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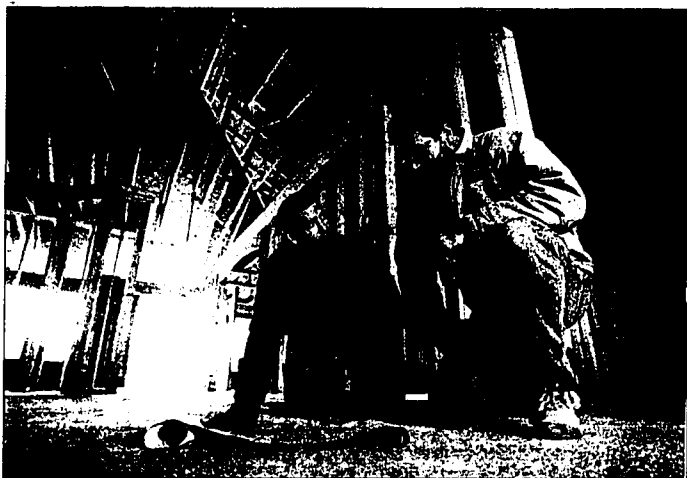
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Rebuilding a dream



Jeremy Caywood, left, and Sherm O'Toole, both of Shane's Plumbing, look over blueprints Monday afternoon at Trooper Chris Glenn's home in Klamath.

Home for injured trooper at halfway mark

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn was not the first officer shot in Idaho.

But his story caused Don and Brenda Anderson, a couple of strangers from Jerome, to give the paralyzed trooper's family \$1,000.

The Andersons followed the news of his recovery, from when an armed robbery suspect shot Glenn on Dec. 20 in south Twin Falls to when Glenn's family publicly announced he was paralyzed.

"When he was first injured, I don't know, something triggered our desire to help," Brenda said. "Police officers don't get a lot of the credit they deserve. Then we found out he was going to be paralyzed."

Don and Brenda had planned since December to give Glenn's family \$1,000

On the Net

Watch workers build the Glenn family's future home later today at www.magicvalley.com.

When they lined up Sunday at the donation table at Lowe's, they were so focused on completing their donation they failed to notice the Lexus being raffled.

And when a volunteer told her it was a raffle, she turned over her 300 tickets to Chris Glenn's family. Now the Glenn family gets \$1,000 if the Andersons lose, and \$1,000 and a new Lexus if they win.

"One thousand dollars probably isn't going to make a dent in how his life will be, but it made us feel good helping out at least," Brenda said.

While no one can reverse Glenn's disability, hundreds of Magic Valley residents are making it easier.



Fundraising events for the Glenn family

Raffle tickets for the Chris Glenn Fund will be available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at Sportman's Warehouse, 1940 Bridgeview Blvd. Today, Twin Falls Chiropractic Physician Dr. David Long will give all adjustment fees to the Glenn family. This applies to current patients only.

The community support has overwhelmed the region IV Idaho State Police.

A spokesman said donations continue to pour in, and other efforts are progressing as well.

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"Today, through this action, we recognize a comeback of the wolves."

— Deputy Interior Secretary Lynn Scarlett

Off the list

Feds to remove gray wolf from endangered list

By John Fleisher
Associated Press writer

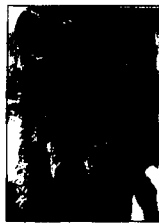
TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Once hunted to near extinction, gray wolves in the western Great Lakes region and the northern Rocky Mountains have rebounded so successfully they no longer need federal protection, officials said Monday.

The Interior Department said it would remove about 4,000 wolves in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin from the endangered and threatened species list in about a month. State and tribal governments will have responsibility for keeping their numbers at healthy levels.

The department hopes to take the same action for about 1,200 wolves in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming within a year.

"Today, through this action, we recognize a comeback of the wolves," Deputy Interior Secretary Lynn Scarlett said in a conference call with reporters.

Government-approved bounty hunting nearly wiped out the wolf in the lower 48 states by the 1950s. Changing attitudes led to their protection in 1974 under the newly enacted



A gray wolf is shown in July 2004 at the Wildlife Science Center in Forest Lake, Minn.

Endangered Species Act.

The federal government will continue monitoring wolf populations for five years after they are dropped from the list and can return them on an emergency basis if necessary.

States and tribes are developing management plans dealing with touchy issues such as whether to allow sport hunting of wolves and how to deal with livestock depredation.

All three Great Lakes states would prohibit trophy wolf hunts for at least five years, while Idaho's governor has said he would push for immediate hunting to slash wolf numbers. Wyoming is pushing for greater authority to authorize killing wolves to protect livestock and wildlife.

See WOLVES, Page A3

Wyoming may be left out of wolf plan

Matthew Brown
Associated Press writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — A federal proposal Monday to remove Rocky Mountain gray wolves from the endangered species list was welcomed in Montana and Idaho, but ran into opposition among Wyoming officials resisting federal pressure to curb future killing of the animal.

If enacted after a year-long review process, the plan would expose the region's approximately 1,200 gray wolves to public hunting.

But whether Wyoming will participate remains uncertain. The federal government has failed to persuade officials there to back off their stance that wolves in many cases

should be classified as unprotected predators, to be shot on sight.

"The ultimate question is whether or not Wyoming will give the flexibility to manage wolves that are causing an unacceptable impact on our elk and moose populations," said Wyoming Gov. Dave Iwendahl.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who recently announced he favors eliminating all but 100 of the states' approximately 700 wolves, struck a more conciliatory tone on Monday.

"We don't ever want to get back on," he said.

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Steady population numbers could trigger eagle delisting

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Endangered Species Act's list of vulnerable plants and animals soon will become one species shorter when wolves are pulled from the register in about a month.

Idaho bird experts predict the bald eagle will soon follow.

Thanks to steady population numbers — confirmed this month by a joint agency annual survey of Magic Valley eagle

populations — wildlife biologists say the bald eagle could be the next animal taken off the federal list that protects threatened and endangered species.

In the Magic Valley survey, the Idaho Bureau of Land Management's Burley office tallied the highest number of bald eagles since the winter of 1986.

"These studies track the restoration and recovery of eagles," said Rex Salibarakis, Idaho Department of Fish and Game's nongame bird pro-

gram coordinator. "And most agree that bald eagles are ready for delisting."

The national bird, eagles were listed as "endangered" in 1967 after poisoning from pesticides, namely DDT, drove the birds nearly to extinction.

Eagles were lowered to the less severe "threatened" status in 1995 after changes in pesticides and habitat-recovery projects bolstered population numbers.

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A bald eagle is shown in the winter of the Skagit River near Richport, Wash., on Jan. 16. A record number of bald eagles were counted in early January along a stretch of the Skagit River, well over the old mark of 477 in the winter of 1981-82, said Jim All, a Nature Conservancy expert on the regal raptor.

CSI board of trustees approves termination of Stroud's contract

By Jason Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's over. The nearly four-month saga that began when the College of Southern Idaho placed its athletic director on administrative leave and then fired its most successful volleyball coach, came to an end Monday night when the board of trustees voted to terminate Ben Stroud's contract.

LeRoy Craig, chairman of the board, described the last two months as something sim-

ilar to a court trial. "It was handled somewhat like a court session," he said.

"Both sides brought in attorneys who also brought in witnesses."

Board members and college administrators reviewed transcripts that included communications between student athletes, coaches and other athletic department staff.

"I spent two eight-hour sessions hearing from people involved in this," said board member Dr. Thad Scholes. "And after all those hours I

can't find any reason why we shouldn't confirm what happened."

Stroud won 11 national championships in 22 years as head volleyball coach at CSI, but was fired in August amid allegations that he knowingly violated college athletic rules.

Several athletes and community members rallied in Stroud's defense, saying that he did not knowingly violate athletic rules — even when the National Junior College Athletic Association spelled it out in a letter that explained

the seven violations. Stroud hired an attorney, who said the college did not properly investigate the allegations.

But in late September, discussions between Stroud's attorney and the college were kept quiet as both sides tried to resolve the dispute. And many thought the issue was resolved when the college hired Heidi Cartwright to succeed Stroud as the head volleyball coach.

"This hasn't been a very easy decision from my point of view," said vice chairman

Charles Lehman. "But I think, regarding what we have heard, it is a very difficult decision for me to make."

The board later approved the termination of Stroud's contract and agreed that it was time to move on.

The college released no details of the discussions or financial arrangements made with Stroud.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (High 39, Low 19, 35/22).

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Scattered clouds. Highs, mid 30s.
Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Lows, teens.
Tomorrow: Continued partly cloudy. Highs, 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'Bluegrass In Burley' bluegrass jam kickoff, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208)670-4868 or robcurtis2@gmail.com.
Cowboy Poetry, 'Cowboy Routes' recitations of classic cowboy poems, 7 p.m. PST, G Three Bar Theater, Elko, Nev., \$16 (\$18 for day passes; no cost for children), (888) 880-5885.

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, 733-8023 or 536-2243.
The Desert Art Guild re-organizational meeting, 4 p.m., at Donna Artoagast's studio, 401 E. 16th St., Burley, 654-2808. Rehearsal for 100 (plus)-man chorus, four-part harmony preparation for 'The Star-Spangled Banner' choral presentation Feb. 10 at C.S.I. basketball game, 7:30 p.m., basement, First United Methodist Church, Twin Falls, (no auditions; no one turned away), 543-5480, 733-8874, or 324-5365.

EDUCATION

Parent Information Meeting, about charter schools and enrollment procedures, 6:30 p.m., at Shilo Inn, 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, no cost, www.savercharter.org or 800-519-8537.

FAMILY

'Baby and Me' class, focusing on 'Safety at Home' for young parents with their babies or toddlers, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Jerome Recreation District, 2032 S. Lincoln, Jerome, no cost, 324-7262.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 733-0668.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Burley Public Library Board, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1300 Miller Ave., 878-7708.

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 Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Buhl Middle 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, free for all senior citizens, 737-3946.
Exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Blvd. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 732-2977.
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.
Road 2 Recovery, a 12-step program, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St. (next to Goode Motors across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578.

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 in the daily calendar, submit the event's name, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail, sbrowne@timesnews.com, by fax, 734-9533; or by mail, Times-News, 803 Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

WEB READER REACTION

On the letter, 'Keep flag at half mast during war time'

DANIEL GARZA, H&I (F&I) says: 'Ms. Hevener, while I appreciate your support for our fallen service members, I disagree with your idea of keeping the flag at half mast. It is times like the ones we face now when I believe we need to fly the flag proudly and properly. We are at war regardless if you support it or not...during times of war the flag should fly high and proud. Thank you for your support.'

On the letter, 'A chilly reception to AI Gore and his global warming'

SPENCER BRIGHAM: 'What can we do about volcanic eruptions and water vapor, though? What man does is minuscule. And if the earth's temperature is warmer won't a longer growing season be nice?'

On the story, 'Two indicted on separate murder charges'

BARBARA ARSENIAULT: 'I don't know Elizabeth Miller, but I do know James Steel, as he is my youth leader's ex-boyfriend, and I know not only him but also the courts for this death. If they had kept him in jail not one but on a number of his offenses, then he probably wouldn't have been out to kill this young man.'

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Simple structures can be animal oases

BUIHL — If winter has you singing the cabin fever blues, perhaps it is time to turn the days you spend wishing for spring into preparing for it. Building even a simple platform bird feeder or birdhouse will reap rewards when a dainty mountain bluebird or feisty northern flicker decides to call your backyard home.

