pronounces his family name from Switzerland's Berner Oberland "Rock-toe" with a hard "ck" — not Rush-toe or Ruck-dash, as he's been called in the past two weeks.

In the House's seating, Ruchti is bookended by two other lifelong victims of phonetic flubbing: Rep. Nicole LeFavour, D-Boise, sits at his right; Rep. John Vander Woude, R-Nampa, is on Ruchti's left.

So far this year, LeFavour has been called LeFavor, LeFever and even LeFavoor, with an artistic but misguided flourish on the last syllable. LeFavour's nametag also was printed incorrectly as "LeFavour," something she was still working Monday to remedy.

"There are days I wonder," LeFavour says, when asked if she thinks members of her minority party have been targeted for mispronunciations by majority Republicans. House Democrats are out-numbered 51-19 by the GOP.

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Gender matters in preventing side effects from plasma transfusions

By Laura Neurgard
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The plasma transfused into victims of burns, car crashes and other serious conditions soon will come almost completely from men.

Make no mistake: Women need to donate blood now more than ever as blood supplies become more precarious

each year. But blood banks are beginning to separate out women's plasma — the liquid part of blood — in an effort to fight a mysterious lung injury that has become the nation's leading risk from transfusions.

Ask about blood safety and most people think of HIV or other diseases that, thanks to strict testing, are actually rare in U.S. transfusions. Today the

top threat is TRALI, or "transfusion-related acute lung injury," in which transfusions trigger reactions that fill patients' lungs with fluid, leaving them gasping for air.

There are no good counts, although TRALI is thought to strike a few hundred people a year and kill roughly 10 percent of them.

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What is TRALI?

- **Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury** is thought to strike a few hundred people a year and kill roughly 10 percent of them.
- No one knows exactly what causes TRALI. But certain immune cells carried by women who have been pregnant are emerging as a chief culprit.
- **Antibodies** — he produces the cells, called antibodies, in reaction to their fetus' foreign father cells.
- The antibodies do no harm to mother, baby or the vast majority of people who encounter them in a transfusion.
- Sixty percent of TRALI fatalities reported to the Red Cross were linked to plasma transfusions.
- The Red Cross has shifted to about 95 percent male-donated plasma for transfusions in a few parts of the country and is expanding the policy nationwide.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly sunny skies and seasonal temperatures. Highs in the lower 30s.
Tonight: Areas of fog likely, especially along the river. Lows in the lower to middle teens.
Tomorrow: Morning fog, then becoming partly to mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 30s, lows in the teens.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Deadline to RSVP for Friday's Magic Valley Symphony League Benefit Card Party. Fundraiser to support the league's work with homemade desserts, raffle tickets, prizes, bridge, pinocle (\$8 per play) and more, 12:30 p.m., Saint Edwards Parish Hall, Twin Falls, 734-5323.

CLUBS

Magic Valley Single Square Dance Club, workshop, new dancers at 7 p.m. and members at 8:30 p.m., El Sombrero Restaurant, Jerome, bring finger foods (P-Z), 733-8023 or 536-2243.

EDUCATION

Minico School Class of 1987 20-year reunion, July 7, www.highschoolforever.com or 679-3303 for information.

FAMILY

'Baby and Me' class, with topic 'Is Baby Sick?' for young parents with their babies or toddlers, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jerome Recreation Department, 2032 S. Lincoln, Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Haily, 788-5500.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.

Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 81 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438.

Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.

Jerome School Board, 6 p.m., Carter Luther Vocational Ag. Building, high school, 104 Tiger Drive, 324-8137.

Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 866-2030.

Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., 366-7418.

Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St., 834-4841.

Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8189.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Magerman High School Gym and 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Bunk Music School, no cost, 732-6475.

Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, fee for all senior citizens, 737-5946.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

MUSEUMS

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

List your event

To list events (including ongoing ones) in February's monthly calendar, submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number by noon Jan. 24 to Suzanne Browne, by e-mail, sbrowne@timesnews.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

To list events in the daily calendar, submit the event's name, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number using the contact information above. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

WEB READER REACTION

On 'Putting lives back on track' ...

GOOD CITIZENSHIP: 'Next step' recognizing these types of mental illnesses before crimes are committed. Our society only treats a crisis. You know the old saying, 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.' It would cost taxpayers even less if we didn't use the justice system as a means of discovering illness and addiction.'

On 'Coal story not over for Idaho' ...

LEE HALPER: 'Whoa, Matt, you're wrong about Butch not publicly expressing his opinion. During the campaign, Butch refused Brady's assertion that Butch was bought by Sempra through his TV ads, his makers, his interviews, etc. The message to the public was clear, he is NOT in favor of coal plants in Idaho and

Butch is a man of his word. The Legislators should be wary of the wrath of the public if they choose to go against the public will.'

On 'Magic Valley Catholics deliver message about Roe v. Wade' ...

ANGEL HAUSLEY: 'I am all for denying abortion if it is because an unexpected pregnancy occurred at the wrong time, but what about rapes and incest? I mean how can one bear a child and raise the child without any bad repercussions in the kind of situation?'

For more comments

Each story printed on Magic Valley.com has a link for readers to post comments. Comments are moderated by staff.

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Blindness doesn't slow this bird dog

TWIN FALLS — Bob, an 8-year-old yellow Lab, was hit by a car about six years ago. He lost his left eye and the vision in his right. Some owners would have euthanized the pet, but not Bill and Marie Radtke. At the time of the accident, they expected his duck-hunting days were over. They expected no more daily swims in the canal down the street. In fact, they didn't expect much out of Bob.

Bob doesn't care much for expectations.

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Twin Falls approves smoke ordinance

TWIN FALLS — Soon it will be a misdemeanor to operate any harmful smoke-emitting appliance — such as wood-burning stoves — with emissions exceeding 20 percent opacity.

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City does out \$84,000 in grants to groups

TWIN FALLS — The City Council doled out more than \$84,000 in grant money to six local, community-oriented agencies Monday and will reserve the remaining \$15,000 in case the groups need it this year. Based on applications and budget outlines from the groups, a three-member subcommittee of council members made recommendations to distribute the money.

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Jerome prosecutor search begins again

JEROME — The last time the Jerome Republican Central Committee ledled two candidates for the lead prosecutor job, it found both men equally capable, only to have one withdraw and the other be deemed unqualified by two county commissioners.

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Buhl woman injured in head-on collision

BUHL — A Buhl woman was injured after she fell asleep at the wheel, rear-ended a car and tumbled into a head-on collision with an oncoming vehicle.

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OBITUARIES

- Katherine "Kat" Thomas, age 68
Sylvia Mary Beck, 92
Cody Lee Moynihan, 25
Troy James Davernort, 47
Aldrich E. Bowler, 91
Tamara "Tammy" Marie (Sweet) Williams, 45

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Sun Microsystems close to deal with Intel

SAN FRANCISCO — Server and software maker Sun Microsystems Inc. has agreed to use chips from Intel Corp. in some of its servers and for Intel to endorse Sun's Solaris operating system, a person close to the deal told the AP late Sunday night. An announcement was expected Monday, according to the person, who requested anonymity because the deal had not been made public.

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Idaho Legislature gets off to slow start

BOISE — By two weeks into the 2005 legislative session, lawmakers had prepared 412 drafts of new bills to introduce in their committees. Last year, 500 pieces of would-be legislation were floating around the statehouse. This year? Just 388 potential new laws — about 22 percent fewer than by this time last year. This year has also seen the smallest number of bill introductions — drafts that are approved by a committee to be printed up become bills — in the last five years. Lawmakers say a larger number of freshmen legislators and the looming March 31 deadline for the end of the session are behind the slow start.

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Raptor experts back Eagle delisting

NAMPA — Removing bald eagles from the threatened and endangered species list means more money will be available to aid species that are in greater danger, experts in Idaho's raptor community contend. A federal judge in Minnesota gave the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until Feb. 16 to determine if bald eagles should be delisted under the Endangered Species Act. However, an agency official last month announced that bald eagles will officially be taken off the endangered species list in February.

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NATION/WORLD



Up to 100 people die in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Twin bombings Monday tore through stalls of vendors selling second-hand clothes and DVDs in a busy Baghdad market catering to Shiite Muslims during a religious festival. A market also was attacked north of the capital, and police said as many as 100 people died in the renewed campaign blamed on Sunni Muslim insurgents. The U.S. military also reported the deaths Sunday of two Marines, raising the two-day death toll to 27 in a particularly bloody weekend for American forces in Iraq.

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Insurgents claim downing helicopter

CAIRO, Egypt — An al-Qaida-linked coalition of Iraqi Sunni insurgents claimed Monday that its fighters shot down an American military helicopter in Iraq, posted the claim on an Islamic Web site, saying that "the lions of Iraq's Islamic state managed to down a Black Hawk on Saturday, which was followed by a clash with the Crusaders and that led to the destruction of two Humvees and the annihilation of those inside, thanks be to God."

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New passport rules start for air travelers

ATLANTA — Americans flying to Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean made sure to bring their passports Monday because of a new rule going into effect Tuesday that requires them to show one to get back into the country. Only about a quarter of U.S. citizens hold valid passports, and most Americans are accustomed to traveling to neighboring countries with just a driver's license or birth certificate, which have long been sufficient to get through airport customs on the trip home.

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Blood pressure readings lower in U.S.

CHICAGO — High blood pressure is controlled better in the United States than in five Western European countries, a study found, and researchers credit American doctors' more aggressive prescribing of drugs. The researchers pointed proudly to the findings, saying that the U.S. strategy of prescribing more pills earlier probably saves more overall by preventing heart attacks and strokes.

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SPORTS



Parcells leaves Dallas, retires from coaching

IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcells could have returned to the Dallas Cowboys for one more shot at becoming the first coach to lead three teams into the Super Bowl.

He could have come back to try ending the longest playoff drought in the franchise's proud history. Or he could have come back to finish what he started in developing quarterback Tony Tomo and a 3-4 defense.

Instead, 15 days after a gut-wrenching playoff loss in Seattle, Parcells decided Monday to call it a career, ending a four-year run in Dallas. Over 19 seasons in the NFL, Parcells led teams to three Super Bowls, winning two championships.

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Steelers hire Vikings' Tomlin as coach

PITTSBURGH — Mike Tomlin, the Minnesota Vikings' defensive coordinator, was hired by the Pittsburgh Steelers — the first black head coach in the team's 74-year history.

He accepted the job Sunday night and the hiring was announced Monday, with Tomlin expected to make about \$2.5 million a year under a four-year contract. He is the Steelers' third coach in 38 years, following Chuck Noll (23 seasons) and Bill Cowher (15 seasons).

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NASCAR makes changes to Chase

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR placed more emphasis on winning, widened the Chase for the championship from 12 drivers and created a post-season seeding system under a series of adjustments announced Monday. Starting this season, victories during the 26-race "championship" now will worth 18.5 points, an increase of five points. Assuming the winning driver also picks up other bonuses during the race, a victory now can be worth as much as 25 points more than second place.

In addition, those wins will be worth a 10-point bonus that will be used to "seed" the drivers when the 10-race Chase begins.

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Subscription information and contact details for Times-News, including phone numbers and website information.

Al-Qaida-linked insurgents claim to have downed a U.S. military helicopter

By Nadia Abu al-Hajj
Associated Press writer

CAIRO, Egypt — An al-Qaida-linked coalition of Iraqi Sunni insurgents claimed Monday that its fighters shot down an American military helicopter in a crash that killed 12 U.S. soldiers. The U.S. military has said the cause of the crash has not

been determined. The insurgent coalition, the Islamic State in Iraq, posted the claim on an Islamic Web site, saying that "the lions of Iraq's Islamic state managed to down a Black Hawk on Saturday, which was followed by a clash with the Crusaders, and that led to the destruction of two Humvees and the annihilation of those inside,

thanks be to God." The posting's authenticity could not be independently verified, but it appeared on a Web site used as a clearing house for militant statements. The Islamic State in Iraq is believed to be the political wing of al-Qaida in Iraq. The Army Black Hawk crashed in good weather in Diyala province, northeast of Baghdad, U.S. and Iraqi forces have been battling Sunni insurgents and Shiite militias for months in the province. A U.S. military spokeswoman, Lt. Col. Josslyn Aberte, said the cause had not been determined. Navy Capt. Frank Pascual, a member of a U.S. media relations team in the United Arab Emirates, told Al-Arabiya tele-

vision that the helicopter was believed to have suffered technical troubles before going down. In Washington, a senior U.S. military official said Monday that investigators had found debris near the crash scene that could belong to a shoulder-fired weapon which may have been used to shoot down the helicopter. The official,

who requested anonymity because the investigation is ongoing, said there was some belief that the piece of debris was a tube. Officials were still combing through the debris to make a final determination about the cause of the crash. The helicopter crash was the fourth deadliest since the start of the war in March 2003.

Names

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Vander Woode — pronounced Van-der-Wow-duh — says name butchering has been equal opportunity, as far as he's concerned.

"I have to tell people that it's 'Wow-duh,' but don't put too much emphasis on the 'Duh,'" said Vander Woode, a first-term representative and descendant of Dutch immigrants.

Rep. Carlos Bilbao, R-Emmett, in his third term, says he's used to folks not getting his name quite right.

"The Basque from Gem County pronounces his surname Bill-bow — the same as the Spanish city near the Atlantic Ocean's Bay of Biscay.

"On the phone, I try to say 'Rep. Carlos Bilbao,'" he said. "If I just say 'Rep. Bilbao,' I become 'Rep. Bill Bow.' Some people even equate me with Bilbao, the explorer. I get

many different names."

Lobbyists say they spend time at the start of each session familiarizing themselves with freshmen lawmakers, of which there are 23 in 2007. Getting their names wrong could spell death for the causes they are advocating.

"If you can't pronounce somebody's name, how far do you think you are going to get in a conversation to persuade them?" said Neil Colwell, a lobbyist for Avista Corp., a Spokane, Wash., utility with customers in northern Idaho. "It's a common courtesy."

Some lawmakers say having a tough-to-pronounce name does have its advantages.

"When people call me on the phone, I can usually recognize when it's a salesman. I can tell them, 'She's not here,'" said Rep. Janice McGeachin, R-Idaho Falls, who married into a

clan of Scottish Highlanders pronounced McGe-e-in, with the "eh" silent.

One of the Idaho Legislature's few members with minority heritage, Sen. Edgar Malepeal, D-Pocatello, and a Big Sky Conference college football referee, says he's been called so many things by coaches over the years he sometimes forgets how to pronounce his Samoan surname.

In the Senate, however, proper pronunciation has been used to symbolically welcome him and make it clear he's an accepted and respected member. Other senators learned quickly Malepeal has four syllables: "Mal-uh-pay-l."

"They've gone out of their way to ask me the correct pronunciation," Malepeal said. "They do very well."

If only Jaquet had it so good in the House, where Rep.

Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot and someone who historically has struggled with her name, promised to do his best.