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Suspect surrenders after five-hour standoff

HEROME — After a nearly five-hour standoff Sunday night, Jerome police arrested a fugitive suspected of homicide in Texas and aggravated battery in Twin Falls County.

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Program gives control to parents

TWIN FALLS — The program is designed to help people help themselves. And now program officials have granted them some of the authority to help the program.

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City wants to give out free trees

TWIN FALLS — As a real estate agent for Prudential, Todd Summerfield knows what makes an attractive front yard — especially when that yard is his own. Summerfield, 32, and his family moved into their Pierce Street home four years ago and after removing an old birch tree, he thinks it is about time for a replacement, and the city is offering to provide it for free.

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Historical group to fix accounting lapses

BOISE — The Idaho State history museum risks losing a national accreditation because it doesn't have enough people to keep up with a mounting collection of artifacts.

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Idaho's drug court asks for more money

POCATELLO — Administrators of Idaho's drug and mental health courts are appealing for an additional \$4 million to increase the number of people who can participate. Boosting spending on the program by 5 percent would allow 506 additional people throughout the state to participate, 6th District Judge N. Randy Smith said.

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Serial molester gets 152 years in jail

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Dean Arthur Schwartzmiller, a child molester with convictions in several states over three decades and a knack for avoiding prison, was sentenced Monday to 152 years to life for sexually abusing two boys when they were both 11 years old. In 1984, the Idaho Supreme Court upheld a 1978 conviction for molesting two 14-year-old boys and characterized Schwartzmiller as a "repeat offender."

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Wolves to be taken off endangered list

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Federal officials announced that gray wolves in the Great Lakes region and the northern Rockies will be removed from the endangered list, leaving state governments in charge of regulating a species once hunted to near-extinction.

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NATION/WORLD



Microsoft launches new operating system

NEW YORK — "Wow" hasn't tended to be a big part of Bill Gates' vocabulary, but to hear him speak in the hours before Microsoft Corp's midnight launch of the long-awaited Vista operating system, you'd never know it.

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Up to military to protect nuclear plants

WASHINGTON — Making nuclear power plants crash-proof to an airliner attack by terrorists is impracticable and it's up to the military to avert such an assault, the government said Monday. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in a revised security policy, directed nuclear plant operators to focus on preventing radiation from escaping in case of such an attack and to improve evacuation plans to protect public health and safety.

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Palestinian bomber kills 3 in Israeli

BELAT, Israel — A Palestinian suicide bomber killed three Israelis at a bakery Monday in the first such attack inside the country in nine months, and the two radical groups that claimed to have sent him said they were trying to end weeks of Palestinian infighting by taking aim at Israel instead.

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Fleischer: Libby first to tell him of CIA officer

WASHINGTON — Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer testified Monday he first heard that a prominent war critic was working at the CIA from vice presidential aide Lewis "Scooter" Libby. He said he thought the information might help deflect critical questions from reporters.

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World's oldest person dead at 114

HARTFORD, Conn. — Emma Faust Tillman, who became the world's oldest known living person last week, died at a nursing home here Monday, Jan. 14, Tillman, the daughter of former slaves, had several family members with her when she died Sunday night.

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SPORTS



Raft River stuns top-seeded Hagerman

MURTAUGH — The No. 2 Raft River Trojans pulled off a stunning upset of the top-seeded Hagerman Pirates, winning 46-42 in Magic Valley Scout's Scouting Conference Tournament play Monday in Murtaugh.

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Finau to return for Golden Eagles

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho volleyball coach Heidi Cartisser didn't have to look as far as most thought to find a new setter for the 2007 season. Cartisser announced at Monday's booster luncheon that Kaylene 'Pudgie' Finau will return to action for the Golden Eagles next season.

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Barbano euthanized

KENNETH SQUARE, Pa. — Kentucky Derby winner Barbano was euthanized Monday after complications from his gruesome breakdown at last year's Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that prompted an outpouring of support across the country. A series of ailments — including laminitis in the left rear hoof, an abscess in the right rear hoof, as well as new laminitis in both front feet — proved too much for the gallant colt. The horse was put down at 10:30 a.m.

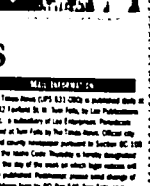
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Snowpack Levels

Table with 4 columns: Location, % of Avg, Snowpack, and % of Avg. Lists locations like Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Henry's Fork, Upper Snake Basin, and Canyon Falls.

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* A comparison of snow conditions on the Snake with a 30-year average on 112 locations in the Snake Basin. The difference between actual and average snowpack for the entire season, which peaks in spring.



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Wolves

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"Restoring the wolf to its place in the natural world while addressing conflicts with people is a difficult balancing act," Scarlett said. But managers, scientists and educators in state wildlife agencies "have strong working relationships with local landowners and the ability to quickly deal with potential conflicts," she said.

The path to removing the wolf has been strewn with bitter arguments and legal challenges, and more are likely now that the government has released its plan.

A federal judge threw out an earlier version in 2004 because it combined areas where wolves were doing well with places where they were still in trouble. The latest proposal establishes the western Great Lakes as a separate wolf population region.

Dale Hall, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said the agency had learned from the court case and believed its new plans would survive lawsuits.

At their low ebb, a few hundred wolves in Minnesota

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were all that remained in the Great Lakes region. After being listed, they quickly increased and migrated east. Latest estimates show more than 3,000 in Minnesota, over 460 in Wisconsin and more than 430 in Michigan, plus 30 on Isle Royale in Lake Superior.

"A classic Endangered Species Act success story," said Roger Schlickelen, president of the environmentalist group Defenders of Wildlife. The remarkable recovery efforts to restore the wolf have paid off, and the states are ready to assume the responsibilities of managing their own wolf populations.

But environmentalists said the proposal to delist Northern Rockies wolves was premature and that manage-

ment plans drawn up in those states seemed designed for eradication rather than protection. Other critics say the government is moving too slowly to shield elk and other prey animals from wolves.

The Fish and Wildlife Service wants Montana, Idaho and Wyoming to each set a minimum recovery goal of 100 wolves — including 10 breeding pairs. Hunting would be restricted if the number of breeding pairs dropped to 15.

The agency has approved management plans crafted by Montana and Idaho but says Wyoming's plan — and its state law — aren't protective enough.

Hall said he hoped Wyoming would make satisfactory changes this year. If it

doesn't, the service will continue with plans to delist the wolf in the other two Rocky Mountain states while keeping Wyoming's wolves under federal protection.

"The bottom line here is that we're dealing with a legal and regulatory process based on biology," he said.

Debate also persists in the Great Lakes. In Wisconsin, some are angry that wolves killed or injured livestock on 25 farms last year — triple the number from five years ago — plus 25 dogs, mostly hunting hounds.

In Michigan, an advisory group has submitted goals for an updated wolf management plan to the Department of Natural Resources, which expects to release a draft within a couple of months.

The panel, representing a broad array of interests, agreed there should be no specific population targets and endorsed killing wolves that prey on livestock if non-lethal methods fail. But it didn't agree on whether to allow trophy hunting once scientific data suggests it could be done without endangering the population.

Trooper

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Volunteers, led by Mike Carraway's Spirit Construction company, have nearly reached the halfway mark in building a home for the Glens in Kimberly. Carraway expects the home to be ready by mid-to-late March.

On Monday afternoon, roofers soaked in unexpected rains of snow atop the home while they laid tiles and a ridge vent along the house's spine.

"We're on schedule. We can get Chris and his family home. Get them on with their life," Carraway said. "We've got so many people calling and helping that it's almost more work trying to keep everybody busy than it is to just let it happen."

Because so many items are donated, not all the home's features may match the Glenn family's taste, said Tom Siegers, Carraway's project manager. What makes the home special are its design and the intention behind it.

"A house is a house," Siegers, 30, said. "Building is my whole life. I've been doing it since I was 13 years old. It's different this time because it's

for a different cause."

Roll-in showers and wide doorways will enable Glenn's wheelchair to move through any room.

"We're just trying to put things at lower levels for him so he can lead a normal life," Siegers said. "There have been people that have helped me out in life and it's just time to pay it back."

Now that the framing and roofing are complete, next on the agenda is adding heating, plumbing and electrical.

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States

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If Wyoming stands fast, the federal government will move forward without the state, said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dale Hall.

"We expect Wyoming to enact the same kinds of wolf conservation managements that Montana and Idaho have in place," Hall said Monday in announcing the wolf proposal.

In Montana, state officials said they are ready to move past arguing the issue and begin treating wolves like any other big game animal.

"Like it or not, they're here. We're going to manage them and manage them actively," said Mike Volesky, Gov. Brian Schweitzer's natural resources policy adviser.

If the federal delisting process goes smoothly, Montana could have a public wolf hunt as soon as next fall or winter, Volesky said.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission last week set the price tag for a wolf hunting permit at \$26.50.

Groups opposed to removing the animal from federal protection say such actions demonstrate a lingering antipathy that still could

impair the wolves' recovery. Doug Hinnold, a Bozeman, Mont. attorney for Earthjustice, warned of a "massive slaughter" of wolves in Idaho and Wyoming if the federal proposal moves forward.

But hunting and livestock groups praised Wyoming for its refusal to concede. They say the federal proposal would come at the expense of the farm and game animals wolves prey on.

"(Wyoming) should not bend," said Jim Magagna, executive vice president of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association.

Eagles

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Since 1999, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has considered removing eagles from the list altogether. A recent lawsuit will force the department to decide on eagles' status in the next few weeks.

Many researchers expect the service to remove the birds from the list.

The call for removal comes after numerous counts — like the Magic Valley joint-agency survey — have shown that the species is thriving.

Delisting eagles, Sallabanks said, will prove that the ESA program works.

The BLM's Burley field office counted 14 bald eagles in the one-day survey — the most it has counted in decades.

The Shoshone field office tallied eight bald eagles, the Jarbidge office counted one.

The annual winter survey allows researchers to track migration patterns, and it gives them the chance to identify previously unrecognized habitats that may be important to the bird.

"We use these data to monitor eagle occurrences and habitat utilization within the field office," said Brad Pendl, a wildlife biologist in the BLM's Burley office.

"It is important to have exact locations and to evaluate how weather, habitat conditions and seasonal variances may influence eagle migration

and numbers," Pendl said.

Sallabanks said Fish and Game will conduct a comprehensive survey later this year to tally every eagle, not just the ones that could be spotted in a

one-day survey.

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 Invites you to donate to the
Trooper Glenn Recovery Fund

- Gold's Gym Super tailgate party in honor of Trooper Chris Glenn.
- Gold's Gym of Twin Falls is sponsoring a fundraiser on February 3, 2007.
- Time: 6:30am - 10am
- Spinning classes will be held at 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30am.
- Aerobic intervals will be from 8:30 to 10am
- Cost: \$10 to participate.
- Sign up ahead of time to ensure a spot.
- Donations welcome from January 15th to February 3, 2007 (drop off at Gold's Gym)
- Both members and non-members welcome
- Breakfast burritos will be served by 9 Beans and a Burrito 8am to 10am

The Glenn family had started to build a new home when this tragedy occurred. We are asking the community to assist us in raising the funds to complete their home. Make checks payable to the "Chris Glenn Recovery Fund".

Thanks to 9 Beans and a Burrito for their donation.

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Home snatchers

States targeting companies that claim to help homeowners, but take their houses

By Josh Funk
Associated Press writer

OMAHA, Neb. — After Ivan Eicher lost his job, he and his wife Delores fell several months behind on their house payments. Facing foreclosure, they accepted an offer from a company that promised to help them keep the home where they'd lived for more than 20 years.

Without realizing what they were doing, the couple ended up surrendering ownership of their home.

"It was just a really nice song and dance," Delores Eicher said.

The Eichers are among the thousands of people who fall each year for offers that promise to help them avoid foreclosure but that leave them with none of the equity they had built up in their property. Their situation matches one of the three common models of foreclosure fraud the National Consumer Law Center has described in a report on the growing problem.

The number of foreclosures reported nationwide soared 45 percent in 2006 to 1.26 million, according to RealtyTrac, an Irvine, Calif.-based company that tracks foreclosures. That creates opportunities for more foreclosure fraud, although the exact number of cases is difficult to determine because they are generally lumped in with other kinds of fraud in crime reports.

The Eichers thought they were taking out a \$1.700 loan to help them pay the roughly \$4,700 in back payments they owed on their mortgage. They learned too late they had signed their home over to Mid-America Financial Investment Corp. and agreed to lease their home from Mid-America when they accepted that loan.

Although the couple no longer owned their home, the mortgage remained in

their names, so they made their \$554 payments on the loan through Mid-America, along with monthly fees of at least \$100.

Elizabeth Renaart, a staff attorney at the National Consumer Law Center, co-authored the report on foreclosure fraud, said such schemes are popular in areas of the country where home values have soared, but any homeowner who has been paying down a mortgage for many years will have significant equity and can become a target.

A second scheme described in the report involves consulting agencies high fees to help homeowners out of trouble but never delivering the promised services. A third involves an agreement where a homeowner knowingly signs over their home and agrees to buy it back over time, but the terms of the agreement make it virtually impossible for the homeowner to succeed.

The Eichers became part of a lawsuit against Mid-America in 2001. They eventually won the title to their home back after the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled in 2005 that Mid-America had defrauded them and 12 other homeowners in the Omaha area.

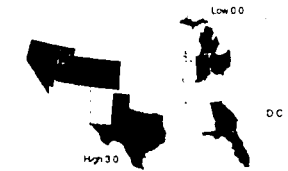
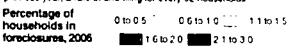
Scott Bloemer and Elaine Hollingshead, who run Mid-America, did not respond to the Associated Press' requests for comment. Bloemer and Hollingshead defended their business practices in court and argued that the paperwork the Eichers and others signed spelled out what was involved in the deal. But the courts ruled that Bloemer's and Hollingshead's testimony was credible.

Bernaart said foreclosure rescue agreements can be difficult to decipher — even for an attorney.

"It's hard to make heads or tails of these agreements," she said.

More than 1.2 million foreclosures

There were 42 percent more foreclosure filings in 2006 than the previous year, a rate of one filing for every 92 households



SOURCE: REALTRAC

Market Watch

Jan. 29, 2007

Dow Jones Industrials	+3.78	12,490.76
Nasdaq composite	+6.80	2,441.09
Standard & Poor's 500	+1.88	1,420.62
Russell 2000	+4.86	793.10

Stocks of local interest

Stock	Close	Change
Omaha	28.08	▼ .02
Dell Inc.	23.85	▲ .12
Intrepid	36.69	▲ .25
Litton Motors	27.68	▲ .48
Mogana	133.09	▼ 7.32
Superfund	37.14	▲ .31

Commodities

Commodity	Close	Change
March oil	54.01	▼ 1.41
(Light sweet crude by barrel)		
1.50 ounce gold	804.00	▼ 1.00
Feb. gold	843.2	▼ 1.5

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VISTA UNVEILED

A clear view of the future

Microsoft launches newest Windows operating system

By Jessica Mintz
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Acrobatics, blaring music and plenty of hype accompanied Microsoft Corp.'s long-delayed debut of its new Windows Vista operating system.

Hours before the software went on sale in New York, dancers clad in Microsoft colors dangled from ropes high above street level and unfurled flags to form the red, green, blue and yellow Windows logo against a building wall. At a swank midtown eatery, speakers pumped out a hit from hip-hop hotshot 50cent before Steve Ballmer, Microsoft's chief executive officer, took to stage.

"Vista is the center, the launching point for the next generation of connected entertainment in the home," Ballmer said.

Vista was set to go on sale around the globe today, along with new versions of Microsoft Exchange e-mail software and the flagship Office business suite, which includes Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Several retailers had even scheduled midnight openings.

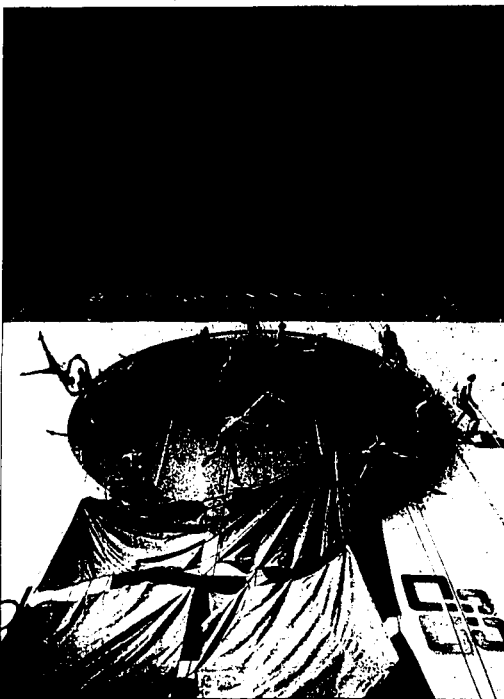
But unlike the recent launches of next-generation game machines like Sony Corp.'s PlayStation 3, customers haven't been camping out for days.

"When I look at Windows Vista, I see a technology that is interesting, that is relevant, but to some extent is evolutionary," said Al Gillen, an analyst at the technology research group IDC. "I do not believe it will create a lot of innovation for people to buy and get a new operating system."

In an interview, Microsoft chairman Bill Gates said the company actually wasn't pushing midnight sales events — after all, the software will be available as a download over the Web for the first time. Even that route will be relatively rarely taken — Ballmer acknowledged that, as in the past, most consumers will switch to Vista only when they buy new computers.

More than five years in the making, Vista was released for business users Nov. 30, but the unveiling for consumers of the latest edition of Windows — which runs more than 40 percent of the world's PCs — only came Tuesday. Vista retails for \$100 to \$400, depending on the version and whether the user is upgrading from Windows XP.

The Redmond, Wash.-based software maker contends that Vista is such a huge improvement over previous computing platforms that users inevitably say "Wow" when

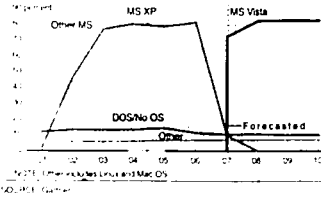


Dancers scale the wall of a New York building to promote the launch of the long-awaited Vista operating system from Microsoft on Monday in New York. The software goes on sale today.

Microsoft dominates OS market share

Vista, Microsoft's newest operating system, is expected to help the software giant continue as the maker of the world's most widely used operating system

Global market share, new PC shipments



they see it. Gates ticked off some examples, such as how Vista presents a slick 3-D graphical user interface and document icons that give at-a-glance previews. Gates said the next wow comes when people start using a system-wide search program that Microsoft's engineers built into both the operating system and new versions of Office.

Vista comes as changing dynamics of computing — notably the rise of open-

"When people think about their PC, they think about Windows even more than who the manufacturer is. That determines how it looks, how you navigate, what applications are that are available," Gates told The Associated Press. And in this case, Vista has folded in programs that users once bought separately — including automated back-up systems and some spyware protections.

Microsoft built Vista so that different layers could be upgraded separately, so it's possible that this is the last massive, all-in-one update for Windows. No matter how Microsoft chooses to roll out Vista's successor, Ballmer said there's still work to be done.

There's so many areas in which we need innovation. Developers need a richer platform if we're going to get speech, voice, natural language, and more rich 3-D-type graphics into the user interface," Ballmer said. Plus, the technologies around the PC — chips, storage, high-definition DVD — will all evolve, he said. "The operating system will need to evolve with them."

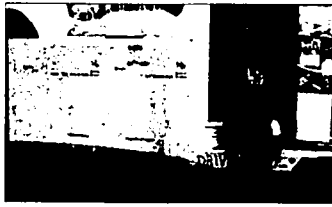
Coffee shops showing some skin to perk up business

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press writer

DUKOWIA, Wash. — Coffee-stand owner John Cambroto couldn't compete against the beautiful bikini-clad women selling espresso up the road.

"We had a much better atmosphere, good coffee. Unfortunately, they ran around half-naked and we didn't," said Cambroto, who finally threw in the towel last spring and sold his business to his rival, the operator of six Cowgirl's Espresso stands in the Seattle suburbs.

The naughty baristas of Cowgirl's Espresso represent a new trend in and around Seattle — perhaps the most caffeinated city in America — and illustrate how cutthroat the competition can be in the hometown of Starbucks, which has multiple coffee shops competing on the same block. Among the other coffee stands that are showing some



Baristas Toni Morgan, top, and Candice Law talk to a customer as they work Jan. 23, at "Cowgirl's Espresso" in Tukwila, Wash. The business is one of many in the Seattle area that seek to perk up coffee sales with scantily-clad baristas and special custom-themed days.

skin: Moka Girls in Auburn. The Sweet Spot Cafe in Shoreline. Bikini Espresso in Renton and Nattie Latte in Fort Orchard.

The recent afternoon, there was a long line of cars at the tiny, black-and-white, cow-painted Cowgirl's stand in front of a Tukwila casino.

Candice Law, leaning provocatively out the drive-through window in a black bra that didn't quite cover her shiny purple pasties, and Toni Morgan, wearing a skimpy halter top, see-through red lace panties and chaps, seemed to

"Nobody wants to admit to their wives that they're here."

— Candice Law, a barista at Cowgirl's Espresso

know every customer. Most of the customers declined to give their names or be interviewed. "Nobody wants to admit to their wives that they're here," Law said. One who did, a 25-year-old diesel mechanic named Mike West, said he comes every day for the coffee.

"I could care less what they wear," he said.

Lon Bowden, the owner of Cowgirl's Espresso, opened her first stand, by the entrance to the Silver Dollar Casino, four years ago. Law and other employees suggested doing "Bikini Wednesdays." Bowden approved, and her stand immediately doubled the amount of money it was taking

in — from \$200 to \$400 — on Wednesdays.

"Tanties Fridays," "School Girl Thursdays," "Cowgirl Tuesdays" and "Military Mondays" soon followed. The stand now rakes in about \$800 a day, Bowden said. The girls make minimum wage, plus \$40 to \$150 a day in tips.

Steve McDaniel, chief operating officer at the casino, saw the line of vehicles and knew there was money to be made. He opened Moka Girls last summer. Like Cowgirl's, it features theme days and racy lingerie.

"Most guys like to see pretty girls when they get their mochas," said Sarah Araujo, who opened The Sweet Spot two years ago. "We just figured we'd be honest about it."

As long as the employees' breasts and buttocks are covered, they aren't breaking the law. And the owners of the stands say they get few complaints.

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EDITORIAL

No victor emerged in Capitol standoff

Watching Gov. Butch Otter and the Republican Idaho Legislature tangle over the Capitol renovation wasn't exactly All versus Foreman, and it certainly wasn't Lincoln against Douglas. And since nobody really won in this standoff, it's not even close to Tom versus Jerry.