"Rep. Jaquet, I'll try to remember that," Lake said, pronouncing her name Jay-kwet, not Jay-quit, as she'd asked.

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Blood

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It's a condition doctors don't always recognize since patients who need transfusions are seriously sick to begin with, but it's starting to gain attention.

"This is a bigger problem than we were aware of," says Dr. Richard Benjamin, chief medical officer of the American Red Cross. He began studying TRALI when cases reported to his agency almost doubled in two years.

No one knows exactly what causes TRALI. But certain immune cells, carried by plasma, may have been the culprit, emerging as a chief culprit, cells called antibodies that mothers-to-be produce in reaction to their fetus' foreign father cells.

The antibodies do no harm to mother, but by the vast majority of people who encounter them in a transfusion. What Celso Bianco, director of TRALI research at American Blood Centers calls "a horrible coincidence" in which the transfusion recipient has their blood cells that just happen to recognize and clash with the donor's antibodies.

When blood is donated, it is separated into its major parts — oxygen-carrying red blood cells that make up most transfusions, plus platelets and plasma. Those problem antibodies seem to cluster most in plasma. Indeed, Benjamin found 60 percent of TRALI fatalities reported to the Red Cross were linked to plasma transfusions.

That's good news, because it points to an easy way to reduce TRALI.

Only about a quarter of the plasma that blood banks collect is directly transfused. The rest is used to manufacture other lifesaving blood products, such as clotting factors for hemophiliacs or infection-fighting immune globulin. So three years ago, Britain began an experiment reserving male-donated plasma for transfusions, and separating plasma donated by women for manufacture into those other drugs. TRALI cases plummeted, researchers reported at an

international blood meeting last fall.

Now U.S. blood banks are following suit. The Red Cross, which provides about half of the nation's blood supply, already has shifted to about 95 percent male-donated plasma for transfusions in a few parts of the country and is expanding the policy nationwide this year. A number of independent

blood banks, which provide the other half of the nation's blood, are making the switch, too.

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Faculty from ISU's main campus will be available to answer questions about their departments and programs. It's your opportunity to talk to representatives from Dental Hygiene, Business, Education, Spanish, and the College of Technology.

Visit our local office for more information. We are located in the Evergreen Building Room B-40 on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Call (208) 736-2101 or e-mail vaagchri@isu.edu.



Pet of the Week

"Percy" is one of seven beautiful Australian Shepherd mix puppies who were abandoned as youngsters and are now ready for a home. Please come see him. He is a darling little boy and he needs you!

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AROUND THE WORLD

ILLINOIS U.S. doctors prescribe more drugs for blood pressure than Europeans

CHICAGO — High blood pressure is controlled better in the United States than in five Western European countries, a study found, and researchers credit American doctors' more aggressive prescribing of drugs.

The researchers pointed proudly to the findings, saying that the U.S. strategy of prescribing more pills earlier probably saves money overall by preventing heart attacks and strokes.

But other experts disputed that and questioned the cost-effectiveness of treating mildly high blood pressure.

The study was conducted by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania, University of Chicago and Stanford University and was published in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.

The researchers looked at doctors' reports on more than 21,000 patients treated for hypertension. They found that post-treatment blood pressure was 134 over 79 on average in the United States; 139/80 in France; 141/83 in Germany; 143/84 in Italy; 141/83 in Spain; and 144/82 in Britain.

A reading of 140/90 or above is considered high, both in America and abroad. High blood pressure raises the risk of a heart attack, stroke, heart failure and kidney failure.

GEORGIA New passport rules start Tuesday for air travelers

ATLANTA — Americans flying to Mexico, Canada and the

Caribbean made sure to bring their passports Monday because of a new rule going into effect today that requires them to show one to get back into the country.

Only about a quarter of U.S. citizens hold valid passports, and most Americans are accustomed to traveling to neighboring countries with just a driver's license or birth certificate, which have long been sufficient to get through airport customs on the trip home.

The new regulations requiring passports were adopted by Congress in 2004 to secure the borders against terrorists.

Travelers at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and other airports said they had no complaints about the requirement.

"I'd rather be going through a security check, than possibly being blown out of the air because of lack of security measures," John Golden of Columbus, Ga., who was headed to Cancun, Mexico.

Starting today, Canadian, Mexican and Bermudan air travelers, as well as U.S. citizens flying home from those countries or the Caribbean, must display their passports to enter the United States.

The only valid substitutes for a passport will be a NEXUS air card, used by some American and Canadian frequent fliers; identification as a U.S. Coast Guard merchant mariner; and the green card carried by legal permanent residents. Active members of the U.S. military are exempt.

For now, the rules affect only air travelers. Land and sea travelers will not have to show passports until at least January 2008. Air travelers who cannot produce a passport will be interviewed by customs agents, who will decide whether to let them into the country.

IRAQ Baghdad bombings kill at least 79

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The near simultaneous explosions of two powerful car bombs devastated a crowded street bazaar in central Baghdad Monday, killing at least 79 people, wounding more than 140 and showering the pavement with shards of metal, tattered vending carts and bloodied human remains.

The midday attack at the Bab al-Sherji market was the second mass-casualty bombing in Baghdad in a week and the deadliest of the year. The T-shirt vendors, DVD dealers and fruit-peddlers it targeted are primarily working-class Shiite Muslims, a sign that the Sunni Muslim insurgency remains capable of inflicting heavy losses even as Iraqi and U.S. forces prepare to impose a security crackdown.

The attack came as Shiites celebrate Ashura, the 10-day religious holiday commemorating the death of the prophet Muhammad's grandson in the 7th century.

The bombs exploded within seconds of each other around noon, a peak shopping time, and sent a dark mushroom of smoke high into the blue sky over Baghdad. Witnesses said a suicide attacker drove in with one of the bombs, veering his vehicle into a cluster of stands before blowing it up. A second car exploded about 150 yards to the northeast, along the same street.

At the Baghdad market, a female customer had just asked fruit vendor Ali Khadhim for oranges, so he turned from his wooden trolley to fill her order when the bomb went off. The force of the blast launched him about 10 yards, he said, and by the

time he recovered his bearings, the oranges lay scattered on the ground and the woman was gone.

AUSTRIA Alps' glaciers will vanish by 2050 experts predict

VIENNA, Austria — Glaciers will all but disappear from the Alps by 2050, scientists warned Monday, basing their bleak outlook on mounting evidence of slow but steady melting of the continental ice sheets.

In western Austria's Alpine province of Tyrol, glaciers have been shrinking by about 3 percent a year, said Roland Pfenner of the University of Innsbruck's Institute for Ecology.

And 2050 is a conservative estimate, he said: If they keep melting at that rate, most glaciers could vanish by 2037.

"The future looks rather bleak," he said. Experts at a regional conference on the Alps, held annually in the mountain resort of Alpbach, stopped short of "blatantly global warming," but they called for a review of preventive measures to protect people living in valleys at risk of dangerous flooding.

Runoff from melting glaciers caused severe flooding that devastated parts of Switzerland in the summer of 2005.

Glacial melting is a global problem, according to the Zurich-based World Glacier Monitoring Service, which keeps tabs on 30 ice sheets in nine mountain ranges worldwide and says their average mass is steadily eroding.

Glaciers are the planet's largest source of fresh water after polar ice, which scientists say also is melting to 100-year lows.

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EDITORIAL

Idaho gains Smith, but loses clout on court

One of Idaho's best legal minds appears headed for the federal courts. Sixth District Judge Randy Smith of Pocatello was re-nominated to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals last week by President Bush.

Smith's presence on the 9th Circuit will be a victory of sorts — and at the same time, a partial defeat.

Bush switched Smith's nomination to a different vacancy. Rather than being the replacement for Judge Stephen Trott, Smith will now replace Thomas G. Nelson.

William Myers III, the president's first nominee for the Nelson vacancy, went nowhere over three years in the U.S. Senate. He withdrew his name earlier this month.

Smith, who served as state GOP chairman before going to the bench, is a dyed-in-the-wool Idahoan with thick bipartisan support. But when Smith was nominated for Trott's vacancy in 2005, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., blocked the nomination, saying Trott was a California judge and his seat on the 9th was a California seat.

Trott countered that Feinstein was wrong on both counts. Trott was appointed by President Reagan while living in Virginia, then moved to Boise. Secondly, judgeship seats don't stay with states. Trott's seat has gone through four states since 1935.

But Senate leaders still didn't go to the mat for Smith and the president's nominees. "They never did schedule a vote, for whatever reason," said Dan Whiting, a spokesman for Idaho Sen. Larry Craig. "It was probably politics beyond Randy Smith."

Senate Judiciary Chairman Pat Leahy, D-Vt., recently told Craig and Bush that Smith would see swift confirmation if he were put into the Nelson vacancy.

"For now, he saw an opportunity to get Randy Smith confirmed in a promised expeditious manner," Whiting added.

Bush and the Idaho delegation are still of the mind that Trott's seat is an Idaho vacancy. But Senate leaders have given California all the spoils by ducking a fight. Now it appears the 9th Circuit judgeships will be determined largely by population.

As *The Sacramento Bee* thundered down on Idaho's Lilliputians in a recent editorial: "By far, the largest number of federal appeals cases comes from California (nearly 10,000 last year, 70 percent of the total), but only half of the judgeships are assigned to California ... Only 167 cases were filed in Idaho last year, 1.2 percent of the 9th Circuit's cases. Only Alaska had fewer case filings. The one judgeship assigned to Idaho is more than enough to handle the caseload."

That argument isn't just flawed, it's also inconsistent. For starters, judges don't just die cases from within their boundaries. Second, if the 9th Circuit is to be based on California's population, why do its rulings alter the legal landscape far beyond its borders into eight other states? Feinstein and senators like her insist on judicial nominees who lean left on land resource laws. Endangered Species Act enforcement and water doctrine. The result is a legal imbalance felt across the West.

California's caseload also creates an enormous legal backlog, yet Feinstein and others refuse to split the circuit. Apparently, if you remove those states with the largest portions of public land (Alaska, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Arizona), the influence of the 9th is substantially eroded.

Feinstein and her ilk can't have it both ways. If they want the Golden State's judicial influence to be vast and unchallenged, let them have a legal kingdom unto their own.

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Judicial system leans extra hard on accused

During Salem's witch trials, based on hearsay, people were tried and executed. The difference now is method and implementation.

Currently, you're innocent until proven guilty beyond reasonable doubt. No, wait, that's an alternate dimension.

Here, vague or ambiguous laws are resurrected, justifying persecution. Guilt is established unless innocence is proven beyond reasonable doubt.

Imagine you're 17 and awaiting trial despite an officer and 30 witnesses placing

you elsewhere at the time of the crime. Although the accuser's history of false allegations was uncovered, that person's whereabouts preceding statement remain overlooked.

Convicting evidence, accuser's statement, and investigator's recollection of unphotographed search. The verdict, guilty. Typically, probation officers (title requires 80 hours basic training) prepare presentence report—recommendation (summarizing history and case facts) to be utilized by a sentencing judge.

Misled by the investigator and anticipating probation, instead you're committed,

We're in bipartisan nirvana. Bills are passing through the House 356-71 and through the Senate 96-2. Nancy Pelosi is aglow, and this week President Bush will trot out the State of the Union speech so conciliatory in tone it'll sound like Gandhi on Quaaludes.

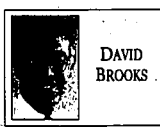
The question is: What is all this good cheer accomplishing? It's time to render judgment on the substance of all this legislation coursing through the Democratic Congress.

ETHICS REFORM: A- This is the best thing the Democrats have done. The bans on lobbyist-financed gifts, meals and travel are unimportant. Few legislators are corrupted by a steak or even a role in a Gulfstream. But there are measures in the tough Senate bill that will change behavior. Legislators will have to wait two years before becoming lobbyists. Lobbyists will have to disclose donations they collect and bundle. There will be more transparency on earmarks. If this bill becomes law, the Democrats will have done something significant to clean up Washington.

MINIMUM WAGE: B- The traditional argument against raising the minimum wage is that higher labor costs mean that employers hire fewer workers. It's hard to believe this burden will cost many jobs, given how low the minimum wage is now. On the other hand, raising the minimum wage won't be of much benefit to the working class. Only 16 percent of all wage workers make the minimum, and many of those are middle-class teenagers or recent grads.

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The economist Richard Burkhauser of Cornell and Joseph Sabia of the University of Georgia estimate that a mere 12.7 percent of the benefits of a federal minimum wage hike would go to poor families, while 63 percent would go to families earning more than twice the poverty line. In sum, a poorly targeted publicity measure that will nonetheless help some people in need. Raising the earned-income tax credit would have been better.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: D. While they were the opposition, Democrats fulminated that the Republicans were so deep in the pockets of Big Pharma that they wouldn't even let the government negotiate lower drug prices. But governing is harder than kvetching, and the Congressional Budget Office has concluded that a Democratic plan would have a negligible effect on prices for the elderly.

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plete college. Over the past three decades, the federal government has spent more than \$750 billion on financial aid, with spending levels exploding over the past 10 years. This money has done little to improve graduation rates. That's because relatively few students can't complete college for financial reasons.

Study after study has failed to find any link between recent federal subsidy programs and college attendance. Democrats would have been better off streamlining existing aid or focusing their efforts on Pell grants.

ENERGY POLICIES: A- Democrats have voted to reduce some of the government's oil and gas subsidies and shift them toward renewable energy. As Jerry Taylor wrote in *The National Review* recently, the case for the existing oil subsidies is "laughably thin." In fact, it's too bad Congress didn't take an even bigger slice out of corporate port-

folios.

ported to enact all the recommendations, but immediately backtracked on the one the commission said was "among the most difficult and important": strengthening congressional oversight. No guts, no glory.

STEM CELL RESEARCH: B. The House voted 253-174 to reverse the Bush restriction on embryonic stem cell research funding (not enough to overturn a veto). A good move, for most of us. But it's hard to judge the practical consequences, given how distant the benefits of this research are, and the fact that recent conventions like the academic stem cells might alter the whole debate.

In conclusion, if a world Mr. Chips were to step back and render a judgment on the new Congress so far, he'd opt for the one that's not a terribly ambitious student. It hasn't tried anything big. It has a weakness for showy symbolism and middle-class subsidies. Still, at least it hasn't humiliated the nation the way the last Congress did, and it looks set to do some modest good.

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After Sun Valley, Terminator turns it down a notch

George Skelton

George Skelton has a broken leg. In fact, he probably has gained ground on crutches.

That isn't a measurement based on polls or any progress toward achieving his new No. 1 priority: health care for all Californians.

It is based on his improved verbal communication — not so much in content, although that's fine, but in upgraded delivery.

Upgraded as in some signs of humility and less hubris. More charm without being cocky. Inflexion in his voice, not bombast. Subdued rather than strident. More thoughtful, less theatrical.