Instead, the dénouement over a smaller project is just a collective loss by capitulation. The taxpayers may be the ones who end up losing more in the long run.

On Friday, Otter and legislative leaders reached a tentative deal to reduce the doubling construction that was part of the statehouse renovation. The new deal will downsize the two 50,000-square foot underground wings from two stories on either side, to just one story each.

In the end, neither side was talking like this was the Treaty of Paris.

"He (Otter) is still not happy with the plan, and we're not happy with the plan," said House Speaker Lawrence Denney, IR-Midvale, on Friday. "But it's something we can both live with."

Otter campaigned last fall on a pledge to make state government leaner and more efficient. The spectacle of two-story wings with more than just larger conference rooms for committee rooms, but also offices for legislative staff, was simply too much to watch. So he ordered a shut-down of the construction and a renegotiation with legislators.

Otter specifically didn't want more office space for full-time legislative staff. That was a road toward bigger government and more bureaucracy for a Legislature that meets just three months of the year.

"We don't buy it, and most legislators don't either. The Capitol deserves more than a full renovation. It also needs adequate space to function like the people's house, not the people's double-wide trailer."

After longly studied over several years, legislators decided on two-story wings because digging underground for the construction is cheaper than building new bricks and mortar.

"The bang for the buck in going to two stories was huge," said Sen. Elliot Werk, D-Boise. "We were looking at our house needs for 100 years from now. If you ask me to plan 100 years out, I'd say, you do just like you do with your house, and add an extra room."

That's gone now. Once you build one story of underground expansion, it's tough to add on to it.

Meanwhile, possible expansions to the Borah Post Office and old Ada County Courthouse have more unknown costs than a Donald Trump pre-nup.

And how much did Otter's standoff with the Legislature actually lead to in financial savings? Lawmakers didn't say Friday — because, well, nobody really knows.

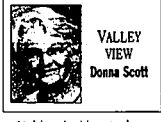
At least legislators can go back to business, now that the showdown with Otter is over. The state had already spent \$1.3 million on expansion, and the statehouse will be evacuated by April 1 until Jan. 2010.

It will be interesting, however, to see how much goodwill remains as a result of this standoff between legislators, and a newly minted Gov. Otter.

Our view:
The show-down over statehouse expansion didn't give an advantage to either side. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Use caution with new legislation

When the Legislature or Congress is in session, no man is safe. Pay attention. Our country's Constitution guarantees a citizen's right to petition its government — local, state or federal. A petition may be information, but can include gifts, money, meals, privileges, travel, or even a "block" of votes — i.e. from unions, business, organizations, special interests, etc. At every point, petitioning can become something ugly, called bribery.



VALLEY VIEW
Donna Scott

At this point it's up to the elected official to exercise a little integrity and do what is right. Because it's right, and for no other reason. Doing what's right will always make that official popular, but he can at least look himself in the mirror the next morning.

Unfortunately, we've become a nation of special interests. We're conditioned to expect too much from our government. As a responsible constituency, it is prudent to be aware of some of the rules that make "constitutional legislation."

Here follows a list of questions offered by the Heritage Foundation to ask regarding issues being presented for consideration at any level of government.

1. Is it any of the federal government's business? Or is it something that should be handled at the state or local level. Even more revolutionary: Should we be responsible for it individually?
- Example: Our interstate highway system began as a plan by President Eisenhower. As a constitutionally mandated national defense obligation, which also promoted interstate commerce, it was clearly government's business. But in time, urban congestion created interstate gridlock unsolved by a dysfunctional federal bureaucracy.

What to do? A creative solution came from the free-market with car-pool lanes (solos could pay for a variable fee according to traffic levels). Electronic signs keep drivers informed of conditions ahead.



2. Does it promote self reliance? Government can shut the door on individual initiative, creating more dependency. Example: In areas that include housing, health care, welfare, retirement income, college expenses and farm subsidies; dependence on federal aid has more than doubled since 1980.

What to do? Recent reform in the area of public welfare proves the success of such efforts. Programs should reward performance, not smother responsibility, ambition and satisfaction of accomplishment.

3. Is it responsible? Or is it merely pork to help get someone re-elected?

Example: Citizens Against Government Waste lists \$23 billion spent on needless pet projects (voted by Congress and signed by the President) in 2004 alone.

What to do? The November election got their attention. Last week the Senate passed significant reform 98-0. It even included posting earmark requests on the Internet 48 hours before a vote.

4. Does it make us more prosperous? Unnecessary regulation, outmoded subsidy programs, excessive taxation and irresponsible trade barriers mean less economic growth and freedom for Americans.

Example: Complicated tax laws and endless taxing authority discourages saving, weakens job creation, holds back the economy and denies the American dream.

What to do? Make tax laws comprehensible. Make "revenue raising" clear and honest, that won't punish work, savings or achievement.

5. Does it make us safer? It quote former President Ronald Reagan, "Government's primary responsibility is the security of the United States. Without other security of what use is any other program?" We're there!

Example: In 2004, President Bush signed a \$416 billion defense appropriation bill to defeat terrorism. This figure actually slighted the needs of our fighting men and women, while it included \$8.9 billion in totally unrelated pork spending.

What to do? As much as we desire peace, we must be prepared, and willing to wage war, or pay the ultimate consequence. Our President has never asked us to give anything towards the success of this effort, relying solely on the contribution of volunteer forces. Perhaps if we (politicians and citizens alike) had half the backbone of our brave military, we would once again be a strong, viable nation to be reckoned with.

6. Does it unify us? Example: A "molting pot" makes best meals into strong allies. We are all immigrants from somewhere, but once here, we cannot be hyphenated. Americans. Most folks come to America because they want what we have. I say, "Welcome!" but we have rules.

What to do? America's diversity is also her strength, but we must be bound together with a loyalty of culture and values. We are an English speaking country. Come to America and speak English. Come loyally and integrate into our system as immigrants have done for centuries.

Our education system must resume teaching the next generation the history that reinforces the ally or pay the price of a watered-down citizenry who have no clue what it means to really be an American.

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Tune in to more stupidity on television

If you are looking for a reason to watch more TV — and who isn't? — you will be delighted to know that Fox is coming out with a new show this spring called "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?"

Think of "Fifth Grader" as the anti-"Jeopardy."

"While most game shows measure how smart you are, this is a show that will measure how dumb you are," said Fox Entertainment President Peter Liguori.

Adults will be asked questions taken from elementary school textbooks. Actual elementary students will be on hand to help in case things get too hairy, which they surely will if you have recently attempted to help your fifth-grader with his or her homework.

The first obvious question we need to ask ourselves is: What kind of adults run our television network?

Here's a clue: I sat with a

DAVID GRIMES

competition with other networks to buy the "Fifth Grader" idea from the producer of "Survivor." Liguori was the only chief television executive to answer all six questions correctly.

Another important question: Do we really need a TV show to demonstrate to the rest of the world how stupid we are?

If you are unclear about this, all you have to do is pick up a newspaper. (For best results, use a Florida newspaper.) Does anybody recall the 2000 presidential election? Hanging chads. Butterfly ballots. Election officials pouring out tiny little paper holes with magnifying glasses. For about a month, Jay Leno didn't even bother writing a monologue. He just read from the front page of the *Miami Herald*.

Perhaps you remember last November's midterm elections in which 18,000 Sarasotans failed to vote in a hotly contested congressional race.

If you can't figure out how to vote, do you really think you're going to be of any help in long division or state capitals?

In Florida recently, an elderly woman beat back an alligator with a garden hose. Nobody seemed to think of this as an unwise choice of tool. In fact, she was celebrated for her courage.

I could go on.

The point is that your average fifth-grader is way smarter than your average adult, and this is not something we really need to be boasting about.

I visited the Internet, the source of all Truth and Wisdom, to get a sense of what fifth-graders are learning these days.

The following are some math skills that you must master in Tennessee, a state that is not usually held up as the

model of higher education. • Correct symbolic representation of proper and improper fractions to models of proper and improper fractions.

• Multiply a fraction by the multiple of its denominator (denominator less than or equal to ten).

• Generalize numerical patterns using a variable.

• Use the spatial reasoning to identify the three-dimensional figure created from a two-dimensional representation of that figure.

Clearly, "Fifth Grader" is going to unnerveously embarrass many adults.

It's only going to prove that most of us would benefit from taking fifth grade over again.

Assuming we could pass it. Which I doubt.

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LETTER

Facts show the growing danger of wolves

I am confused by a letter to the editor by Louis Brombacher of Anchorage, Alaska, dated Jan. 26.

Mr. Brombacher makes fun of another letter contributor, Tony Mayer, a local resident commenting on wolves. Both writers agree that wolves should not have been introduced into Idaho and both writers are hunters. The main conflict between the two writers is over whether wolves are dangerous.

Mr. Brombacher writes, "Not once have I read about a wolf attacking a wild animal, a human, but I have heard Tony's gibberish before, and it is nothing more than a reflection of ignorance." Gee, Louis, did you ever pick up the wrong month to write your letter. Go read the article featured on the front page of *Outdoor Life*.

February 2007. That article on Page 40 documents an Idaho grey wolf in combat with wolves killing his hunting dogs. The article also refers to recent known attacks on people by wolves.

Louis, my suggestion is to get some newspapers and magazines included in your monthly dog sled shipment from food up there in Alaska. You would have read about the gun who was attacked, killed and partial eaten by a pack of wolves in Canada as he walked near his home after work last year. This incident was widely covered in the news and on record with the Canadian environmental agencies.

I personally view Idaho as a wilderness area with concerns because they have not yet been hunted and probably do not fear humans. One would certainly not want to exercise a pet near a pack of wolves.

DANIEL H. HAYMORE
Twin Falls

Trash crews are not picking up recycle bins

Regarding the editorial, "Empty recycle bins cry out for more support," I am disappointed.

I approved of this plan 100 percent. I stopped putting my recycle items out to be picked up because they were never picked up on trash day, then animals and wind tipped them over and scattered the contents. If I set the containers out the night before, someone would help themselves to the aluminum cans.

It is much easier for me to take the recycle items to the collection bins behind Fred Meyer and deposit them there.

Thanking me for the task of picking up the mess on the street. I use the 18 gallon containers furnished to collect and transport items to the recycling site.

We always recycled these items before the program was ever initiated. This is a good program, but I need to improve on my part and make sure I packs up on the designated day.

What a DODD
Twin Falls

Conceding to my persistence border on business.

I was very disappointed in the Arts on Tour group. "The Second City"

It turned out to be tasteless and saturated with the political agenda for or against gays. I am not sure. This group was rude, crude and unacceptable.

I don't care if people want to speak out on gay rights, abortion or anything else that I might find appalling. What I do have a problem with is spending my hard-earned money in my senior years to speak out on gay rights, abortion or anything else that I might find appalling. What I do have a problem with is spending my hard-earned money in my senior years to speak out on gay rights, abortion or anything else that I might find appalling.

At the first break, about a third of the audience got up and left, so I do not feel I was the only one disturbed by this program. I do not buy Barbara Streisand's music either because she wants to use my ticket to promote her political agenda. People should use their own ruckus to speak out on their views, not mine.

Gloria Chickler
Twin Falls

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Idaho Historical Society tackles accounting lapses

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE, Idaho — Former State Historical Society Director Steve Guerber often showed up for meetings in period costumes, such as a long black wig, moccasins and wool pants meant to evoke Idaho's pioneer past.

By contrast, Keith Petersen, Guerber's temporary replacement since he resigned in November amid a travel spending scandal, showed up for a legislative budget hearing Friday looking more like a banker than a Western rascal.

Petersen wore a gray suit, a blue pinstriped shirt and a dark tie — clothing meant to underscore just how serious he's taking the task of restoring lawmakers' and public trust in the agency.

"This is the highest priority while I am on the job," Petersen said.

A 2 1/2-month review of Guerber's travel and expense records by the Idaho state controller last year uncovered \$5,467,777 in improper reimbursements to him over a five-year period, including money for football tickets, golf fees, dozens of meals and travel for family members dating

back to 2001.

Guerber, who said he'd reimburse the state the money, blamed the improper reimbursements on errors, not malfeasance.

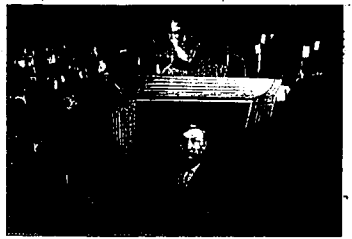
Petersen told the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee that his agency has created a new policy manual for staff governing travel and has held orientations to familiarize the 46 employees with how to use state credit cards and file expense reports the proper way.

He's also asked the budget writing committee to give him money to hire a financial officer — the job would pay

\$76,500 annually — to prevent similar problems.

"The biggest step we need to take will be to provide for a well-qualified leader of our fiscal office," Petersen said.

Petersen said his agency has addressed concerns about financial record keeping that were raised by Legislative Services auditors in August. They cited "internal control issues" with the historical society's accounting procedures and questioned how the Old Penitentiary and state history museum in Boise generated just \$90,000 in admissions revenue in each of the last three years — despite a fee increase.



Interim Director of the Idaho State Historical Society Keith Petersen holds up a portrait of former Gov. Frank Stenenberg in the Idaho State Historical Society's warehouse Monday. The portrait was recently removed from the statehouse in preparation for the capitol restoration.

Idaho's drug courts seek 50 percent more money

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Administrators of Idaho's drug and mental health court are seeking an additional \$4 million to increase the number of people who can participate.

In a six-page report to Gov. C.L. "Buck" Oiter and the Legislature, court administrators said 888 people were supervised by the court during any given month in 2006.

Boosting spending on the program by 50 percent would allow 500 additional people throughout the state to participate, 6th District Judge N. Randy Smith said.

Idaho ranks second in the

nation in drug court availability based on the number of courts per capita. The first two drug courts opened in 1998, and the state had 40 drug courts as of Dec. 4, meaning there was one court for every 36,000 Idahoans, according to the report.

Oiter spokesman Jon Hanlan said Monday that the governor's office did not immediately have a comment to the request.

Smith oversees Bannock County's drug court, which opened its doors in 2002.

A defendant can go to drug court before or after sentencing.

In both cases the defendant is likely facing prison time, but Smith said he believes choosing the drug court, rather than being sentenced to the program, empowers a defendant to start being accountable.

The recidivism rate, the percentage of people who are re-arrested, for Bannock County drug court graduates is just 4 percent. That compares to 19 percent for Ada County drug court graduates and 20 percent for Kootenai County graduates.

Recidivism rate for drug offenders throughout the state

who have not gone through drug court is well over 50 percent.

Charles Snowden, a Bannock County drug court participant, knows he would be in prison if not for drug court. Snowden said rock bottom came for him last year when his youngest child was born while he sat in Bannock County jail facing prison time.

"I didn't even get to see him be born," Snowden told the Idaho State Journal for a story Sunday. "It made me think of my kids and I felt ashamed."

Snowden, a father of four, was arrested last year for pos-

session of methamphetamine. Today, he has been drug-free for seven months and credits Bannock County's drug court and Smith with saving his life.

The report, which was submitted to the governor's office and lawmakers last week, also noted that drug court programs cost the state less than other penalties. Per participant, a drug court costs \$6,500, compared with \$20,000 for each prison inmate and \$10,600 for each inmate in a work release center.

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We love you, Connie!
Jon & Kids

Serial child molester sentenced to 152 years

Man abused children in 8 states and two countries over three decades

By Jordan Robertson
Associated Press writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Dean Arthur Schwartzmiller, a child molester with convictions in several states over three decades and a knack for avoiding prison, was sentenced Monday to 152 years to life for sexually abusing two boys when they were about 11 years old.

Schwartzmiller, 65, shackled at the wrists and wearing a red jailhouse jumpsuit and using a cane, did not speak before his sentencing in Santa Clara County Superior Court on 11 felony counts of child

page memoir describing sexual abuse, binders full of child pornography and 1,500 notebook pages with headings including "blond boys," "no, but yes boys," and "bes of the best, 13 and under."

Schwartzmiller, who had at least three molestation convictions and a dozen arrests over three decades, abused many as 100 boys in eight U.S. states, Mexico and Brazil from 1969 to 2005, prosecutors said.

Schwartzmiller told jurors that he was innocent and maligned by a society that doesn't accept men who love boys.

During his testimony,

Schwartzmiller said the memoir and notebook entries were fiction.

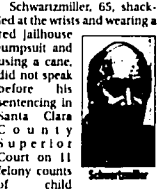
He blamed roommate Frederick Evers — also a convicted child molester — for the child porn. Schwartzmiller also said he could not have molested the two San Jose boys, who are cousins, because he was either at a construction job or bedridden with a bad back at the time.

Outside court Monday, prosecutor Steve Eif said he stands by his assertion that Schwartzmiller molested hundreds of boys, even though other victims weren't included in the San Jose case. Eif said between 30 and 40 people have come forward since Schwartzmiller's arrest to claim they were also victimized, and some of the details of their stories have been corroborated.

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molestation and one misdemeanor charge of child pornography possession.

He chuckled when Judge Edward Lee asked if he knew about his right to appeal, answering in the affirmative that he knows the procedure throughout the state, as acted as his own lawyer in October trial, routinely files mountains of legal arguments in his cases and has overturned two prior convictions.

Lee said that despite Schwartzmiller's legal savvy in getting some previous charges dismissed, he will spend the rest of his days filing appeals from a prison cell.

"For all that above average intelligence and charm, I have a couple of faults (with you) — an English teacher might call them tragic faults," Lee said. "You have no empathy for your victims, that's not particularly unusual. And you cannot see yourself as others see you."

After the hearing Schwartzmiller leaned on his cane and hobbled back to the locked holding area, apparently joking with a deputy before turning back to flash a grin at investigators.

Melinda Hall, the public defender assigned to represent Schwartzmiller at the sentencing, said she spoke with him briefly after the hearing and described his mood as "serene."

There's nothing that surprised him," she Hall, adding that the appeals process was already under way. "I knew exactly what the judge was going to do before it happened."

When Schwartzmiller was arrested in June 2005, investigators found a graphic 456-

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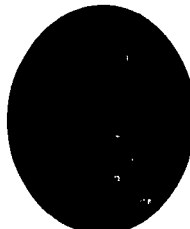
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Trojans upset Pirates

Raft River defeats favored Hagerman for Southside title

By Diane Phillips
Times-News writer

MURTAUGH! — Sometimes dreams do come true. In one of the better played games between two evenly matched teams, the Raft River Trojans defeated the Hagerman Pirates 46-42 in the Magic Valley Southside Championship game on Monday. It was a game that went nip and tuck for four quarters and was too close to call until the final buzzer.

"It is something I have always dreamed about," said Raft River junior Nicole Harper. "Being in a championship game and being on the winning team."

Asked if a championship game made her nervous, Harper replied "not really because you just have to go out on the court and do it with no doubt that that you can win it."

With Raft River only scoring nine points in the final quarter, Harper was able to step to the free throw line and convert 5-of-6 when the Trojans needed points. Harper had a team-high 17 points with a pair of 3-pointers and ended up 9-for-12 at the charity strip.

"She (Harper) has to have ice water running through her veins," said Raft River coach Jeremy Qualls of Harper being able to convert her free throws at crunch time. For the Pirates, junior Chancee Axelson was even one better than Harper hitting 6-of-6 free throws in the fourth. Axelson scored a game-high 22 points including two 3-pointers and numerous drives to the basket resulting in fouls and making the trip to the line 18 times and converting 16.

Hagerman sophomore stand-out Breccia Mangum picked up two quick fouls early in the third quarter with her third coming at 6:07. She took a short break on the bench only to return to the game and pick up foul No. 4 at the 5:51 mark. Mangum returned with 4:03 remaining in the third quarter and ended up fouling out with 5:25 remaining in the game.

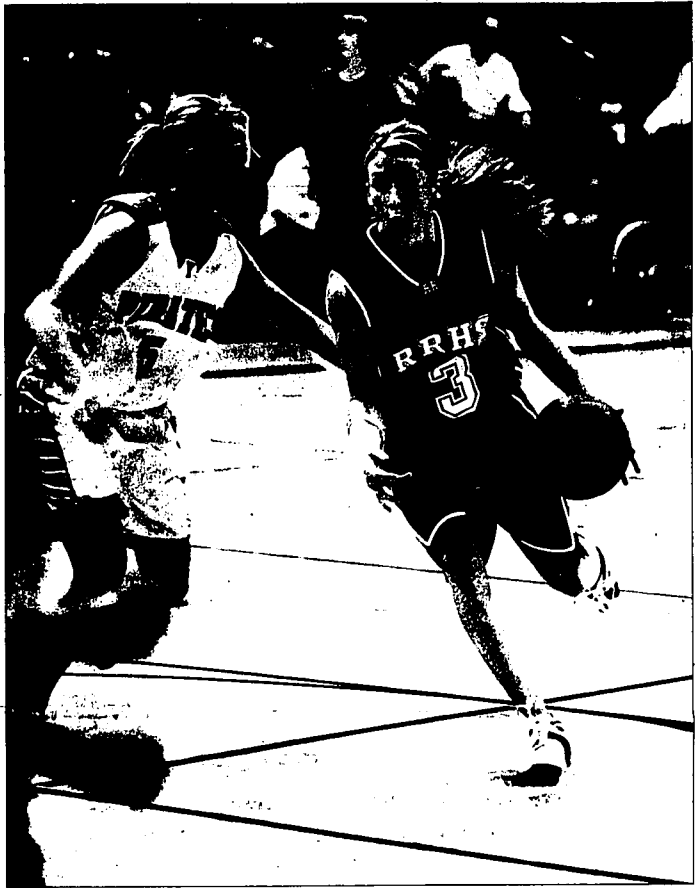
"To win, we needed her in the game," said Hagerman coach Luann Axelson when asked about taking a chance on putting Mangum back in the game. The game was tied 21-21 at the break and the Trojans led 37-34 at the beginning of the final period.

The three-point lead held by the Trojans would end up big in the final score.

With the exception of one basket being made by Ilaicie Scott of Raft River in the quarter, the quarter ended up being a battle of who would be able to convert the most free throws. For the quar-

Magic Valley Southside Tournament

Monday's games at Murtaugh High School
Championship
No. 2 Raft River 46, No. 1 Hagerman 42
Loser-out
No. 3 Hansen 58, No. 6 Castleford 43
Wednesday's game
Second place
No. 1 Hagerman vs. No. 3 Hansen, 7:30 p.m.



Raft River's Nicole Harper sprints past Hagerman's Shaanree Peasley at the Magic Valley Southside Conference girls basketball tournament championship held Monday at Murtaugh High School.