It's not fully the governor. No longer the Terminator. In truth, of course, Schwarzenegger calmed down more than a year ago, dropping the bully act after getting thrashed by voters in a special election on his "reforms." He had been "too pushy," the governor conceded Sunday on ABC-TV's *This Week* With George Stephanopoulos.

"Attacking people and saying 'jerk me!' and all those things ... I didn't know any better. ... I've learned that there's a better way, and that is to bring people together, not to insult them."

But Schwarzenegger has elevated his communicating to an even higher level — a necessity if he's going to sell the public on sweeping health-care and costly public-works programs.

I credit the fractured femur. Any link between the busted thigh, suffered during a skiing trip to Sun Valley, and better oratory is purely speculative. But I'm not alone in noticing marked improvement over previous efforts in his recent inaugural and State of the State addresses.

"It was toned down by 10 on a scale of 50," says Barbara O'Connor, a political communications professor at Cal State Sacramento and a longtime Democratic activist. "The pain pills will do that for you."

O'Connor knows. She has had both hips replaced. "I think it clearly was in a lot of pain," she says. "I tried to envision myself with a pin in my femur. For me, it was just a fight to get to the bathroom. He was trying to hold himself up and stand on one foot. I gave him lots of credit."

Schwarzenegger also had a hip replacement that he says contributed to his freak skiing accident "at a very slow speed." When Stephanopoulos asked him how he withstood the pain while keeping a smile,

the governor replied: "Fake."

It's 24 hours a day throbbing pain. You only need to take a little bit of medication because otherwise, you know, you may forget what you want to say and you start slurring."

O'Connor believes that Schwarzenegger "realizes his mortality" after badly breaking the leg, following a previous heart valve replacement, torn rotator cuff, broken ribs and the hip replacement.

That might seem like pop psychology, but it makes some sense.

In his speeches, O'Connor says, Schwarzenegger has been coming across "more humble and earnest. Less bravado and more human. And I think that enhances the content."

Republican consultant Dan Schuur, who was Gov. Pete Wilson's communications director, puts it this way: "Action heroes don't need to be post-partisan. They can do whatever they want."

"The Terminator couldn't have pulled off" a speech urging post-partisanship, he continues, because the role wouldn't have fit him. "But it was just right for Gov. Schwarzenegger."

Schuur says, "The broken leg may have dialed him down a couple of notches. One of the reasons he was so effective is that he was more subdued."

Leaning on those crutches, says Steve Merksamer, a

lawyer-lobbyist who was Gov. George Deukmejian's chief of staff, Schwarzenegger showed everyone that "he's not the indestructible man. He's human. Like the rest of us."

And that's in line with his "transformation from being a movie star to being a politician leader," Merksamer adds.

Governing is "not all action, action. It requires patience, patience. He has learned that."

The inaugural address was the best oratory I've heard from Schwarzenegger in terms of projecting sincerity and not seeming scripted. The State of the State was just as amazing, given these speeches' traditional lengths and that they too often resemble a recitation of every Cabinet member's wish list. This one seemed heartfelt.

The same applies to Schwarzenegger's high-profile unveiling of his health-care plan and proposed new budget — and a luncheon speech at the Sacramento Press Club on Wednesday. During a Q & A, the Republican governor seemed to hint at the possibility of endorsing a Democrat for president but later backed off. Must have been the pain pills talking.

Otherwise, Schwarzenegger has been on a roll, even on crutches — actually, because of them.

George Skelton is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

LETTERS

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Harsh winter silences

Global warming experts

Two feet of snow in Denver. Blizzard in the plains. 15 feet of snowdrifts, people and cattle stranded, thousands without power. Ice storms in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and power lines down, more than 500,000 without power. Snow in Los Angeles, freezing in central California; 75 percent of citrus crop frozen.

The global warming experts are strangely silent.

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An election campaign like no other

Fund-raisers on the left and right are salivating now that Sen. Hillary Clinton has declared, "I'm in" the 2008 presidential race. On the left, feminists will likely hail her as the reincarnation of suffragette Susan B. Anthony.



CAL THOMAS

On the right, conservatives will portray her as a cross between Lady Macbeth and Bonnie Parker. Conservatives should be careful. The nonstop attacks on Bill Clinton did not keep him from winning in 1992, nor did his personal scandals prevent his re-election four years later. Using similar smear tactics on Hillary Clinton will only turn her into a victim and cause many not predisposed to vote for her to support her.

Men can't run against a woman the way they run against other men. Former Republican Congressman Rick Lazio learned the double standard voters apply to a female candidate when he challenged her in 2000 for the New York Senate seat she now holds. During a debate, Lazio left his lectern and invaded her personal space to make a point. Many voters saw a man trying to physically intimidate a woman and Lazio lost the debate and the election.

Some conservative Web sites are already claiming Sen.

Clinton will unite the Republican base like no other Democratic candidate. Maybe, but that base is too small to counter what surely will be a surge in female voters. A recent USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll found that six out of 10 women were likely to support Clinton in her run for the White House. A major advantage for Republicans is that Hillary is not her husband. She is aloof and calculating, while he can be warm and engaging. We have seen his temper — most recently in an interview with Fox's Chris Wallace — but we have only heard about hers. Will the public accept this kind of behavior from a woman who wants to be president? Will such behavior be seen as strength or character weakness?

In an interview with the *London Sunday Times*, Clinton's campaign manager, Terry McAuliffe, compared her to former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. "Their policies are totally dif-

ferent," McAuliffe said, "but they are both perceived as very tough." Hillary Clinton and Margaret Thatcher are as different as Phyllis Schlafly and Gloria Steinem. Toughness in the pursuit of bad ideas is as unhelpful as weakness in pursuit of good ones.

In her videotaped announcement, which emulated Sen. Barack Obama's announcement of his presidential candidacy last week, Sen. Clinton ticked off the issues about which she is ticked off, because she says the Bush administration has failed to deal with them. They include health care, Social Security, Medicare and Iraq. The Bush administration has attempted to address all of these, but Democrats have blocked any progress. It's an old political trick. You work against success and then blame failure on the president.

The Clintons have a well-oiled political machine that neutralizes people who get in the way of their pursuit of wealth and power. Sen. Clinton sounded as if she is ready to haul out that machine again when she said, "I have never been afraid to stand up for what I believe in or to face down the Republican machine. After nearly \$70 million spent

against my campaigns in New York and two landslide wins, I can say I know how Washington Republicans think, how they operate, and how to beat them."

Media reports speak of this being the most "diverse" presidential race ever with a woman, Clinton, an African-American (Obama) and a Hispanic (New Mexico's Bill Richardson). But this is not ideological diversity, as all are liberals. This race shouldn't be about race, gender, or ethnicity, but ideas. The big media, so far, have tossed Sen. Clinton softball questions. Handlers have been able to get away with limiting questions to pre-approved subjects. The public will demand more from her and the media in a presidential campaign.

There has never been a campaign like the one the country is about to experience. The focus should not be on gender or any other side issue, but on who is best qualified to defend the country against its many enemies, foreign and domestic. Look for the dirtiest, meanest and most costly presidential campaign in history in pursuit of the answer.

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Alaskan gray wolf is not a species native to Idaho

The Alaskan gray wolf is not and never has been native to Idaho. Idaho was suckered into this situation as we have our own native species, which is the less aggressive, smaller timber wolf, which is not endangered.

I have a brother in Alaska who tells me that the Alaska gray wolf is a ruthless, devastating killer of wildlife in Alaska and, yes, of humans. The Alaskan gray wolf is considered a predatory, actively hunted by Alaska state wildlife officials. It is responsible for dramatically reducing caribou and moose herds and changing wildlife migration patterns.

The Alaska gray wolf was first introduced in Idaho as an "experimental" species. After introduction, the bureaucrats quickly changed the designation from experimental to "endangered." Our native Idaho wildlife and livestock are "babers in the woods" to these ferrous, vicious killers. As a native Idahoan and avid outdoorsman, I've wit-

nessed firsthand how these predators kill elk. They are causing dramatic reductions in our wildlife population and forcing changes in wildlife migratory patterns which could eventually lead to extinction of the Rocky Mountain elk species in Idaho.

The wolves' main prey is the young and defenseless. They often kill for the sport of it and not for food. They go after the young first, and then when they wipe them out, they take the adults. There is no quick kill — just a slow gruesome, agonizing, slow death.

While our Washington bureaucrats debate "endangered vs. threatened" designation, these wolves are running unencumbered devastating our wildlife populations. This is a tragic situation and needs to be dealt with forcefully and decisively. We need representatives like Butch Otter with enough backbone to properly represent us Idahoans. Unfortunately, our other representatives like Craig Simpson and others don't appear to fall in this category.

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CALIFORNIA High court strikes down Calif. sentencing law

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday struck down California's sentencing law and strongly reaffirmed the court's view that judges may not impose tough prison time based on factors that have not been determined by a jury.

The 6 to 3 decision orders California to overhaul its method of sentencing criminal defendants, which could mean shorter prison terms for thousands of state prisoners. For other states and the federal government, it was the latest in a series of rulings going back to 2000 that restrict a judge's ability to find the aggravating factors that would allow for tougher sentences.

"This court has repeatedly held that, under the Sixth Amendment, any fact that exposes a defendant to a greater potential sentence must be found by the jury, not a judge, and established beyond a reasonable doubt, not merely by a preponderance of the evidence," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the majority.

It was a majority that gives credence to the justices' often-made complaint about attempts to peg them as either liberal or conservative.

The prevailing side in Cunningham v. California consisted of Ginsburg, Clarence Thomas, Antonin Scalia, John Paul Stevens and Chief Justice John Roberts. The newest justice, Samuel Alito, wrote a dissent that was joined by Stephen Breyer and Anthony Kennedy, who also filed a separate dissent.

IDAHO

Freshmen, building renovations mean slow start for lawmakers

BOISE — Two weeks into the 2007 legislative session, lawmakers had drafted 412 new bills to introduce to their committees. Last year, 500 pieces of would-be legislation were floating around the state Capitol by the same period.

This year? Just 300 potential new laws have been drafted — about 22 percent fewer than the "same time last year, according to the legislative services office.

This year has also seen the smallest number of bill introductions — drafts approved by a committee that are printed up and become bills subject to a hearing — in the last five years.

Lawmakers say a large number of freshmen legislators and a looming deadline for the end of the session may be behind the slow start. This year's legislature has 23 new lawmakers.

"The freshmen, they don't really get their bearings until the second year in," said House Speaker Lawrence Denney. B. Malvale, who is in his first year as House leader, "And I can say it certainly doesn't feel any slower."

Inexperienced lawmakers aren't the only culprits. With 22 freshmen two years ago, the legislature still pumped out 24 more drafts and 15 percent more bills than this year.

But two years ago, there was no Capitol renovation project — a \$130 million undertaking to add two 50,000 square-foot underground wings to the 100-year-old building.

Bald eagle delisting draws support from raptor experts

NAMPA — Removing bald eagles from the endangered species list means more money could be available to aid species that are in greater danger. Idaho raptor experts say.

A federal judge in Minnesota gave the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until Feb. 16 to determine if bald eagles should be delisted under the Endangered Species Act. However, an agency official last month announced that bald eagles will officially be taken off the endangered species list in February, but will remain pro-

TECTED under other federal laws.

Rick Watson, international program director for the Boise-based World Center for Birds of Prey/Peregrine Fund, said delisting bald eagles is the appropriate move.

"You only want to provide that level of protection to species that really need it, partly because federal or state funding may be directed at those species that are listed as endangered," Watson said.

"At the same time, if a species doesn't warrant protection, then it's the responsible thing

to take it off the list, so as not to waste time and effort," he said.

Run under the auspices of the Peregrine Fund, the World Center monitors Aplomado falcons and California condors. In the past, it tracked peregrine falcons, which were delisted as endangered in 1993.

BRITISH COLUMBIA Man accused of killing 26 women goes to trial

NEW WESTMINSTER, British Columbia — A

Canadian pig farmer confessed to killing 49 women and was caught before he could reach his goal of making it an even 50, prosecutors told jurors at the start of his murder trial Monday.

Robert William Pickton, 56, has been charged with killing 26 women, mostly prostitutes and drug addicts who vanished from Vancouver's impoverished Downtown Eastside neighborhood in the 1990s.

Prosecutor Derrill Prevett stunned the courtroom by saying that Pickton told investi-

gators, including an undercover officer planted in his jail cell, that he had slain 49 women.

"I was going to do one more and make it an even 50," Prevett quoted Pickton as telling investigators. "I made my own grave by being sloppy."

Pickton has pleaded not guilty to six counts of first degree murder in what is expected to be the most macabre and lengthy murder trial in Canadian history. The other 20 counts are expected to be heard at a later trial. If

convicted, he faces life in prison. Canada abolished the death penalty in 1976.

Defense lawyer Peter Ritchie told jurors that Pickton did not kill or participate in the murders of the six women covered in the first trial.

Ritchie asked the jury to pay close attention to Pickton's demeanor in the videotapes with his interrogators, in particular his level of sophistication. He asked the jury to listen closely to details regarding Pickton's relationship with his brother, David.

— compiled from wire reports

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Hagerman girls pull away from Lighthouse Christian

Pirates keep rolling heading into Southside tournament

By John Derr
Times-News writer

JEROME—The Hagerman Pirates jumped out of the gate quickly then pulled away again in the final period to earn the 54-30 victory over Lighthouse Christian in Magic Valley Southside Conference girls' basketball action Monday night in Jerome. A 22-1 first-quarter advantage after there was too big of a hole for the Lions to climb out of as both teams ended their regular seasons and head to tournament play later this week.

Hagerman will be the top seed while Lighthouse Christian will

either be the fifth or sixth seed. Breecia Mangum led the Pirates with 14 points, dominating in the paint.

"Rebounding is my favorite thing to do so I try to work hard at it," said Mangum, a sophomore.

The Pirates opened the game with a 7-0 run behind a Chancee Axelson 3-pointer. Charli Gisler chipped in a pair of buckets while Mangum scored five straight points late, giving Hagerman the early lead.

"We really focus on defense, stealing the ball and pushing it up the court," said Gisler, who chipped in 10 points.

The Lions, playing without starter

Ambur Ulrich, missed all eight of their attempts while Hagerman converted on 9-of-14 from the field.

"That first quarter we couldn't hit a whole lot and they can shoot the ball," said Lighthouse Christian coach Jake Tolman, who called two timeouts to try and settle his troops. "We collected ourselves at halftime, but it was probably too little to late. I was pleased with their effort."

Hagerman continued to hit from the outside while the Lions continued to struggle. Finally at the 4:22 mark of the second period, Vanessa Wendland converted the putback for Lighthouse Christian's first basket of the evening.

Kirkland added another bucket in the paint and Taylor Kirkdorfer added an old-fashioned 3-point play as Lighthouse outscored the Pirates in the quarter, but still trailed 30-11 at the half.

The teams continued to battle in

"We really focus on defense, stealing the ball and pushing it up the court."

— Charli Gisler, Hagerman sophomore guard

the third. Mangum kept attacking the boards for Hagerman and collecting the putbacks while Staci Beukers and Marena Hoehoe knocked down jumpers for Lighthouse Christian.

Kirkland and Kirkdorfer each scored in the paint and suddenly the deficit was down to 13 points. Then it was the Pirates who were cold from the field. Wendland led the Lions with 12 points while Kirkdorfer chipped in nine.

The Pirates got back to business in

the fourth. Christine Regnier came off the bench to convert the old-fashioned 3-point play. Gisler added a bucket as Hagerman opened the final period on a 12-1 run to put the game away.

"We relaxed and they came back. We needed to pick it up again," added Mangum.

Amanda Regnier came off the bench to score six points late as the Pirates pulled away down the stretch.

In junior varsity action Hagerman earned the sweep with the victory.

Hagerman 54, Lighthouse Christian 30
52-118-50
5-12 127-50

HAGERMAN
Shanley Pendergast 22, Chancee Axelson 12, Marena Hoehoe 11, Vanessa Wendland 6, Charli Gisler 3, Taylor Kirkdorfer 3, 3-3
Total: 51-83-20

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN (20)
Ashley Berhardt 1, 2-2, Staci Beukers 11, Marena Hoehoe 2
OO 4, Vanessa Wendland 4, 4-7, Taylor Kirkdorfer 3, 3-3
Total: 18-52-20
3-point guide: Hagerman 2 (Gisler, Mangum, Gabel); Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.



Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells is silhouetted before a football game against the Indianapolis Colts in Irving, Texas, in this Nov. 19, 2006 file photo. Parcells retired from coaching Monday, ending a career that featured three Super Bowl appearances and two championships.

A Cowboy no more

Parcells leaves Dallas, retires from coaching

By James Aron
Associated Press writer

IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcells could have returned to the Dallas Cowboys for one more shot at becoming the first coach to lead three teams into the Super Bowl. He could have come back to try ending the longest playoff drought in the franchise's proud history. Or he could have come back to finish what he started in developing quarterback Tony Romo and a 3-4 defense.

Instead, 15 days after a gut-wrenching playoff loss in Seattle,

A Cowboy rides into the sunset

Bill Parcells announced his retirement from the Cowboys after four seasons in Dallas. He became the first head coach in NFL history to lead four different teams to the playoffs.

RECORD	REGULAR SEASON	Super Bowl wins
Giants (1983-90)	77-48-1	6-3
Patriots (1993-96)	32-32	2-2
Jets (1997-99)	29-19	1-1
Cowboys (2000-06)	34-30	0-2

All-time NFL career coaching wins

1. Don Shula	347
2. George Halas	324
3. Tom Landry	279
4. Curly Lambeau	229
5. Chuck Noll	209
6. M. Schottenheimer	205
7. Dan Reeves	201
8. Chuck Knox	193
9. Bill Parcells	183

SOURCE: National Football League



Bowls, winning two championships. "I am returning from coaching football," Parcells said in a state-

ment. "I want to thank Jerry Jones and Stephen Jones for their tremendous support over the last four years. Also, the players, my coaching staff and others in the support group who have done so much to help Dallas is a great city and the Cowboys are an integral part of it. I am hopeful that they are able to go forward from here."

Known for a gruff demeanor and colorful quotes, Parcells leaves with the ninth most wins in NFL history and a career record of 183-136-1. He was 34-32 in Dallas, counting two playoff losses. He had one year left at more than \$5 million on a contract extension signed last January.

"I am in good health and feel lucky to have been able to coach in the NFL for an extended period of time," the 65-year-old coach said.

Although he failed to make the Cowboys champions again, Parcells

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Is it retirement or 'retirement' for Bill Parcells?

In 1979, Bill Parcells accepted a job to become linebackers coach of the New York Giants. He then backed out, persuaded by his wife and daughters to stay in Colorado, where had been head coach at Air Force.

"A year later, he got the same job with the New England Patriots. A year after that, he became the Giants' defensive coordinator, signing a rookie linebacker named Lawrence Taylor.

"A quarter-century later, he has led football — or so he says.

"Bill can always tell you his game plan for the next three games. But he rarely can tell you



DAVID GOLDBERG

what he'll do the next day, let alone the next month or the next year," the late George Young, Parcells' boss during eight seasons in which he won his only two Super Bowls, often said.

Which raises a question: Is Parcells' retirement — the second time breaking his own rule of

"retirement" He's said to have put out feelers about coming back to New Jersey to take the Giants' general manager job that was filled from within by Jerry Reese. And there are expected to be a number of coaching vacancies after next season — New York's Tom Coughlin, a Patriots disciple, could be one and so could Joe Gibbs, his longtime rival in Washington.

Young knew Parcells as well as anyone.

As the Giants' general manager from 1979-97, he hired Parcells as an assistant coach — the second time breaking his own rule of

"never hiring a guy who quits on me." Then, when Ray Perkins quit as coach to succeed head coach Tom Allen in Alabama, Young gave Parcells his first NFL head coaching job, forging a sometimes turbulent relationship that brought the Giants their titles after the 1986 and 1990 seasons.

The Tuna (a sobriquet given him in 1980) by his New England linebacking corps) went on to coach the Patriots, Jets and Cowboys, moving a step backward at each stop. He got New England to the Super Bowl after the 1996 season

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Big week for Bruins

Bruin boys seek key league wins

By Brad Guire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Now that the Twin Falls Bruins boys basketball team has confidence-building win to build off of a 44-30 victory over Skyline, where do they go from here?

Obviously, win again. With only three conference games left until the Region Four Five-Six tournament, the Bruins need every win they can get. With the exception of 5-0 Madison, the other four slots are up for grabs as the Bruins, Skyline, Idaho Falls and Highland are all sub-500 teams that can have flashes of brilliance, but also struggles. The next two weeks determine seeding, and it doesn't get much more important than that.

Twin Falls beat the Tigers back in December and can open up the conference record with a sweep of the series.



Girls

It's in the books, folks. Nothing left to see here as far as the regular season goes. The Bruins will play a few nonconference games against Minico and Jerome, but the true challenge lies ahead.

Next week is the start of the Region Four-Five-Six tournament with a slot at the Class 5A state tournament on the line. The Bruins open the tournament at home against Idaho Falls on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

Wrestling

The Bruins grapplers will face the best in the state at Minico High School's Red Hawsers Memorial Wrestling Invitational in Rupert on Friday.

Other area teams at the invitational are Bull, Burley, Jerome, Kimberly and Minico, and other teams from around the state are Blackfoot, Bonneville, Borah, Centennial, Eagle, Highland, Idaho Falls, Madison, Meridian, Mountain View, Nampa, Pocatello, High, Sandpoint, Skyline, Snake River and Timbeline.

Tickets for all sessions are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students, while general admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Children under age 8 will be admitted at no charge.

Brain Rebound

Brw

Tonight's Twin Falls (6A, 2-3 Region Four-Five-Six) begins to Idaho Falls to take on the 2-2 (6-8 Overall) Tigers.

On the Outside: Underdog Madison (1-4-0, 5-0 Region Four-Five-Six) comes to Baun Gymnasium on Thursday. Early also visits on Wednesday, Jan. 31, before the Bruins hit Highland (4-5, 2-3) in Pocatello for the final conference game of the regular season on Friday, Feb. 2.

Grw

Wednesday's Twin Falls (15-2, 8-0 Region Four-Five-Six) faces Minico in Rupert.

On the Outside: The Bruins are done in conference, but have another nonconference game at Jerome before they begin in the conference tournament next week.

COMICS

B.O. By Johnny Hart

I THINK I'M LOSING MY HEARING!
HOW CAN YOU TELL?
...NEVER MIND.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

DON'T FORGET THAT TOMORROW IS YOUR DENTIST APPOINTMENT.
NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!
WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM WITH GOING TO THE DENTIST?
I HAVE TROUBLE OPENING MY MOUTH WHEN I SMILE.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

IT'S THE NEW MC BRAIN DRAIN!
NICE COLORS.
You're really giving him...
a rearview mirror decoration.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

PLEASE HELP!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

I AM AN ALIEN WITH HIGHLY ADVANCED INTELLIGENCE. I HAVE COME TO SHARE MY GENIUS WITH THIS COMPANY.
ME TOO. BUT THEY DON'T LIKE THAT SORT OF THING HERE.
IT'S A QUAGMIRE.

Doonesbury By Lynn Trudeau

THE PROBLEM WITH ATTRACTING THE GIRLS IS THAT THERE ARE 50 MILLION OVERSIGHT PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY.
SO I'M WORRYING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO PUT ME ON AN IN-SHOW AND WANT TO LOOK AT SCORES? NO ONE!
IF YOU'RE UNATTRACTIVE, YOU'RE NOT THERE! NO ONE'S GOING TO CARE!
ABOUT LOOKING IT UP IN MY 'DUSTY' UP SECTOR!

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Dushy, you've been on this computer for hours.
I'm preparin' 'em for the Cowboy Poetry Gathering.
The one in Nevada?
Yep. I can't go, so I'm sendin' my poem by mail.
Are there prizes?
Sure, but better than that - if you come in first, you're named the official "poet laureat".

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

SHE'LL COME DOWN ON HER OWN MOM!
SHE'LL CLIMB DOWN MY TAIL!
WELL, SHE'LL CLIMB DOWN MY TAIL!
WE NEED CLIPPING NEWS!
WHEN I CAN GET ALL THE FILLINGS!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

BANK CHECKING AND SAVINGS
IT'S A NEW POLICY, SIR... THERE'S A SUBSTANTIAL PENALTY FOR ANY KIND OF WITHDRAWAL.

Luann By Greg Evans

I FOUND HER!
WHO?
MY BETH MOM!
YEAH? MAN, YOU BEEN LOOKIN' A LONG TIME, RIGHT?
"SHE'S HERE NOW HERE SHE IS - AND I'M... RETIRED."
SCARED THAN ACCUSING MOOTHS WANT!

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

NOW! THE FDA HAS APPROVED A NEW DRUG TO HANDLE THE NATIONAL DOG-OBESITY EPIDEMIC!
I WASN'T AWARE THAT WE HAD A SERIOUS FAT DOG PROBLEM...
CALLOUS CONSERVATIVES INDEPENDENT TO LOOKING DOG-OBESITY EPIDEMIC!

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

MY GIRL LEFT ME!
HEY, SORRY TO HEAR THAT, PAL. THAT HAPPENED TO A COUPLE MONTHS BACK. WHAT WAS IT ANOTHER GUY?
WINTER.
JUST WHEN YOU THINK YOU KNOW A GIRL.

Pickles By Brian Crane

MY GRAMPA CAN SPEAK IN FIVE LANGUAGES AND HE CAN PLAY THE VIOLIN!
MY GRAMPA CAN SIT ON THE TV REMOTE AND CHANGE CHANNELS WITH HIS BEHIND!
SEE?
WANNA TRADE GRAMPAS?

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

HOW ABOUT A KISS UNDER THE MOON AND STARS?
WE ARE ALONE, ROSE!
NOT QUITE.
WHEN I'M WITH YOU AND BEING BY A LITTLE PARTY!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

JEREMY CAN YOU GIVE ME A HAND WITH THE GREENIES?
ARE YOU CONCERNING ME?
NO... JUST TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER I HEARD YOU OR NOT.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

BERTY BEGINS TO SUSPECT THAT THERE MIGHT BE A CAUSE TO THE STORE'S NO-QUESTION-ASKED RETURN POLICY.

Strange Brew By John Deering

HOME FOR THE BUSINESS

You are all business now, Cancer

HOROSCOPE
Jerakkie Saunders

Resting up for the busy days to come in your romantic life would help you build the stamina you need. Beginning tomorrow and for much of this week, your desires and opportunities will be plentiful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Much of the internal pressure you have been feeling to escape has now dissipated and you are more able to take care of business. If you have any plans awaiting implementation, move ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Some of the stresses of the past few days are lifting and you may be better understood by the people around you. If you still feel misjudged, wait until tomorrow to take important actions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotions could again be a bit overwhelming today, but should pass quickly. Your logic will quickly assert itself and you can express yourself clearly and succinctly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): This is a bit of a drought time for Pisceans, and advancement in your life could be slow and filled with frustration. This is more apparent to you than to others; you appear especially charming now.

IF JAN. 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This is definitely a year to "reach out and touch someone." Early on though, do be careful not to inadvertently alienate someone with inflammatory words. Even if there is not an early verbal misstep, you may still find your communications style changing as the year progresses. Moving ahead with some kind of family-related planning will be an obvious desire. Your charisma is so strong that the urge to control others may arise. This should not be allowed to become dominant, and your inner goodness should help you avoid this pitfall. A certain stary-eyed idealism could incline you toward unsupported beliefs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you still feel a little lost in space today, don't let it worry you or get you down. A renewed sense of groundedness and purpose is on its way soon. Stick to handling your business and relax.

TAUROS (April 20-May 20): The next couple of days find your magnetic allure running high. Keep your feet on the ground, though, and avoid wild-geese chases.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Sometimes taking time out to rest and regroup makes things move more quickly in the long run. Use this time to dream, think, and plan. When the stars favor moving ahead soon, you'll be ready.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Continue to plan family matters tangibly for the near future, or envisioning your desired future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today you are back in everyone's good graces and you can enjoy more freedom of action and expression. However, it's still wise to be diplomatic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



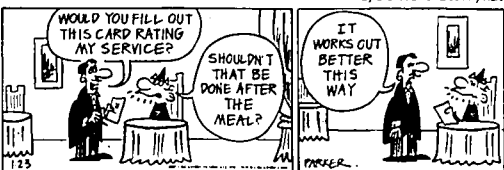
Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



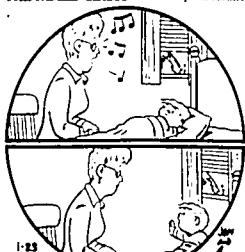
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCLES

By Bil Keane



Readers praise single dad for making kids top priority



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: On Dec. 8, "Slightly Cluttered" in Washington wrote that, as a single dad, he is deeply involved with his children's activities. Then he described his relationship with his "ladyfriend" as "at a standstill" because he spends so much time with his children that his housekeeping isn't up to her standards.

You complimented him on his parenting skills and advised that he should be sharing the chores. Your answer was right on, Abby. My children and I have always cleaned up together. But when there's a choice to be made, time with family always comes first.

Before you know it, the "kids" are grown and gone, but there will always be housework to be done. That was my philosophy, and it has paid off. We invested in our children. Now they're paying us back by involving us in their lives and trusting us with the most valuable thing they have: our grandchildren.