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Richfield beats defending Northside champ Shoshone

By Bradley Gair
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — The Richfield Tigers almost gave it away, but were able to regroup to defeat the defending conference champion Shoshone Indians 36-31 for the Magic Valley Northside Conference girls basketball championship at Dietrich High School on Monday.

The win not only gives the Tigers the Northside regular-

season and tournament titles, but a spot in the Class 1A state tournament next month.

Both teams fell on hard times when it came to shooting in the half-time score was only 17-14 in Shoshone's favor. Neither team was able to really break the other's defense to take a strong lead.

"It was bad. We were really nervous," Richfield senior Angela Kent said of the Tigers' abysmal first half. "Once you lose momentum, it's hard to

get back." Shoshone played patient and controlled the ball, and Richfield's usual defining outside presence just wasn't there. "This is the second straight game we haven't hit 3s," Tigers head coach Steve Kent said.

Magic Valley Northside Tournament

at Dietrich High School
Monday's Games
Championship
No. 1 Richfield 36,
No. 2 Shoshone 31
Loser-out
No. 4 Dietrich 49,
No. 3 Carey 29

Wednesday's game
Second place
No. 2, Shoshone vs.
No. 4 Dietrich, 7 p.m.

"Hopefully, that will change by the District IV championship." There were a couple of 3-point goals from Angela and Michelle Kent during the second quarter, but by the middle of the third quarter, Richfield took advantage of turnovers to

hit more shots to take a lead they would not lose. Shoshone had put up around 10 turnovers during the first half, but had managed to stay on top due to Richfield's lackluster shooting. However, the trend caught up with the

Indians as soon as the Tigers' shots fell.

"We made some crucial turnovers, and they took the lead," Shoshone head coach Tim Chapman said. "They're a hard team to come back against."

The Indians managed to get within a point of the Tigers during the fourth quarter, but more turnovers plagued the team and Richfield held on for

Please see RICHFIELD, Page B2

'Pudgie' Finau returning to CSI for her sophomore season

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho volleyball coach Heidi Cartisser didn't have to look as far as most thought to find a new setter for the 2007 season.

Cartisser announced at Monday's booster luncheon that Kaylene "Pudgie" Finau will return to action for the Golden Eagles next season. Finau, a 2006 NJCAA Division I Second-Team Preseason All-American, sat out the 2006 season after suffering her second anterior cruciate ligament tear in as many years. The combination of the injury and the NJCAA sanction that made CSI ineligible for postseason play led Finau to take a medical redshirt for the season.

Finau led CSI's 5-1 offense that won the program's eighth national championship in 2005. She averaged 11.19 assists per game as a freshman, but missed seven of CSI's matches after

suffering an ACL tear during a match at North Idaho College.

Finau will be joined by standout sophomore libero Chanelle Esteban, along with freshmen Megan Parrish, Savannah Silcock, McKinzie Hawkins and Rikki Moreland on CSI's 2007 roster. The Golden Eagles posted a 29-14 mark in their first year under Cartisser and will again be eligible for postseason play in the upcoming season. Cartisser is currently on the recruiting trail in the western states and Canada.

Winning in the classroom

CSI athletic director Joel Bate announced during Monday's booster luncheon that 24 current Golden Eagles student-athletes were named to the college's Dean's and President's lists for their efforts in their academic endeavors.

Bruin girls face I.F. tonight

District playoffs begin tonight

By Bradley Gair
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — While the Magic Valley Northside and Southside Conference leaders battle for seeding this week, the rest of the conference kick off their tournaments, and to move on and claim the conference tournament title. The Bruins ask that fans in attendance create a "sea of blue" by wearing blue on Tuesday's game. Also, no school or booster passes will be honored.

Class 5A

Twin Falls may be the conference leader, but No. 2 Skyline gets the first-round bye. The Bruins host Idaho Falls looking for their third win of the season over the Tigers and a shot to

Boys	Girls
<p>Wednesday: Caribay at Twin Falls (6-10), 2-6 Region Four-Five-Six, Baum Gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>On the horizon: The Bruins travel to Pocatello for their first conference game versus Highland (4-7, 3-3) on Friday.</p>	<p>Tuesday: Idaho Falls (2-18) vs. its Baum Gymnasium to face Twin Falls (18-3) in the first round of the Region Four-Five-Six Tournament at 7 p.m.</p> <p>On the horizon: If the Bruins win, they advance to face the Skyline Game 3 winner on Saturday. If they lose, they play the loser of Highland vs. Madison on Thursday.</p>

could also contend for the tournament title and a top spot when the Great Basin Conference West Division champion and runner-up face their counterparts from the East Division later on.

Class 3A
Burley may be the odds-on favorite, but the Jerome Tigers

Class 4A

could also contend for the tournament title and a top spot when the Great Basin Conference West Division champion and runner-up face their counterparts from the East Division later on.

Class 3A
If Alex Pfeiffer can be shut out, the Jerome Tigers could also contend for the tournament title and a top spot when the Great Basin Conference West Division champion and runner-up face their counterparts from the East Division later on.

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COMICS

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By Johnny Hart



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By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



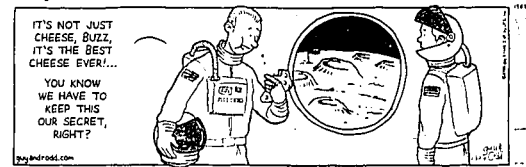
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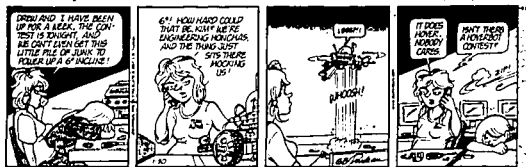
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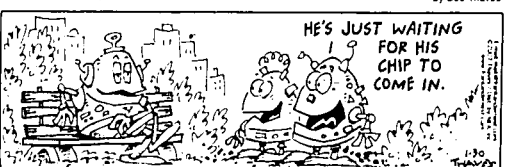
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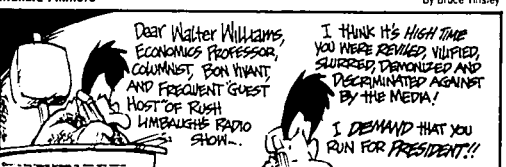
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By Wiley



Strange Brew

By Jeff Deering



Tonight a good night for romance, Leo

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF JAN. 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Relationships might be top priority for the next several weeks. If you wish to make a life-altering decision or initiate an important change in your status, you will be at your wits' end and most likely to make the best choice in April. That is also a time when you can easily ask for favors — and receive them — or when beneficial opportunities could come your way. Make the most of your business savvy in May to formulate sensible financial decisions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): He who works like a dog ends up with the best bones. Discipline, attention to duty and careful organization are likely to pay off. Your literary bookup will appreciate your efforts at self-improvement.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Chukkers always come home to roost. Ball and ooo with a significant other. If a certain relationship has experienced a rift, this is a good time to use your charms to knit things back in place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Commitment causes congratulations. If you wish to make a favorable impression, be ready to offer enthusiastic assistance or find ways to prove that your intentions are honorable.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): For a few hours you may be too easily stirred to anger or aggravated by small events. Count to 10 and then find constructive outlets to burn off your excess energy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This evening might be perfect for a re-enactment of honeymoon bliss. Put strategic ideas on the back burner when the 5 o'clock whistle blows; spend time with loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen with your heart instead of your ears. Give in to the urge to do some impulse shopping. When you are happy and feel confident in the way you look, others will respond in kind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love is a two-way street. Yield to romantic whimsies and show unabashed affection. This might be a good day to apply for that new job you have secretly considered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Love and affectionate are are highlighted. A charming someone might meet you with open arms if you make advances. Find ways to harness mutual arms with other, like-minded business associates.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be a flirt, or woman, of your word. Must require hard work and diligence to fulfill a pledge or to honor commitments, but in the final analysis you will be glad that you did.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Round up romantic moments to treasure for years to come. Go shopping for that perfect something of delight in an online purchase; surprise a loved one with thoughtful accessories.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Plan a rapturous romp with a willing partner. You may be the center of attention in the social scene or make a favorable impression on those who hold the reins of power.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Honesty and commitment with positive attention. Put your money where your mouth is, and buy something that shows off your knowledge or purchasing savvy. Treat a loved one to a special indulgence.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



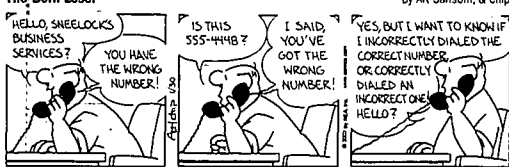
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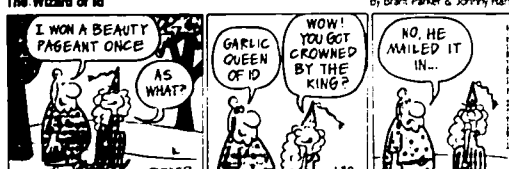
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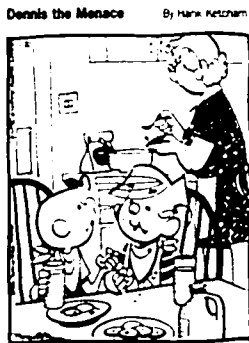
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THE FAMILY CIRCS

By Bill Kravac



Second-guessing mother is applauded for her first action



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

of a boy who died of a drug overdose. I reacted strongly to your answer to "Second-Guessing Myself."

"Those teens were breaking the law, and eventually their drug use could result in their own, or someone else's, death. Those students were using illegal drugs on school grounds. That mother did her son a favor by not putting him in a position where he had to rat on his friends, and believe me, the police would have put plenty of pressure on him to do so.

"They did the crime. They need to be responsible for their behavior. She did the right thing."

— STILL GRIEVING IN THE EAST

DEAR ABBY: The teaching profession is ruled by a strict ethical code. Failure to report any illegal activity, whether it involves your child or the children of your friends, and whether it occurs at your school or not, can result in loss of your teaching certificate and expose you to liability.

As a high school teacher, I all too often see children destroyed by parents who insist on "having things themselves," which typically means they handle nothing at all. Parents who "help" their children by protecting them from the consequences of their actions in truth do them harm. This world would be a far better place if there were more mothers like the writer of this letter.

—MEREDITH IN THOMASTON, GA.

DEAR ABBY: I couldn't believe my eyes when I read your reply to "Second-Guessing Myself in S.C." (Dec. 18), who reported her son and his friends for getting high on campus. You said she should have formed the boys' parents so they had the option of dealing with the matter themselves — and she owed those parents an apology.

As a drug prevention professional, I know that "Second-Guessing" was correct. Drug use is unlikely to stop unless there is an intervention. At the school where I work, a suspension for substance abuse is followed by a mandatory assessment and, if recommended, substance abuse education and/or counseling. The anger that the friends' parents directed toward the writer of that letter needs to be seen for what it is — enabling. If those boys were caught high on a job, they'd be fired.

Please let your readers know that you made a mistake. Encourage parents to take a stand, talk with their children often about the dangers of drugs, and let their children know that if they use drugs, they'll be held fully accountable.

— MIDDLE SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION SPECIALIST IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

DEAR DRUG PREVENTION SPECIALIST: Perhaps this column can be used as a starting point for that conversation. A lot of folks were upset about my response to that letter, in which I told the writer I thought she had jumped the gun in reporting the problem.

to the school administration, and that she owed those parents an apology for jumping the gun. What I failed to take into consideration was that teachers are mandated by law to report anything they see that they know to be against the law. Mea culpa! Read on.

DEAR ABBY: Would you have criticized that parent if the students were driving drunk? Shoplifting? Committing acts of vandalism? I think she should have reported them to the police as well as the school.

That the other parents were upset because their children were punished administratively is one of the reasons that so many kids get into trouble today. Their parents excuse the misdeed and fault the person who does take some positive action. Certainly, I expect parents to stand by their kids when they're in trouble, but being supportive does not mean excusing or covering up illegal behavior. Students need to learn accountability for their misdeeds, and not expect parents to bail them out (pun intended) from out of their wrongdoings.

—RETIRED STATE THOOPER, ALLENTOWN, PA.

DEAR ABBY: As the mother

Last public performance by Beatles made on this date in 1969

This day in history: On a cold Jan. 30, 1969, the Beatles made their last public performance from the roof of Apple Studios in London, disrupting traffic and commerce. Annoyed neighbors called the constables to stop that racket, bringing the historic occasion to a sudden halt.

Illinois Avenue is the space most often landed on in Montpelier. Next most common are B&O Railroad, Fire Parking, Tennessee Avenue, New York Avenue, and Reading Railroad.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

Ever wonder what manufacturers do with the caffeine when they make decaffeinated coffee? They sell it for use in soft drinks, aspirin, and over-the-counter stimulants.

For several years after the Civil War, the best dentures were advertised as containing teeth yanked out of the bodies of healthy young soldiers who had been killed in battle.

Ice skating was used for practical purposes in Holland for centuries. When waterways froze over in winter, ice skates made for an easy way to navigate villages.

In the early 18th century, some now anonymous Dutch resident attached wood spoons to wood so that he

could continue to skate even in the summer when there was no ice. He called these new rolling land skates "skelions."

The 19th-century Byzantine emperor Basil was killed in a freak hunting mishap. According to historical accounts, a large stag startled his horse, which bucked, threw and threw Basil off. In his way down, he became impaled on the antlers of the stag, which carried Basil's body for 16 miles before it was hunted down.

In English, spaghetti means "little strings," ratoli means "little turkeys," linguine means "little tongues," fettuccine means "little ribbons," and vermicelli means "little worms."

Orthopedic surgeons will stress about six million American knees this year.

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Lawyer arrested for DUI on way to get client arrested for same offense

MADISON, Wis. — Attorney Robert Petri can't really empathize with his client.

Police arrested the lawyer for drunken driving after he went to the station to pick up Patrick DePula — who had been arrested for the same offense.

"I can't tell you how humbled I am," said Petri, who once prosecuted drunken drivers for the Madison city attorney's office.

DePula, 34, was arrested early Thursday for drunken driving, police spokesman Mike Hanson said. His blood alcohol concentration was 0.08 percent.

Petri, 64, said he had been out the same evening, had a couple of drinks and went home about 8 p.m. to watch the University of Wisconsin basketball game. He said he had a couple more drinks, went to bed.

He said police called around about 2 a.m. asking him to pick up DePula. Petri said the officer asked if he had been drinking, and said Petri could only say if he had no alcohol in his system.

Odds & ends

Petri said he was certain his blood-alcohol concentration had fallen 0.08 percent, the legal limit for drunken driving in Wisconsin.

Shanghai considering law against swear words

SHANGHAI, China — Watch your language. This is Shanghai.

China's financial center is considering a law against using swear words in public, according to reports Monday a sign of just how far the city has come from its famously profane 19th-century dockside origins.

Newspapers and a government spokesman said the ban could be included in a law targeting spitting, littering, smoking, jaywalking and other behaviors deemed disruptive or anti-social.

The law, now being considered by the City Council, needs to address swearing because it could also cause simple arguments to escalate into violence, city government adviser

Luo Huarong told the *Shanghai Morning Post*.

Dog returns home six years after sneaking out

ST. LOUIS — Cujo was a frisky 7-year-old who sneaked out of his owner's yard in July 2000.

Now thinner and grayer and with a tale that would be fascinating if only he could tell it, the golden retriever is back with the Barczewski family.

"It's a miracle," 41-year-old Noreen Barczewski said at Friday's reunion. "We found him."

Cujo had somehow ended up in 20 miles away in Columbia in the home of an elderly woman. When the woman entered a nursing home, the dog was sent to the Central Missouri Humane Society in Columbia.

At 20 months ago, Noreen Barczewski's brother-in-law, Michael Barczewski, went to an adoption agency Web site on a fluke. He recognized the dog immediately, and the reunion followed within days.

—The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy skies and slightly above average temperatures. Highs, mid to upper 30s.
Tonight: A few clouds overhead. Lows, upper teens to near 20.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and still dry. Highs, mid 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Scattered clouds. Highs, mid 30s.
Tonight: A low clouds overhead. Lows, teens.
Tomorrow: Continued partly cloudy. Highs, 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI Lo. Lists weather for various cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for various regions like Sun Valley, Boise, and Twin Falls. Includes text about mountain snow and temperature trends.

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Table with 5 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset. Includes monthly and yearly data.

Weather icons and moon phases for February, including Full Moon, First Quarter, and New Moon.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for cities like London, Tokyo, Sydney, etc.

Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'So what do we do? Anything, something. So long as we just don't let them...'

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Thursday. Lists forecasts for cities like Calgary, Edmonton, etc.

Today's National Map showing weather fronts across the United States. Includes a legend for Fronts, Cold, Warm, Stationary, and Occluded.



Dean Richardson, chief surgeon at the University of Pennsylvania's new Bolton Center for Large Animals, walks Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro at the center in Kennel Square, Pa., in this Sept. 25, 2006 file photo.

Barbaro euthanized

KENNEL SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was euthanized Monday after complications from his gruesome breakdown at last year's Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that prompted an outpouring of support across the country.
A series of ailments — including laminitis on the left rear hoof, an abscess in the right rear hoof, as well as new laminitis in both front hooves — proved too much for the gallant colt. The horse was put down at 10:30 a.m.
'Certainly, grief is the price we all pay for love,' said co-owner Gretchen Jackson at a news conference.
Barbaro battled in his ICU stall for eight months. The 4-year-old colt underwent several procedures and was fitted with fiberglass casts. He spent time in a sling to ease pressure on his legs, had pins inserted and was fitted at the end with an external brace. These were all extraordinary measures for a horse with his injuries.
'Clearly, this was a difficult decision to make,' chief surgeon Dr. Ian Richardson said. 'I hunged on what we said all along, whether or not we thought his quality of life was acceptable. The probable outcome was just to poor.'
Richardson, fighting back tears, added, 'Barbaro had many, many good days.'
Roy and Gretchen Jackson were with Barbaro on Monday morning, with the owners making the decision in consultation with Richardson.
'We just reached a point where it was going to be difficult for him to go on without pain,' Roy Jackson said. 'It was the right decision, it was the right thing to do. We said all along if there was a situation where it would become more difficult for him then it would be time.'
Richardson said he was comfortable the right decision was made and could tell Barbaro was not his usual self each Monday morning.
'He was just a different horse,' he said. 'You could see he was upset. That was the difference. It was more than we wanted to put him through.'

the Kentucky Derby, but for breaking down in the Preakness," said Peter Brette, Barbaro's exercise rider and assistant trainer for Michael Matz.
Barbaro suffered a significant setback over the weekend, and surgery was required to insert two steel pins in a bone — one of three shattered in the Preakness but now healthy — to eliminate all weight bearing on the ailing right rear foot.
The leg was on the mend until an abscess began causing discomfort last week. Until then, the major concern was Barbaro's left rear leg, where 80 percent of the hoof had been removed in July when he developed laminitis.
"This horse was a hero," said David Switzer, executive director of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association. "His owners went above and beyond the call of duty to save this horse. It's an unfortunate situation, but I think they did the right thing in putting him down."
"Brilliant on the race track, Barbaro always will be remembered for his brave fight for survival."
When Barbaro broke down, his right hind leg leg flung out awkwardly as jockey Edgar Prado jumped off and tried to steady the ailing horse. Race fans at Pimlico wept within 24 hours the entire nation seemed to be caught up in a "Barbaro watch."
Well-wishers young and old showed up at the New Bolton Center with cards, flowers, gifts, goodies and even religious medals for the champion, and thousands of e-mails poured into the hospital web site just for him.
The biggest gift has been the \$1.2 million raised since early June for the Barbaro Fund. The money is put toward needed equipment such as an operating room table, and a raft and sling for the same pool recovery Barbaro used after his surgeries.
'I would say thank you for everything, and all your thoughts and prayers over the last eight months or so,' Roy Jackson said to Barbaro's fans.
The Jacksons spent tens of thousands of dollars helping the best horse they ever owned would recover and be able to live a comfortable life on the farm. The couple, who own about 70 racehorses, broodmares and yearlings, and operate the 190-acre Lael Farm, have been in the horse business for 30 years, and never had a horse like Barbaro.

Bonds, Giants complete deal

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants completed a \$15.8 million, one-year contract Monday night after the slugger spent hours at the ballpark being examined by team doctors.
A baseball official confirmed the deal, speaking on condition of anonymity because the club had not yet announced it.
The contract was finalized nearly two months after the sides reached agreement on financial terms Dec. 7, the final day of baseball's winter meetings. Bonds had to pass a physical, and the parties had to work out complicated language regarding Bonds' behavior and what would happen if the slugger were to be indicted.
A federal grand jury is investigating whether Bonds procured himself when he testified in 2003 in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative steroid distribution case that he hadn't knowingly taken any performance-enhancing drugs.
Bonds waived, yelled 'hello, hello' and smiled as he left the stadium Monday and drove away, with agent Jeff Borris in the passenger seat. Borris did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press.
The 42-year-old Bonds begins the 2007 season with 734 home runs, 22 from breaking Hank Aaron's career record of 755.

club a chance to win. He has appeared in the possession in four of the last five years, so he knows what it takes to get to that level, and to succeed in those situations.'
Weaver and his agent, Scott Boras, were due in Seattle for a news conference Tuesday.
Helton-to-Boston talks are off
DENVER — Todd Helton would be going to the Boston Red Sox.
The Colorado Rockies announced Monday night that trade talks with the Red Sox about a possible deal that would have sent Helton to Boston have ended and 'there will be no further discussions.'
'This is not a trade that we were anxious to complete, but we were always exploring ways to improve our team,' Rockies owner Charlie Monfort said in a statement. 'Discussions like these regarding a player of Todd's talent and character are never easy, and it's not surprising we were not able to reach an agreement.'
'Todd has been and will continue to be an important part of our franchise, and we

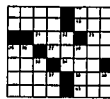
can't wait to see him with the rest of the Rockies in Tucson,' when the team reports to spring training in Arizona next month.
Earlier Monday, Monfort told The AP 'We're not just going to give him up for nothing.'
The Rockies wanted to obtain promising relievers Craig Hansen and Manny Delcarmen from Boston.
'Tavaraz and Lowell are good, and they'll help us this season, but we need to get something else pretty good in return,' Monfort said before negotiations ended. 'So, we'll see.'
Monfort didn't return a call to The AP seeking comment Monday night on why the talks were terminated.
— The Associated Press

Weaver finalizes deal with Mariners

SEATTLE — Jeff Weaver passed his physical on Monday and finalized a one-year contract with the Seattle Mariners worth \$48,325,000.
The deal includes \$1 million in possible performance bonuses for the 30-year-old right-hander, who last season helped St. Louis win its first World Series title since 1982. He would earn \$300,000 each for 180 innings or 28 starts, and 190 innings or 30 starts, and \$400,000 for 200 innings or 32 starts.
Weaver also would receive \$50,000 if he makes the All-Star team, \$200,000 for winning the Cy Young Award and \$50,000 for a Gold Glove award. Should the Mariners, who have finished last in the AL West for three consecutive seasons, have an outstanding year, Weaver could get \$50,000 for being the MVP of the AL championship series and \$100,000 for being the World Series MVP.
'We felt that signing Jeff gave us a great opportunity to add another veteran starter to our young mix,' Seattle general manager Bill Bavasi said. 'Jeff has consistently pitched deep into ballgames, and gives his

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Fleischer says he heard about CIA officer from Libby

By Michael J. Sautin
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer testified Monday he first heard that a prominent war critic's wife worked at the CIA from vice presidential aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. He said he thought the information might help deflect critical questions from reporters.