HIGH-YIELD INVESTOR IN UTAH
DEAR INVESTOR: I'm pleased your investment of time and love is paying off. Many readers commented on that letter. Some felt I didn't praise the father highly enough; others felt the ladyfriend's priorities were what needed reorganizing, not his home. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: Why doesn't

the woman he's dating pitch in? She could bond with the kids by joining them for a "cleaning day" on Saturdays, while Dad takes over another chore. She appears to be very disconnected from the kids. Maybe she could start bonding now, and bring cleaning into their lives by making chores fun — like Mary Poppins. After all, to date a dad is to date his kids.

— SIGRID G. IN LA.

DEAR ABBY: I grew up with a mother who was a neat freak. We kids had to clean the house every day, even when the weekly cleaning lady came. Our pets were imprisoned in the basement. We were allowed to bathe only once a week so the bathroom would be scum-free. If a book or a coat was left on the sofa for a minute, we were spanked.

We grew up knowing our mother cared more for her fancy home than for us. Bravo to "Cluttered" for putting his kids first. Happy childhood memories are worth far more than pictures of a spotless home.

— A.S.R., HOUSTON

DEAR ABBY: That letter was

right about getting the kids to help. It was about a selfish girlfriend who is obviously jealous of the time he spends with his children. Not enough parents these days take an active interest in their kids' lives. What those kids are grown — and believe me, it goes fast — there will be plenty of time to scold and clean.

— LA QUINTA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I have another suggestion. "Slightly Cluttered." Dump the neat freak and find a woman who appreciates a man who works hard to support his children and be involved in their activities. A little clutter does not begin to compare with a responsible father, and I think your lecture to him was misguided.

— LARRY IN MANTENO, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: I've been a single mother for 12 years. Since they were small, my kids have had "chores." They could pick up their clothes, put away their toys, keep their rooms clean, etc. They are now 14 and 15.

I work full time and go to school online at night. They understand that this is a family house, and we all take care of it and do our part. When parents do not share a sense of work ethic and responsibility in their children, the children will be the ones to suffer.

— PROUD MOM, L.V., INGSTON, TEXAS

Worst earthquake in history happened this day in China in 1556, killing 830,000

This day in history: The worst earthquake in recorded history? It took place on Jan. 23, 1556, in Shansi, China, and killed more than 830,000 people.

A DVD used a sandwich of two different readable layers. The bottom layer is aluminum, like a CD; the top one is a semi-transparent gold layer. The laser beam can read the top layer, and then shine through it to read the bottom one.

They get those little patterns onto a tiny little silicon chip by stenciling with a strongly corrosive acid.

The man who invented condensed milk also coined the rallying cry "Remember the Alamo!" That was Gail Borden who was a newspaper editor before he founded the milk products company that bears his name.

At the height of the 1990s,



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

boom, when "everybody" was playing the market, the top quarter of American households owned more than 85 percent of the stock.

Long before there were people, birds had teeth.

This from our resident media buff: 20 percent of United States news reporters admitted to having left out "important" information from a news story from fear of being sued.

To transform actor Lon Chaney Jr. into the movie Wolfman, make-up artists spent five hours a day applying yak hair to his

face and body. The ancient Egyptian punishment for killing a cat was death.

Back in ancient Sparta, proud of its ruthless tactics in war, to whom had sent his Deception, Stealing, and Killing.

Native Americans and early German settlers ate *Arionolus columbianus* battered to death in deep fry. Although its common name is "banana slug," we're told they don't much taste like bananas.

George Orwell received this note back from a publisher to whom he'd sent his *Animal Farm* manuscript: "It is impossible to sell animal stories in the U.S.A."

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Anonymous donor throws ice cream party for his former school

LA CROSSE, Wis. — "Earl" ate the stolen ice cream 35 years ago, but the guilt has been eating at him ever since.

The Green Bay-area businessman decided to atone for his sin by returning to the scene of the crime, his former middle school, and treating students to an ice cream party.

The donor preferred to remain anonymous. But staff members at Lincoln Middle School in La Crosse have dubbed him Earl after title character Earl Lucky on NBC's "My Name is Earl" in which Earl sets out to right his past wrongs.

Vice principal Jacques Durnford lauded the man's attempts to do the right thing more than three decades after the crime. "I think his statute of limitations is up," she joked. The man and a friend had stolen ice cream from the school cafeteria when he was a student.

Officer gets counseling for helping homeless

BRADENTON, Fla. — A police officer who dragged a homeless woman's shopping cart alongside his cruiser for 12 miles so she wouldn't lose her belongings was ordered to undergo retraining and counseling.

Odds & ends

Officer Nicholas Evans was praised by homeless advocates but berated by peers after arresting Marie Brooks on an outstanding warrant and then pulling her car to the county jail. The trip took an hour.

The 26-year-old Evans, who has been with the department for three years, will not be suspended for 20 days as a lieutenant had recommended. Police Chief Michael Bradziowski said Monday.

According to a police report, Evans bragged to colleagues that he had gotten the cart up to 40 mph.

Department investigators concluded that Evans showed great concern for an officer because he brought negative attention to himself and to the police department.

Also, Evans was written up for failing to follow state law — towing a cart could be considered careless driving the report said — and failing to operate a vehicle safely.

various odd jobs, the 61-year-old Whittier resident has spent his days at Knott's Berry Farm riding the nearby Buena Park riding the newly-defunct Xcelerator roller coaster.

On Saturday, he boarded the coaster for the 20,000th time, a park record.

"It feels almost the same as the first time, only I know what to expect," said Krieger, who has been on the ride an average of 12 times a day for the past 43 years.

"I'm not sick of it yet," he said.

It's not known whether Krieger has set any other records.

The Xcelerator blasts riders into a 205-foot climb at 82 mph. It is one of Krieger's three favorite coasters in the country.

He once rode it 124 times in one day, a feat that took eight hours.

"I don't get motion sick at all," Krieger said. Krieger said he became hooked on coasters growing up in Michigan. He moved to Whittier in 1964 and soon after became a confessed "roller coaster junkie."

After his milestone Saturday, Krieger was presented with a certificate and an Xcelerator jacket.

— The Associated Press

Man sets roller coaster riding record

WHITTIER, Calif. — Richard Krieger's life is a roller coaster. Since semi-retiring from

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

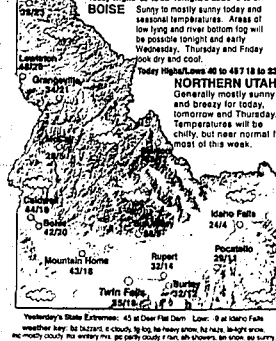
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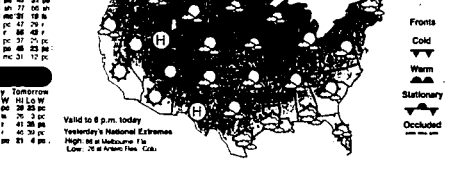
Yesterday's Weather

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low. Lists various cities and their weather from the previous day.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists international cities and their weather forecasts.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Steelers hire Tomlin as coach

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Tomlin, the Minnesota Vikings' defensive coordinator, was hired by the Pittsburgh Steelers...



Mike Tomlin addresses the media at the Pittsburgh Steelers headquarters in Pittsburgh.

Tomlin's name was one of about a dozen on a list of qualified finalists for candidates given New York. Rooney is the chairman of the NFL's committee on workplace diversity...

NASCAR adjusts Chase

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR placed more emphasis on winning, widened the Chase for the championship field to 12 drivers and created a postseason seeding system...

points out. Under the new system, he would have earned 50 points for his five wins and started the Chase in first place...

No. 1 Duke tops No. 4 Vols 74-70

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Abby Wambach scored 24 points and top-ranked Duke remained undefeated after stomping out to a 17-0 lead and holding on to beat No. 4 Tennessee 74-70 on Monday night...

those to win more than once. Harding added 21 for Duke while Wanasha Smith had 15. The Blue Devils were 14-15 from the foul line...



Tennessee's Wanasha Smith, left, attempts to steal the ball from Duke's Abby Wambach during the first half of Monday's game in Knoxville, Tenn.

Advertisement for Snow Ceat tires, featuring a snow machine and text: 'Snow Ceat Updated Daily at www.valley.com' and 'Tires LES SCHWAB'.

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iPods used to measure currency values

Australian bank develops iPod Index to track international currencies

By Meredith Foley
Associated Press writer

SYDNEY, Australia — An Australian investment bank has developed a new indicator for tracking international currency values using the cost of an Apple iPod as a benchmark.

Commonwealth Bank has developed a new indicator for tracking international currency values using the cost of an Apple iPod as a benchmark. The index is based on the economic principle that one dollar should buy the same quantity of goods across all countries, and that currencies will fluctuate to close any gaps in purchasing power.

The theory goes like this: If the price in U.S. dollars of an iPod Nano is more expensive in Australia than it is in the United States — and it is — then the Australian currency must be overvalued.

The concept behind the iPod Index is based on the Economist magazine's Big Mac index, which uses the cost of a McDonald's hamburger to compare currency values.

A key difference between the iPod and Big Mac approaches is that Big Mac is made in a host of countries across the globe, whereas iPods are predominantly made in China," said CommSec's chief economist Craig James.

Such exclusive duties or taxes, the tiny music player should cost nearly the same everywhere. But a comparison of 26 countries shows significant variation.

In the United States, an iPod Nano retails for \$149.00. But in Brazil, which topped the index, a 2-gigabyte Nano costs the equivalent of \$327.71.

In Australia, an iPod is valued at \$172.36, which has led the bank to suggest that the currency is overvalued.

Ethanol plants powered by cow gas catching on

Closed-loop system uses methane created by cows who eat leftover distilled grain to power plants

By Nate Jenkins
Associated Press writer

MEAD, Neb. — Ranchers have long been fond of saying cattle manure smells like money.

Now, folks in the business of making ethanol are smelling dollars too — in the methane gas emitted by manure at large cattle feedlots and dairies.

Across the country, ethanol plants powered by methane instead of costly natural gas or coal are on the drawing board — a movement that could be a win-win situation for the environment and the industry.

"We'll produce ethanol much more efficiently and do it in an environmentally friendly way," said Dennis Langley, CEO of Kansas-based E3 BioFuels.

Burning the methane will cut the amount of the greenhouse gas — which contributes to global warming — released into the atmosphere.

And in addition to providing a cheap energy alternative, using methane addresses a longtime criticism that making ethanol uses too much natural gas or coal to produce.

Supporters of corn-based ethanol and other biofuels contend they burn cleaner than fossil fuels, reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil and give farmers another market to sell their produce.

The first plant using a so-called methanol closed-loop system is set to begin operations here in February.

Under the closed-loop system at the Mead plant, manure will fall through metal slats in the cattle pens and be collected. Methane from the manure will be trapped instead of being allowed to drift into the atmosphere.

Plant Corn and grain will be used to produce ethanol and cattle will eat the wet distiller's grain that is a byproduct of ethanol production, closing the loop.

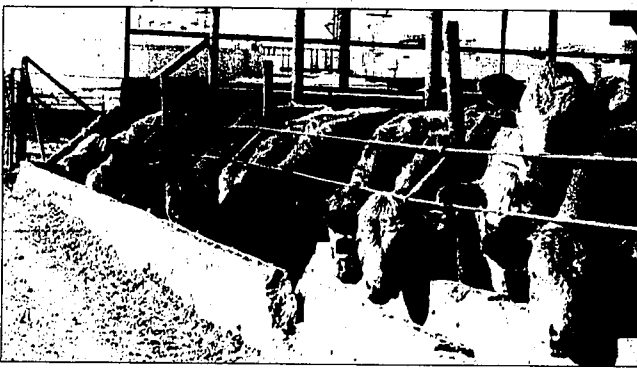
Langley's plant is next to a 28,000-head cattle feedlot. The cattle will produce roughly 244,000 tons of manure annually — more than enough to be the sole power source for the company's 25-million-gallon ethanol plant.

If the plant and others like it are successful, they could begin increasing expectations about the environmental impact of alternative-fuel production.

"Cows are a major source of greenhouse gas," said David Mager, vice president of Bion Environmental Technologies, a company helping livestock operations incorporate ethanol production by using manure. The company is working with about five ethanol plants now. "One-third of all methane comes from livestock."

Langley's company has a goal of completing 15 such plants over the next five years.

Other companies have similar plans to use methane to power



Cattle are shown in a feedlot at an ethanol plant in Mead, Neb., Thursday. Across the country, ethanol plants powered by methane instead of costly natural gas or coal are on the drawing board — a movement that could be a win-win situation for the environment and the industry. Burning the methane will cut the amount of the greenhouse gas — which contributes to global warming — released into the atmosphere.

ethanol plants.

Texas-based Panda Ethanol plans to build a total of four methane-powered ethanol plants in Texas, Colorado and Kansas, with the first scheduled to begin operations late this year.

And the boom is being fueled by more than a desire to help the environment.

A 440-million-gallon ethanol plant can save millions of dollars annually in energy costs by using onsite methane instead of natural gas, Mager said.

"That's a very big piece of this," Mager said.

Traditional methods of making ethanol have been criticized for not reducing reliance on fossil fuels as much as advertised.

On average, it takes one unit of fossil-based energy to produce ethanol containing between two and 2.5 units of energy, according to Langley.

A spokesman for the Renewable Fuels Association, a national trade association for ethanol, says the ratio is

even lower, closer to one unit producing 1.67 units of ethanol energy.

Critics of the idea that the energy balance equation goes against ethanol is really a non-argument anymore," said Matt Hartwig of the trade association.

But Langley believes the margins are too thin and that traditional ethanol production is too inefficient to be sustainable.

One unit of energy at his plant, he says, will turn out more than 46 energy units from ethanol.

"We blow it away," Langley said of his plant compared to traditional gas and coal-fired ethanol plants. "It's a radical departure."

But not one that will reform the entire ethanol industry, or even a large piece of it, said Hartwig. After all, one must have cattle — and lots of them — to make plants like the one near Mead work.

"You won't be able to do it everywhere," Hartwig said.

Intel to partner with Sun Microsystems on server chips, says source close to deal

By Jordan Robertson
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Server and software maker Sun Microsystems Inc. has agreed to use chips from Intel Corp.

In some of its servers and for Intel to endorse Sun's Solaris operating system, a person close to the deal told the AP late Sunday night.

An announcement was expected Monday, according to the person, who requested anonymity because the deal had not been made public.

Specifics of the arrangement were not disclosed.

The deal marks a major design win for Intel, the world's largest computer chip maker, which has been fighting to reverse plunging profits and regain market

share lost to archival Advanced Micro Devices Inc.

It's also Intel's biggest victory for Sun as the company continues its long climb back to profitability following the dot-com collapse and seeks more mainstream adoption of its servers and software products.

Shawn Daines, spokesman for Sun Microsystems, declined to comment. Intel spokesman Tom Beermann also declined to comment.

The partnership comes amid an intensifying fight for market share between Intel and AMD.

Both companies have been slashing prices and incurring heavy expenses to transition to a more diversified manufacturing technology that will allow them to shrink the

size of the circuitry on their chips.

They have also been engaging in an inch-by-inch battle for market share that has been particularly painful for Intel, whose previous generations of chips began falling out of favor for their high energy consumption.

Last year, Intel lost more than 5 percent of the overall computer chip market to AMD, according to Mercury Research. Longtime Intel rival Dell Inc. said it would also begin using AMD chips in its PCs and servers.

Some of AMD's most dramatic market-share gains have come in the high-margin servers and laptop markets, areas where Intel traditionally had little competition.

On the decline: NYC could be out as world's financial capital in 10 years

By Sara England
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The city is losing its competitive edge and could give up its place as the financial capital of the world in as little as 10 years, a study has found.

The study was commissioned by Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Sen. Charles Schumer, who have been concerned about what they say is a growing threat to New York's position as an international leader.

Unless we take corrective steps, and soon, we're going to see America's leadership in global financial transactions dwindle, putting a chill on the nation's economy and the city's leadership in the City Hall news conference.

"That will spell fewer jobs and slower overall growth," Bloomberg, a Republican and former CEO, and Schumer, a Democrat, outlined the report's findings

and recommendations, which include some changes specific to an anti-trust law, known as the Clayton Act, enacted in 2002 amid a spate of corporate scandals.

According to the study, by the consulting group McKinley & Company, New York and other U.S. cities are falling behind in financial services while cities including London, Dubai, Hong Kong and Tokyo are surging ahead.

It concludes that the U.S. is losing its advantage because of a more lax regulatory framework, particularly Sarbanes-Oxley, "a thicket of complicated rules, rather than a streamlined set of commonly understood principles, as is the case in the United Kingdom and elsewhere."

While New York offers a promising talent pool for its financial services work force, "we are at risk of falling

behind in attracting qualified American and foreign workers."

"The legal environments in other nations 'far more effectively discourage frivolous litigation.'"

One in nine New York jobs is in financial services, which contributes more than a third of business and real estate. The financial services industry is one reason that the 20th century was the American century and that New York became the world's capital," he said in a statement before the news conference.

"This is one of many challenges to our long-term health and stability that requires we move beyond partisanship to find solutions."

Pfizer to lay off 10,000, close at least five plants in cost-cutting moves

By Thomas Igo
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Pfizer Inc., struggling with fierce competition from makers of generic drugs, announced Monday it will cut 10,000 jobs and close at least five facilities to slash its annual costs by up to \$2 billion by next year.

The drastic measures by the world's largest drugmaker highlight the challenges faced by many pharmaceutical companies these days. In addition to patent expirations, big drug companies are struggling with a business climate where insurers and other large purchasers of medicines are demanding lower prices and more evidence of products' worth.

Although big rounds of job cuts typically boost a company's stock price, shares of Pfizer fell 28 cents, or 10 percent, to \$26.94 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

It's the second time in two years the maker of Viagra and Lipitor has announced a major restructuring to combat the loss of about \$14 billion in revenues this year due to expiring patents. The company is at risk of losing 41 percent of its sales to generic competition between 2010 and 2012, according to Prudential analyst Tim Anderson.

The latest cuts come on top of a previously announced plan to cut costs by \$4 billion a year by 2008. The 10,000 layoffs amount to about 10 percent of the company's global work force and include the elimination of 2,200 jobs from the U.S. sales force, which Pfizer announced late last year. The company said Monday it would cut 20 percent of its European sales force but didn't say how many jobs that will be.

Pfizer will close three research sites in Michigan and



Drug capsules are shown Monday in New York. The capsules are made by Cephalon, a division of pharmaceutical giant Pfizer Inc. Pfizer on Monday announced a major restructuring of its operations that will cut 10,000 jobs and close at least five facilities.

two manufacturing plants in New York and Nebraska. It may also sell another manufacturing site in Germany and close research sites in Japan and France.

Pfizer also will restructure its U.S. commercial business into five distinct units, each with a general manager responsible for that group's performance. It will also drop two areas of research and consolidate its development efforts.

"I believe we must transform the way we've done business in the past in order to be more successful in the future," said Jeffrey Kindler, who became Pfizer's CEO last summer and chairman last month. "Incremental evolution is not enough. Fundamental change is imperative — and it must happen now."

Market Watch

Jan. 22, 2007

Dow Jones Industrial	12,477.16
Nasdaq Composite	2,431.07
Standard & Poor's 500	1,422.95
Russell 2000	777.96

Stocks of local interest

Dell Inc.	24.40	▼ 53
Lincoln Motor	26.84	▼ 42
Spectrum	35.77	▲ 54

Commodities

Feb. oil	51.13	▼ 86
(light sweet crude by barrel)		
Feb. gold	634.1	▼ 2.3

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What about Bob?



"He's really an amazing dog.
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— Veterinarian Zsigmond Szanto

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ABOVE: Bob, an 8-year-old blind Labrador retriever, rounds a corner Friday afternoon in the Radtks' home in Twin Falls.
TOP: Bob trots over to his toy as his owner calls him. Bob was injured when he was 2, but despite his disability, still accompanies his owners on duck hunting trips.

Blindness doesn't slow this bird dog

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Veterinarian Zsigmond Szanto has seen thousands of pets at his Twin Falls clinic. But he's never seen a dog quite like Bob.

The 8-year-old yellow Lab was hit by a car about six years ago. He lost his left eye and the vision in his right.

Some owners would have euthanized the pet, but not Bill and Marie Radtke, who raised Bob from a pup. At the time of the accident, they expected his duck-hunting days were over. They expected no more daily swims in the canal down the street. In fact, they didn't expect much out of Bob.

Bob doesn't care much for expectations.

For about a month after the dog went blind, the Radtkes confined him in their rural Twin Falls garage. Until Bob learned how to open the door.

They tried to walk him on a leash. Until Bob wrenched their arms.

They thought twice about taking him duck hunting. But blind or not, there's not much a Lab loves more than pulling a duck out of water.

Bob hears the bird splash down. He smells blood. It doesn't seem to matter that he can't see the duck. He gets it almost every time.

And when he swims out and can't find it, Bill tosses a rock close to the bird to point Bob in the right direction.

Bill said he's had several bird dogs — none of them as skilled as blind Bob.

In the Radtke family, Bob is a celebrated hunter. But in the neighborhood, Bob is better known for his daily swims during warm weather when the canals are full.

Each day, neighbors say, Bob saunters to the end of the Radtke driveway, cocks his head to listen for traffic and trots across the road for a swim.

When he's done, Bob walks back to the road, listens again and hustles home.

"I think his other senses improved after he went blind," Marie said.

However, Bob has his share of bumps and bruises.

He runs into walls. He walks into the backs of parked cars.

And if you're not watching carefully, Bob is liable to knock you down from behind.

At first, Marie said, other neighbor-

hood dogs were anxious about approaching the 106-pound Bob, who'd run full-speed — and right into sleeping neighborhood hounds.

But now Bob is just another dog in the neighborhood. Drivers know to watch for him, and he's careful about cars, too. When he hears an engine, Bob runs for the grass.

Bill and Marie try not to worry about him, even though he doesn't hear as well as he used to. But if there's anything they learned from Bob, it's that a disability doesn't slow him down.

"He's really an amazing dog," said Szanto. "An amazing dog with an amazing story."

Contact Times-News features reporter Matt Christensen at 735-3243 or at matt.christensen@lee.net.



A car passes as Marie Radtke keeps Bob away from the road outside of their home in Twin Falls.

Woodpiles are alive with wintering critters

For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS — When you go out to split your firewood, you never know what you'll find. But Ed Bechinski, integrated pest management specialist for University of Idaho Extension, can give you a few clues.

Over the years, clients have brought him plenty of the legless, grub-like larvae of longhorned beetles, metallic wood-boring beetles and horn-tailed wasps. Fleshy and wrinkled, they span 1 to 3 inches and — depending on the species — can lurk under bark or in heartwood.

"As you split the firewood, they'll fall with a thud on your foot and you'll wonder what in the world they are," he says.

What they aren't, says Bechinski, is a menace to either you or your landscape trees. Once it develops into an adult, the horn-tailed wasp flaunts a very long stinger, but it's only for laying eggs. And the beetles are "highly specific to the species of tree they'll attack and to the condition of that tree," Bechinski says. "A lot of them will only

lay eggs in weakened or dead trees."

Neither of two particularly damaging species — the Asian longhorned beetle or the Emerald ash borer — has been reported in Idaho.

What you should worry about is encountering hobo spiders, black widow spiders, or scorpions in stacked firewood, Bechinski says.

"Always wear gloves, and tap the wood hard against the ground or house before you bring it inside," he says.

This time of year, these potentially injurious critters will be cold and stiff and likely to slide right off the wood on impact. Once inside the house, however, they'll be reactive.

Bechinski discourages homeowners from treating firewood with pesticides.

"That would be dangerously stupid," he says. "The pesticide would vaporize in the fire and could spread flames within the house" — and it would not protect against insects inside the wood, anyway. "It's a waste of money and potentially hazardous. Don't even think about it."

ORCHID WORKSHOP



An orchid named photopopsis.

Photo courtesy of Deborah Blahnik-Selzer

Garden workshop covers orchid basics, repotting

Times-News

KETCHUM — The Sawtooth Botanical Garden will host an "Orchid Basics and Repotting Workshop" from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, led by the garden's executive director, Jennifer Colson, who maintained a collection of over 25,000 orchids at Longwood Gardens, Pa.

Cost is \$10 for Sawtooth Botanical Garden members and \$15 for nonmembers.

Participants will learn the basics of orchid biology and how to care for common groups of orchids; they'll have the opportunity to repot plants brought from home to ensure years of successful growth and blossoms. Make sure plants are pest-free. All plants brought from home will be inspected at the door.

Webb Landscape will offer a variety of potting materials

— including pots, bark and fertilizer — for purchase, along with the latest orchid varieties.

There are about 30,000 identified wild orchid species and more than 100,000 hybrids reported to date with new discoveries made each year, the Ketchum garden said in an announcement. They range in size from plants an inch high with tiny flowers to vines reaching up to 50 feet long with flowers reaching a foot wide. They grow in habitats from tropical rain forests to alpine meadows, from bogs to semi-desert areas and from sea level to 14,000 feet in elevation. Many species of orchids — including lady slippers, coral roots and the phantom orchid — are native to Idaho.

To register, call 726-9358 or visit www.sbgarden.org.

COUNTRY ROADS

Prepare tools now, before your garden grows again

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

A common inventory of garden tools includes leaf and garden rakes, hoes, shovels, trowels, pruners, gloves, garden hoses and a lawn mower. These tools must be maintained, and now is your opportunity. Soon, you will be pruning, planting, mulching, mowing and weeding again.

Lawn mowers. For those who favor the old-fashioned way, people-powered reel-type push mowers need little maintenance. Just keep the blades sharp and spray a little WD-40 lubricant onto the cutting surface and axle shafts. Hang the mower in the shed or garage. As long as your lawn is cut regularly, a new version of the push mower will do an excellent job and is easy to use.

For those who prefer mowers powered by gasoline rotary mowers, these are the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute's guidelines for winterizing and safely using them:

Outdoors or in a well-ventilated area, drain or run gas tank dry of fuel. Disconnect the plug wire and remove spark plug. Pour a small amount of light oil into the cylinder and pull starter rope to turn engine several times. Replace the plug. Clean caked-on grass and wipe down mower deck, handle and controls. Store mower and gas in well-ventilated area away from all flames, including pilot lights.

After every 20 to 25 hours of operation, take the rotary blade to a mower shop to have it sharpened and balanced. Change the oil and clean or change the air filter.

Every 100 hours, remove and clean the spark plug or replace it if it's burned or corroded. Lubricate mower wheels with No. 2 multipurpose lithium grease, if the wheels and blade housing have fittings.

Electric mowers get their power from an electric outlet or a rechargeable, on-board battery. They're low maintenance. All you need to do is keep the housing clean, power source charged and blade sharpened and balanced.

Before your first mowing after winter, clear any rocks, cans, wires and any other debris from your lawn. Always mow in long pants and sturdy shoes.

Spreaders and sprayers. The tools for applying lawn and garden nutrients are spreaders and sprayers. Thoroughly clean sprayers and spreaders after every use. Many landscape chemicals are corrosive. If you fail to thoroughly rinse these pieces of equipment soon after use, you may need to buy new ones or replace parts.

Pruning tools. There are lots of hand-held manual pruning tools. Because winter



Winter is an ideal time to maintain pruning tools and all of the other standbys in the gardener's shed: mowers, wheelbarrows, spreaders, sprayers, hoes, rakes and shovels.

is the time for many pruning tasks, they should be prepared for heavy-duty use.

Bypass pruners cut like scissors. Put a little oil on the pivot point; clean them and sharpen blades. I prefer a sharpening stone or a fine-textured, flat metal file. Use it to remove burrs and sharpen the bevel. Don't sharpen any pruner razor-thin or change the angle of the bevel on the blade. This will cause it to lose its edge quickly. Don't remove deep nicks in the blade, just little ones. This will extend the blade life. Of the myriad clipping-type pruning tools, I prefer the felco line of bypass pruners. They make pruning enjoyable, are about \$35 and up and can last a lifetime.

Anvil pruners have a single blade that cuts into a flat surface placed in its jaw. The cut of an anvil pruner depends on how the blade hits the flat surface. If the blade doesn't squarely hit the anvil, it will not make a clean cut on the part of the plant you are pruning. The anvil is a part that can be replaced if it has deep grooves in it.

A lopper-style pruner is a difficult tool to keep aligned and sharp because it tends to be used for large branches that require a saw.

The lopper can twist or snap due to the leverage that is built applied because of its long handles. The most practical

aspect of loppers is the long-handled reach.

Be careful of the thickness of the branch you choose to cut with this tool (not more than about one inch). Loppers and hand pruners also come with ratchet action, which is excellent if you need the extra pressure to prune through a branch. Don't squeeze this type of pruner tightly. It will break the ratchet device.

Pruning saws are the handiest tools for cutting branches from about three-quarters of an inch to three inches thick. I prefer a folding pruning saw that fits in your pocket. For pruning higher than you can reach, use a pruning saw fashioned to fit on an extension pole. Blades are curved, narrow at the end and wider as you move toward the handle. The coarse crosscut blade is very effective when sharp. Good ones are inexpensive and designed to cut by pulling toward you rather than pushing away. When the blade is dull, replace it. Use a tree company to safely prune large trees. Do not climb the tree yourself.



Shovels. Prepare the digging edge of your shovel by honing it to remove burrs, nicks and dullness. Use a fine-textured, flat metal file. Leave the shovel edge somewhat blunt or thick at the end so you won't wear the edge down too quickly, especially if digging into rocky soil. It should still be sharp enough to dig through tree roots. I prefer a round-point spading shovel with a flitch handle for digging a hole or turning soil.

An all-steel or steel-rein-

forced, straight-edged garden or nursery spade with a 27-inch D-grip is my favorite multipurpose digging tool. It requires almost no maintenance.

The digging head is 14 inches high, and with a simple touch-up to maintain the bevel and sharpness of the blade, it's extremely useful. It has made tasks such as transplanting trees and shrubs, dividing perennials, edging beds, skimming sand and weeding easier for me. One with a

heavy steel blade and steel handle is built to withstand slamming through rocks and roots. It will cost \$60 or more, but my all-steel Wolverine straight-edge spade is like new and has dug and lifted rocks and root balls for more than 13 years.

Handles. To get wooden handles in shape and reduce the chance for splinters, sand them with a fine sand paper and rub in a mixture of linseed oil and kerosene.

Dilute the linseed with enough kerosene so that it soaks into the wood. All your wooden tool handles will last much longer and will be a pleasure to use after being oiled. Work outdoors or in a well-ventilated tool shed.

Nuts and bolts. Now it's time to get into your workshop and organize.

Tighten up all the nuts and bolts on your garden equipment so everything is ready to use when you need it. Don't forget to check wheelbarrows, rotillers and any other tools you come across. While you're at it, make sure your hoses don't have any leaks.

With your well-maintained, high-quality tools, the real satisfaction will come when you work with them in the garden.

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Jerome prosecutor selection begins again

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

JEROME — The last time the Jerome Republican Central Committee fielded two candidates for the lead prosecutor job, it found both men equally capable, only to have one withdraw and the other be deemed unqualified by two county commissioners.

committee another opportunity to advertise for and choose applicants. "That is the most fair and open way to get people in and to get other people in here," Commission Chairman Charlie Howell said. "If we're not satisfied with the two candidates — if you want to put it that way — that applied, then why not open it back up and advertise in other areas? I don't want to be critical of the central committee, but there were other areas to advertise besides Jerome County."

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The committee has 15 days after Nicholson's resignation to submit its recommendations and the commission has 15 days after that day to appoint someone.

— Jerome County Commission Chairman Charlie Howell
Howell and Joe Davidson, who have said they support Selb over Kroeger.
While Howell said Monday that he understands Selb does not want the job full time and would not make him do it, Davidson disagreed that the committee should intervene again and voted against the motion.
"The process has gone on

long enough," he said. "The people of Jerome deserve better than this."
Davidson has been adamantly supportive of Selb — mentioning his name nearly every chance he spoke — and refused to explain Monday why he continues to support Selb even though he withdrew his application and said he doesn't want the job.
"I want to give him another opportunity to turn us down," Davidson told the Times-News.
Government Reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at (208) 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

Dark smoke vs. white smoke

New Twin Falls ordinance will make it a misdemeanor to operate appliances that make bothersome emissions

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Soon it will be a misdemeanor to operate any harmful smoke-emitting appliance — such as wood-burning stoves — with emissions exceeding 20 percent opacity.

city Council passed the ordinance Monday after hearing emotional testimony from a 65-year-old woman who said her home continuously smells due to a neighbor's chimney.

The council made it illegal for anything with bothersome emissions when measured by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

"It's sad state of affairs when your life depends on the way the wind blows," said Carolyn Hymas with a shaky voice. "Our house smells like you have your head in a burnhole."

Hymas said she and her husband of more than 40 years recently moved into their home on Bitterroot Drive to begin their retirement. Her next-door neighbor uses a wood-burning stove that emits smoke from a chimney 12 feet from her home.

Is it opaque? Plume opacity is measured in percent; the greater the opacity, the more the background behind the plume is obscured and the less light can come through the plume. If none of the background is obscured, then the opacity is 0 percent. If the entire background is obscured, then the opacity is 100 percent.

She said the neighbor agreed to minimize the smoke during the day, but continuously burns the stove at night.
"I told him it was just a barking dog, I'd just accept it because that's what a good neighbor does," she said. "He said, 'I burn wood; that's what I do.'"
Hymas said that, after trying unsuccessfully to fix her home to battle the smells, filing coverings and maneuvering air vents, she filed a formal complaint with the DEQ.

Source: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Stephen Vanandt of the DEQ told the council he supported the ordinance because the agency typically does not levy residents for air quality violations, but the neighbor was likely exceeding 20 percent.

Based on applications and budget outlines from the groups, a three-member subcommittee of council members made recommendations to distribute the money.

"This particular one is very smoky, there is no-doubt," he said. "In this case, I think you can sit out there for hours at a time and it would be in violation, especially at night."

The granted amounts are as follows, with requests in parentheses:

Most cities in Idaho have similar ordinances. Because a violation would be a misdemeanor, the maximum penalty is up to six months in jail or \$1,000 fine. There is no minimum penalty.

The Twin Falls Municipal Band — \$21,161 (\$21,161)

The ordinance goes into effect when it is printed in the legal ad section of the Times-News.

* Trans IV Buses — \$21,000 (\$40,000)

At that point, if Hymas' neighbor has smoke that exceeds 20 percent opacity reading, he would be cited, said city attorney Fritz Wondertich.

* Boys and Girls Club — \$21,000 (\$25,000)

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Man gives \$83 to help charity

TWIN FALLS — Some people take Other people give back.

Report cards not picked up by parents during the conference times will be available the following week.

Wendell parent-teacher meetings this week

WENDELL — Wendell Middle School and Wendell High School will hold parent-teacher conferences from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Coffee, politics to be served in Twin Falls

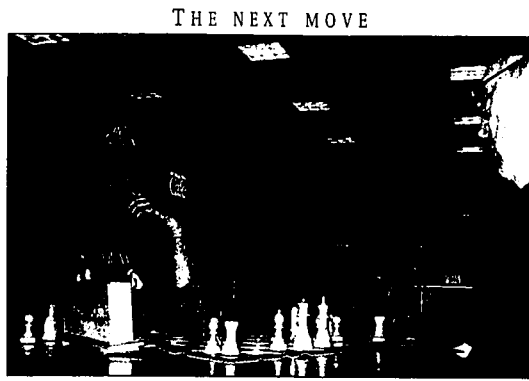
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TWIN FALLS — Some people take Other people give back.

TWIN FALLS — District 25's legislators will hold a "Coffee and Politics" gathering at 9 a.m. Saturday at Perkins Restaurant, 1564 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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Magic Valley Chess Club Director Barry Eacker ponders a move Monday night at Barnes & Noble.

Chess challenges many minds

By Jami Whitford
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — It's the eighth week of the 11-week tournament for the Twin Falls City Championship and several Magic Valley Chess Club players are striving to win at the strategy, analysis and skill of the game.

The Magic Valley Chess Club meets from 6 to 9:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. For more information, e-mail director Barry Eacker at mo@sp.com.

Barry Eacker, club director. As he explained it, a person can be ahead the entire game, but one mistake in a move or strategy can cost everything. That could be why some people enjoy the six-hour or longer games. "As the time increases, so does the quality," Eacker said. When the club meets at Barnes & Noble Booksellers are mainly there for the game, the competition and the challenge. "It's the hardest game to win and the worst to lose," said Barry Eacker, club director.

T.F. Council doles out grant money

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council doled out more than \$84,000 in grant money to six community-oriented agencies Monday and will reserve the remaining \$15,000 in case the groups need it this year.

* Magic Valley Arts Council — \$10,000 (\$10,000)
* Crisis Center of Magic Valley — \$8,100 (\$10,000)
* South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association — \$3,600 (\$5,000)

new allocation process and that some applicants — perhaps having applied knowing this — had left out details.

Based on applications and budget outlines from the groups, a three-member subcommittee of council members made recommendations to distribute the money.

However, Mayor Lance Clow said he was "surprised" that Trans IV Buses, Boys and Girls Club and the Magic Valley Arts Council, did not receive an increase from their funding last year.

"One of the things we discussed was a sort of a need to 'lean' folks off these funds, for lack of better phrasing," he said.

The granted amounts are as follows, with requests in parentheses:

The tourism and recreation association, which had a \$500 budget last year, received a 620 percent increase.

Councilman David E. Johnson said that the groups, such as Trans IV, can now reapply for the money.

* Twin Falls Municipal Band — \$21,161 (\$21,161)

Councilman Don Hall, who is president of the Twin Falls Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, rescued himself from voting.

"They still got the \$21,000 they received last year without a lot of additional questions on our part and they have the ability to reapply right now with the additional information to tell us what they're doing with the additional \$19,000."

* Trans IV Buses — \$21,000 (\$40,000)

Councilman Shawn Barigar said this was the first year for a

recused himself from voting.

* Boys and Girls Club — \$21,000 (\$25,000)

AROUND THE VALLEY

opportunity for individuals to present their concerns to elected officials. The legislators also want to talk with any candidates interested in future elections.

For a \$10 donation, members and non-members can participate in a special "spinathon" from 6:30 to 10 a.m. They also can just work out.

cerms and questions from those present. The event is open to the public and provides an opportunity for citizens to gather, exchange information and be heard.

The public is invited. For more information, call Carole Stennett at 543-4419.

A complimentary breakfast from 9 Beans and a Burrito will be served for participants.

For more information, call Kathie Bolan, Gooding County Democrat chairwoman, at 934-5203 or visit the Web site at www.gooding-democrats.org.

Gym to raise money for fallen trooper

TWIN FALLS — Gold's Gym, 1484 Fillmore St. in Twin Falls, will hold a fundraiser Feb. 3 for recently shot Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn.

Pizza, politics on menu for visit

GOODING — District 25 legislators will hold a "Pizza and Politics" meeting at noon Saturday at Sally's Office Solutions, 338 Main St.

Fundraising focuses on kid safety

TWIN FALLS — Safe Kids of the Magic Valley will host its third annual Race to Safety on Feb. 20 at Nazz Kart, 302 Third Ave. S.

Buhl woman injured in three-car accident Monday

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

FILER — A Buhl woman was injured after she fell asleep at the wheel, rear-ended a car and veered into a head-on collision with an oncoming vehicle, according to an Idaho State Police press release.

Leona Pochler, 31, was westbound on Interstate 30 near 4000 North Road shortly after 8 a.m. Monday when she fell asleep at the wheel. She rear-ended a vehicle driven by David Coach, 37, of Twin Falls, who was waiting to make a turn. Pochler then veered into the oncoming lane of traffic, where she collided head-on with James Sisson, 57, of Buhl, who was headed east.

Pochler, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was taken by ambulance to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

No one else was hurt.

Idaho State Trooper Tim Haight is investigating the case, with help from Trooper Mike Faller.

Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	Index**
Salmon	85%	47%
Big Wood	78%	44%
Little Wood	72%	38%
Big Lost	70%	37%
Little Lost	75%	41%
Henry's Fork	77%	43%
Upper Snake Basin	78%	44%
Owyhee	92%	52%
Salmon Falls	82%	45%

As of Jan. 22

* A comparison of this snowpack, on this day, to a 30-year average.

** An index of better snowpack than the average year, where 100% is average.

Those interested may participate by sponsoring a racing team, attending the event, donating to the silent auction and/or bidding at the register auction, which takes place during the races. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Team fees are \$250 for a two-person team and \$500 for a four-person team. To register a team, call 737-2432.

Families are invited to come eat dinner and watch the races. Admission is free.

Proceeds will go to the Safe Kids of the Magic Valley to buy safety seats and bicycle helmets for local neighborhood.

For more information, call the Safe Kids of the Magic Valley at 737-2432.

OBITUARIES

Sylvia Beck

BURLEY — Sylvia Mary Beck, a 92-year-old resident of Burley, passed away Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Highland Estates in Burley. She was born Dec. 16, 1914, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the daughter of William and Leone Johnson. Sylvia graduated from East High School in Salt Lake City and the Excelsior-Cis Cosmetology School. Sylvia and William "Bill" McKell Beck were married Feb. 10, 1935, in Twin Falls, Idaho. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple. Bill died March 13, 1990, after 53 years of marriage. Sylvia loved working on the farm with her husband, and her hobbies were crocheting, pinocle, hearts, bridge, fishing, bowling and golfing. She loved to attend her children's and grandchildren's sporting, school and church activities. She was involved in the LDS Church in various capacities, including Relief Society and Primary. She is survived by her children, Gayle, Wesley, of Cameron Park, Calif., Wayne (Leah) Beck of Burley, Louise



Sylvia Beck

Cody Lee Molyneux

CAREY — Cody Lee Molyneux passed away Jan. 18, 2007, from a motorcycle accident near his home in San Diego, Calif. Cody was born Sept. 21, 1981, in Halley, Idaho, growing up in Carey, Pocatello and Rigby, Idaho. He graduated from Carey High School in Carey, Idaho, where he excelled in football, basketball, drama club and choir. Cody participated in the 1998 State Football Championship. He readily enjoyed fishing with his mother and Grandmother Dawn in Higgins, hunting and playing summer basketball. After high school, he went to Higgins and then joined the Navy in 2001. He was stationed on the destroyer USS Nicholson in the Persian Gulf, serving during Sept. 11, 2001. He was honorably discharged in the summer of 2003. He is survived by his father, Chip (Clarence Earl) Molyneux of Carey; and his mother,



Cody Lee Molyneux

(Dad) Dennis of Helendale, Calif., and Glen (Myra) Beck and Joyce (Steve) Westfall, both of Burley, 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Helen Hanger, Salt Lake City, Utah; and her dear friend, John of Burley. She was preceded in death by her husband, one brother, one sister and one grandchild. She was a loving mother, grandmother and friend who will be missed by all who knew and loved her. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at the Pella 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 160 W. 400 S. in Burley, with Bishop Bret L. Robins officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Burrows Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorials may be given in Sylvia's name to the Mountain Hospice in Carey of Haysmussen Funeral Home. The family would like to thank everyone who gave care and comfort to Sylvia, including the staffs at Highland Estates, Burmountain Medical Center, Cassia Regional Medical Center, Dr. Harris and Dr. Boehmer.

Troy James Davenport

BUIH — Troy James Davenport, 47, of Buhl, died at home Jan. 19, 2007. He was born in Stockton, Calif., to Roy and Evelyn Davenport. He was very sick as an infant, but he pulled through. As a child, he moved to Bay Point, Calif., where he grew up. After graduating from high school, he went to a culinary school for two years. He worked in several large restaurants in the area. After a previous marriage, he moved to Idaho to help his mother and dad rebuild an old home. He liked the area so much he settled down in Buhl. In 1993, he met the love of his life, Terri, he brought her to Buhl and they were married in 1996.



Troy James Davenport

Katherine Rose Thomas

BOISE — Katherine "Kat" Thomas, age 68, passed away on Jan. 12, 2007, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. During her last days, she was cared for by her loving husband, sister and sister-in-law at the home and died in the presence of family. Katherine was born May 26, 1938, in Tyro, Kan., the second of three daughters born to Paul and Enid (Smoothern) Burrum. Although she began school in Carey, Kan., the family moved to Kimberly, Idaho, in June of 1946. Katherine continued her education there and graduated from Kimberly High School in 1956. She began a 40-year career in banking, accounting and tax services. Katherine married Gary Dean Lodabaugh on Jan. 17, 1959. The couple had two sons and was later divorced. She met Dick Thues, the love of her life, and they married on March 26, 1984. Katherine and Dick were avid travelers and cruisers, often accompanied by her son, Barry, and his friend, Theresa. Kat loved the ship-



Katherine Rose Thomas

board life and often said that she "didn't care where the ship was going," she "just wanted to be on it." Kat also worked with Dick in his business as owner-operator of "The Rocks" in More's Creek Canyon for a number of years. They were active socially, and Kat served as preclerk registrar for 18 years. After selling the business, they continued to live in the area but were "snowbirds" each winter in Parker, Ariz., where they made many close and wonderful friends. Katherine is survived by her husband, Dick; two sons, Blake (Tammy) Rodabaugh of Phoenix Park, Cambodia, and Barry (Godnough) Boise; two grandchildren, Katrina (David) Kelly of Garden City, Idaho, and Benjamin Rodabaugh of Bankok, Thailand; two sisters, Pauline Burrum of Kimberly, Idaho, and Audrey (Brent) Smith of Boise; one niece; two nephews; and one great-nephew. She was preceded in death by both of her parents. No memorial service is planned at this time. A celebration of Kat's life will be held in the spring for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Alphonsus Cancer Center, 1055 N. Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Aldrich E. Bowler

BLISS — Aldrich E. Bowler, 81, passed away Jan. 16, 2007. Drich was born Nov. 14, 1915, in Shoshone, Idaho. He attended the University of Idaho, earning a bachelor's degree before heading to New York City, where he worked in a photographic studio. He met his future wife, Lillian (D) Deissler and was inducted to serve in the Army, which was spent in the Pacific Theater. Drich served in the Signal Corps on Okinawa and in Australia during the war, and his training in electronics was the foundation for a vast anthology of improvised equipment and inventions throughout his life — from welders built from home engines, a series of electric fans, installing a water wheel on a stream near the house, to the war surplus turbine in the small hydroelectric plant established in the early 1950s. In 1946 when Drich was honorably discharged from the Army, he and Di drove west in an Army jeep, built their home on the Snake River near Bliss, and founded Snake River Pottery, which continued until his death. He returned to Moscow for a Master of Arts degree and worked in the electrical and Buhl for several decades, touching the lives of thousands of students throughout southern Idaho. In 1964, Drich, Di and El Paul Kluss founded, directed and acted in the "Antique" Festival Theatre, a traveling repertory theater that brought live and live theater to small towns throughout southern Idaho and Nevada. After Di's death in 1980, Drich married Terri Perrine in 1990 and was the host of the 13-part Centennial Idaho Public Television series, "Proceeding on Through a Beautiful Country: A Television History of Idaho," which aired in 1999, and Drich continued running Snake River Pottery and his power plant. Because of Drich, Snake



Aldrich E. Bowler

River Pottery has been a luminary refuge for exciting discussions, stimulating art, and good company for six decades. Thousands of former students and his many friends will remember him with love for his integrity, warmth and his great generosity of spirit. He helped literally hundreds of students and friends through life's passages and crises. On a number of occasions, Drich hailed students out of jail and gave many a place to stay until they could face their parents. Because of his assistance with early research at the Hagerman Fossil Beds, a doctoral student he helped named an extinct weasel in his honor — *Smithosinus bowleri* (Bowler's Mouse-Lear). Drich was a strong believer in science, and although an agnostic and a liberal, he had friends of all political and religious parties. He had a remarkable memory and relished discussions with all who visited the Pottery — in many senses, he was like a Wallace Stegner character and embodied the intellectual and the cultural life of southern Idaho he and Di helped foster through their work with state colleges and their lives as artists. He was a strong conservationist and was instrumental in preserving Box Canyon, the Hagerman Fossil "Beds" National Monument, and in the establishment of many areas and preserves, such as the Thousand Springs Preserve. As his friends, Dick and Barbara MacMillan, said when learning of his death, "Passing is such a funny word, and it probably means a lot of things, but in Drich's case we think it refers to the values he passed on to others; things like dignity, loyalty, warmth, compassion and humility. All of these we gained from him and will cherish those gains." Drich is survived by his daughter, Pamela; his son, Peter; their families; and a remarkable life's legacy of creativity, intellect and love, embracing and illuminating all who knew him. A celebration to honor Drich will be held at his Snake River Pottery home in the summer.

Lynette Marie Clay (Doss) of Rigby; brother, Mike Lee; Dr. Robert Davis of Pinedale, Wyo.; sisters, Jessie Ann Molyneux and Katrina Sierra Molyneux; and Grandparents A.W. (Bill) and Maxine Molyneux of Pocatello, George and Carol Davis of Middleton, and Walter and Mary Ann Hefstetter and family of Pocatello; his ex-wife, Laura Barcliffe of Chicago, Ill.; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends; his two best cousin-buddies, Joe and Chance Molyneux; and good friend, Jed from Higgins. A family graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Carey Cemetery. Acceleration of God's love will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Carey LDS Church, with lunch provided by the Carey Relief Society. There will also be a celebration of God's love in Rigby at a later date with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Carey Drama Department in care of Ken Mecham, Carey High School, Carey, ID 83420. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Funeral

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obit@magnews.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

Tamara 'Tammy' Marie (Sweet) Williams

SHOSHONE HIGH SCHOOL in 1980 and later married Michael Williams on Sept. 21, 1988. They were later divorced. She is survived by her two best friends, the great outdoors and spent many a summer in the Stanley Basin area. She was a wonderful mother who did

everything she could for her sons. She was also quite the comedienne. In fact, one of her goals was to be a standup comedienne by 2010. Had she lived, her family believes she would have met her goal. She is survived by her two sons, Sean Michael Williams and Russell Wayne Sweet; her brother, Carl (Diane) Sweet of Twin Falls; three sisters, Zelma (Jose Rodriguez) Garcia of Bliss, Lida

(Dave) Patterson of Shoshone, and Shelley (Everett) Clark of Shoshone, many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. She is preceded in death by her mother, father and all grandparents. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Baptist Church in Shoshone. In lieu of flowers, donations for a college fund will be set up in the boys' names at Wells Fargo Bank in Shoshone.

DEATH NOTICES

Roberta Walden
HILER — Roberta Anna Lee Walden, 85, of Idera, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, at White Mountain, 190 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

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

Barbara Cristobal
MOUNTAIN HOME — Barbara Jean Starkland Cristobal, 84, of Mountain Home, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2007, from cancer at a local hospital.

Lera Bruce
JEROME — Lera Bruce, 89, of Jerome, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at Bradpines Estates in Twin Falls.

Virginia VanDiac
TWIN FALLS — Virginia VanDiac, 91, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at East Funeral Home, 200 N. Myrtle, in Mountain Home.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church, 292 E. Ave. A, with the Rev. Ronald Mathewy officiating.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Donald Labrum
TWIN FALLS — Donald Labrum, 84, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Eva W. Nichols
RUPERT — Eva W. Nichols, 89, of Rupert, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Mamodoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Earl Buesch
TWIN FALLS — Earl Buesch, 68, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Twin Falls First Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (607 Harrison St.) in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at the Sunset Mage Valley Funeral Home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Haysmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

At his request, no service will be held. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Cassandra Morales
TWIN FALLS — Cassandra Morales, 3, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at St. Luke's Mage Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Myles K. Wirth
TWIN FALLS — Myles Kenneth Wirth, 82, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at his home.

John R. Chambeau
WINFALLS, Mo. — John Robert Joseph Chambeau, 63, of Wentville, Mo., and former of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at his home.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 101 South Ave. in Twin Falls, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A visitation will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. with rosary to be recited at 2 p.m.

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

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Chess

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Barnes & Noble, games are held in a more classical style. Each side has 1 1/2 hours to play. There are also rapid games (10 to 25 minutes) and blitz games (five minutes).

That's one of the Idaho state co-champion's favorites.

Garrett Reynolds, 24, said he likes the blitz games because players have to calculate and make their moves quickly.

"I like to play in an adventurous and aggressive way," Reynolds said. "You play the game as it develops and play what it gives you."

Reynolds has been playing chess since he was 5 years old and playing in tournaments since he was 8. He became co-state champion last year after a five-year hiatus. But he says he's always liked the analytical thinking and strategy games and is looking forward to the next state tournament held in February.

"You obviously can't move the pieces around so you have to visualize the schemes in your head," he said.

That's one of the challenges that Niamh Kelly likes about the game.

Being one of few women who take on the game, Kelly said she thinks that is because the strategies, mathematics and precision may come more instinctively to men. But she was enjoying her second week in the novice tournament and is hoping to get better.

Kelly moved to Twin Falls from Ireland more than a year ago. She played chess several years ago, so when she strolled through Barnes & Noble one night and saw the club playing, she thought she'd try it.

"It's a social thing and the people are really nice," she said. "And it's something different."

With the Twin Falls City Championship in the home stretch, Reynolds and others dedicated to the game are always looking forward to the next one.

"It's rewarding to work hard at any game you play," he said. "When you get into playing chess, it just grabs you."

To contact Janie, e-mail her at jahubert@cablinc.net.

Tax committee to consider two bills that passed House in '06

BOISE — The House committee where all tax bills start Monday to consider two pieces of legislation similar to ones introduced in the 2006 Idaho Legislature, but which failed to clear the Senate after passing the House.

Both are sponsored by Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star and an anti-tax conservative.

The first bill, similar to last year's House Bill 720, would require taxing districts such as fire districts to send special notification to property taxpayers informing them of upcoming elections on tax-increase proposals.

Moyle said the current means of informing voters — through legal advertisements in local newspapers — is no longer effective, because many taxpayers no longer subscribe to newspapers and get their news from other sources, including the Internet.

"One of the things we're trying to do is get better information to the voters of the taxing districts," Moyle said. "It used to be that everybody got their information from the newspaper. That's no longer the case."

In his second proposal, similar to House Bill 480 a year ago, Moyle wants to give voters within certain taxing districts the right to vote to reduce their property taxes. Currently, there's no such provision. If the bill passes, such a levy-reducing vote could be held if a petition were signed by at least 10 percent of the number of voters in the last election. The



measure would have to win at least two-thirds supermajority approval to pass.

"I guess back locals the control, if they can get a petition signed," Moyle said.

The bill doesn't apply to school taxes, a condition Moyle added to placate lawmakers who feared it could be used to damage education budgets. Nor would it apply to taxes that raise money to pay for medical care for poor people.

The bills will likely be debated again in the committee on Wednesday, said Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot and Revenue and Taxation Committee chairman.

Education Board lays out priorities for 2008 budget

BOISE — The state Board of Education president laid out priorities Monday in his proposed budget to the House and Senate budget-setting committee, saying a top goal of the panel that supervises Idaho's public schools is to increase the number of kids who go to college.

Just 45 percent of Idaho high schoolers go directly to a college — the fourth-lowest rate in the nation.

"We need to increase the individual opportunity for every high school student," Laird Stone told the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

The board's request would nearly triple its existing \$12 million budget to \$32.1 million for the fiscal year starting July 1, including \$10 million to pay for a new community college, as well as more money for testing and raises for staff. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's budget request for the board would give it \$18.8 million — less than the agency's request, in part, because it calls for setting aside just \$5 million for a new community college.

The budget committee will debate the board's and Otter's proposals in coming weeks.

Several factors are conspiring to keep Idaho students from attending college, Stone told lawmakers.

High school students are often unprepared, even at graduation; some 40 percent of those accepted by the state's three public universities and one state college must complete remedial math and English courses before they're ready for college-level classes, Stone said. In addition, some Idaho youth aren't going on to college because they can't afford the rising tuition and fees, while others may come from cultural backgrounds that don't put a high priority on a university education, he said.

In some cases, Stone added, Idaho high schoolers are going to college — but in other states. His

agency is pushing a \$38 million scholarship endowment Otter wants to set up for low-income students.

Senate confirms Idaho Ag Department director

BOISE — The Senate on Monday unanimously confirmed a former state lawmaker and third-generation rancher as director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

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"We all know her. She was a very effective legislator, and her knowledge of agriculture issues is extensive," said Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell. "When you add those things up, I think you have a very strong candidate to lead the Department of Agriculture."

Among the issues Gould will play a role in shaping during the current Legislature are proposals to increase regulation of the domestic oil industry in Idaho, including efforts by Democrats to ban so-called "shooter-hull" operations that allow wealthy hunters to hunt penned big game for a fee.

— The Associated Press

Mini-Cassia Relay for Life kicks off celebration

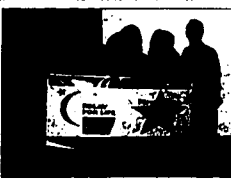
By Treva Tegan
For the Times-News

HEYBURN — The American Cancer Society's Mini-Cassia Relay for Life is gearing up to "Take Cancer Out of the Game" this year's theme.

The kick-off event to prepare teams for this year's Relay will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Heyburn Elementary School.

Relay for Life is an overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams walk or run laps at Rupert Square.

The event includes a survivor ceremony to honor those battling cancer



The Mini-Cassia Relay for Life committee members are Max Segovia, Michelle Campbell, Mike Haskins, Vickie Cole, Tracy Haskins, Tammy, Shirley Dreyfus and James Berggren.

Gooding bridge club announces results

GOODING — Gooding Duplicate Bridge released Jan. 19 results.

Section A: First, Edna Pierson and Adelaide Gerard; second, Kal and Silvia Garton; third, Max Thompson and Mary Kienlen; and fourth (tie), Jeanne McCombs and Beverly Reed and Kathy Rooney and Shirley Ischamner.

Section B: First, Edna Pierson and Adelaide Gerard; second, Kal and Silvia Garton; and third (tie), Jeanne McCombs and Beverly Reed and Kathy Rooney and Shirley Ischamner.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For partnership information or directions, call Kathy Rooney at 934-9732.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OVAC has scholarships applications available

OAKLEY — Oakley Valley Arts Council announces scholarship applications for the Johnson Memorial Scholarship are now available. The scholarship is for 2007 graduating seniors. Application forms can be obtained at the OVAC Web site, www.oakleyvalleyarts.org, or check at the school through the high school counselor. All applications are due March 25.

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SERVICES

Leonard Wilkinson Morris of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley First Baptist Church, 222 Hilland Ave. Friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Frances R. Moseley Hooser of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Hansen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 10th St. in Burley. Friends may call before the funeral today at the mortuary.

LaVerda Verina Gee of (Gable), funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center. Friends and family may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Eleanor Hanks Toone of Blackfoot and formerly of Burley, funeral at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Blackfoot 7th Ward LDS Chapel, viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot.

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PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS
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Baby Entry Form

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- Completely invisible design
- Easy to insert and remove
- Comfortable, clear hearing solution
- Eliminates telephone feedback
- Effective even in background noise



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