Fleischer said Libby told him about Valerie Plame's job at the CIA over a lunch in the White House mess on July 7, 2003. But Libby has told investigators he thought he first learned about Plame on July 10 from news reporter Tim Russert.

Four other government witnesses also have said they dis-

cussed Plame with Libby before July 10, and the discrepancy between those accounts and what Libby told the FBI and a grand jury are a major component of the perjury and obstruction of justice charges against Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff.

Libby now says his memory failed him when he spoke to Russert.

The appearance of Fleischer, President Bush's chief spokesman from 2001 through mid-2003, slightly swelled the

crowd of trial onlookers, including veteran reporters eager to see a White House press secretary questioned under oath.

Acknowledging that he fielded lots of hostile questions at the White House, Fleischer proved to be a calm and unflappable witness, even under cross-examination by defense attorney William Jefferson. He often turned to speak directly to the jurors, sometimes using hand gestures.

Fleischer testified under an immunity agreement with prosecutors. He said he sought the deal after reading about the investigation and worrying, "Oh my God. Did I somehow play a role in outing a CIA operative?" He insisted he

believed throughout that the information was not classified. Fleischer said his lunches with Libby was their first ever and had been scheduled by Libby in anticipation of Fleischer's imminent departure to start his own company.

After talk of career plans and the Miami Dolphins, the subject shifted to the controversy raging over criticism by Plame's husband, ex-ambassador Joseph Wilson, of President Bush's State of Union address in January 2003.

Bush had said Iraq was trying to buy uranium in Africa for nuclear weapons, and that had become part of the justification for war with Iraq. Since then, Wilson had said in print and on television that he was

sent to Niger to investigate the report and had claimed it in 2002. Wilson denied questions by Cheney motivated his trip and that Cheney should have received his report months before Bush repeated the story in his speech.

Previous testimony showed Cheney's office was working to get word out that Cheney didn't send Wilson to Niger and had never heard of Wilson, his trip or his conclusions until Plame's exposure in spring 2003.

Libby said Wilson was sent to Niger by his wife and she worked at the CIA in the counter-proliferation division, Fleischer testified. "I believe he mentioned her name and said something like, 'This is Bushy-bush, this on the Q-T, not very

many people know this."

"My sense is that Mr. Libby was telling me this was kind of news," Fleischer added. He did not think the information was classified, however, because whenever he was told or given classified information "people would always say, 'This is classified. You cannot use it.'"

Fleischer said he again heard about Plame four days later from White House communications director and an assistant abroad. At first, one during Bush's trip to Africa. Bartlett was reading a document and began "venting" to no one in particular his displeasure that reporters kept writing that Cheney had sent Wilson to Niger.

Not our job

Government says defending nuclear plants from airliner attack not an industry responsibility

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Making nuclear power plants crash-proof to an airliner attack by terrorists is impracticable and it's up to the military to avert such an assault, the government said Monday.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, in a revised security policy, directed nuclear plant operators to focus on preventing radiation from escaping in case of such an attack and to improve evacuation plans to protect public health and safety.

"The active protection against airborne threats is addressed by other federal organizations, including the military," the NRC said in a statement.

The agency rejected calls by some nuclear watchdog groups that the government establish firm zoning near reactors or that plant operators build "lattice-like" barriers to protect reactors, or be required to have anti-aircraft weapons on site to shoot down an incoming plane.

The NRC, in a summary of the mostly secret security plan, said such proposals were examined, but that it was concluded the "active protection" against an airborne threat rests with organizations such as the military or the Federal Aviation Administration.

It said that various mitigation strategies required of plant operators — such as radiation protection measures and evacuation plans — "are sufficient to ensure adequate protection of the public health and safety" in case of an airborne attack.

"The commission unanimously approved the plan, which has been the subject of internal discussions for 15 months, in a 5-0 vote at a brief meeting without discussion.



An Israeli woman is comforted by a friend as she reacts at the site of a suicide bombing that killed three people in the southern city of Eilat, Israel, Monday. A Palestinian suicide bomber attacked a bakery in the southern Israeli resort town on Monday, killing himself and three people, police said. It was the first suicide bombing in Israel in nine months and the first ever to hit Eilat, Israel's southernmost city.

Palestinian suicide bomber kills 3 in southern Israeli resort town

By Ariel Schall
Associated Press writer

EILAT, Israel — A Palestinian suicide bomber killed three Israelis at a bakery Monday in the first such attack inside the country in nine months, and the two radical groups that claimed to have sent him said they were trying to end weeks of Palestinian infighting by taking aim at Israel instead.

The bombing was praised by the Palestinians' governing Hamas movement as legitimate resistance — a position that was sure to hurt efforts to end a crippling economic boycott imposed by the international community.

The attack also jeopardized a two-month truce in the Gaza Strip, Israeli security chiefs met late Monday to discuss a response.

"This is a grave incident. It's an escalation and we shall

treat it as such," said Defense Minister Amir Peretz.

It was the first suicide bombing in this Red Sea resort of 50,000 at Israel's southern tip near the Jordanian and Egyptian borders. The town is a popular getaway for Israelis because it has been insulated from Israeli-Palestinian violence by its distance from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shattered glass, body parts and blood-splattered pastries were strewn on the sidewalk outside the bakery. Two of the victims were the owners of the bakery.

A relative identified the third victim as Yisrael Zalmalio, who emigrated to Israel from Peru. The relative, who would give only her first name, Norma, said his parents live in Miami but had no other details. U.S. Embassy officials in Tel Aviv had no information.

"It was awful — there was

smoke, pieces of flesh all over the place," said Benny Magzini, a 45-year-old witness.

Eilat resident Yossi Volintski said he picked up the attacker, who was hitchhiking on the edge of town, shortly before the attack. But he quickly grew suspicious because the man was dressed in heavy clothing on a warm day.

He was wearing a coat closed tightly and was wearing a hat. He didn't speak Hebrew. He was very irritable.

Volintski said, "I then understood that without a doubt this was a hostile person."

He said he dropped the man off on a side road with few people and quickly alerted authorities. "I from when I called the police until the explosion, no more than a few minutes elapsed," he told Channel 10 TV.

Islamic Jihad and the Al

Ansa Martyrs' Brigades claimed joint responsibility. Both militant groups said they hoped to encourage warring Palestinian factions to end weeks of clashes.

"The operation has a clear message to the Palestinian rivals. It is necessary to end the infighting and point the guns toward the occupation that has hurt the Palestinian people," a posting on the Islamic Jihad Web site said.

Early Tuesday, officials from the rival Fatah and Hamas movements announced a new cease-fire. Negotiated by the two sides with Egyptian mediators at a midnight meeting, the agreement was supposed to end bloodshed that has left over 60 Palestinians dead since early December.

But fighting in Gaza did not immediately abate after the announcement. Several earlier truce agreements have broken down.

Dutch citizen faces U.S. terror charges

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — An Iraqi-born Dutch citizen pleaded not guilty Monday in what the Justice Department called the first U.S. terror charges against insurgents targeting Americans in Iraq.

Wesam al-Delama, 33, has been wanted by the United States since 2003, when he and his fellow "Mujahideen from Fallujah" videotaped themselves planting explosives along an Iraq road used by U.S. troops. The explosives did not result in any deaths.

He was extradited from the Netherlands over the weekend after being held there for nearly two years, and will become the first suspect tried in a U.S. court for alleged terrorism in Iraq's bloody insurgency.

"After a lengthy extradition process, this defendant will now face justice for his efforts in orchestrating and launching roadside bomb attacks against our men and women serving in Iraq," Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Wainstein said Monday.

Al-Delama has claimed he is innocent, and his lawyers have argued the U.S. does not have the right to try him. He nodded his head and spoke in broken English while his attorneys during a 10-minute hearing in front of U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman in Washington. Prosecutor Gregg Maisel said the government would be seeking hair and saliva samples from Delama, which the Justice Department said could link him to the crimes.

As part of the extradition agreement with the Netherlands, Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said that al-Delama will be tried in a federal court — not by a military commission such as those set up for terror suspects being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The U.S. will also not oppose al-Delama serving his sentence in a Dutch prison if he

Iraqi cult planned attack on top Shiite clergy during religious festival

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's army announced Monday it killed the leader of a heavily armed cult of messianic Shiites called the "Soldiers of Heaven" in a fierce gunbattle aimed at foiling a plot to attack leading Shiite clerics and pilgrims in the southern city of Najaf on the holiest day of the Shiite calendar.

Senior Iraqi security officers said that as part of the plot, three gunmen were captured to Najaf after renting a hotel room in front of the office of Iraq's most senior Shiite spiritual leader, Grand Ayatollah Ali

al-Sistani, with plans to attack it.

The fierce 24-hour battle was ultimately won by Iraqi troops supported by U.S. and British jets and American ground forces, but the ability of a splinter group little known in Iraq to rally hundreds of heavily armed fighters was a reminder of the potential for chaos and havoc emerging seemingly out of nowhere. Members of the group, which included women and children, planned to disguise themselves as pilgrims and kill as many leading clerics as possible, said Maj. Gen. Othman al-Ghanemi, the Iraqi commander in charge of Najaf.

The cult's leader, wearing jeans, a coat and a hat and carrying two pistols, was among those who died in the battle, al-Ghanemi said. Although he went by several aliases, he was identified as Da Abdul Zahra Kadim, 37, from Hillah, south of Baghdad, according to Abdul-Hussein Abtan, deputy governor of Najaf.

The U.S. military said Iraqi security forces were sent to the area Sunday after receiving a tip that gunmen were joining pilgrims headed to Najaf for Ashura, a commemoration of the 7th-century death of Imam Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

World's oldest known person dies at 114

By Stephanie Ruiz
Associated Press writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — Emma Fay, an 114-year-old woman who became the world's oldest known living person last week, died at a nursing home. She was 114.

Tillman, the daughter of former slaves, had several family members with her when she died Sunday night, said Karen Chadderton, administrator of Riverside Health and Rehabilitation Center in East Hartford. "She went peacefully," Chadderton said Monday. "She was a wonderful woman."

Tillman was born during the administration of President Benjamin Harrison. Her reign as the

world's oldest person was short-lived; she assumed the title Wednesday with the death of 115-year-old Emiliano Mercado del Toro of Puerto Rico, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

With Tillman's death, the world's oldest person is believed to be Yone Minagawa of Fukuroka, Japan, who is 114, Guinness said. Tillman, who lived independently until she was 110, was deeply religious since childhood and always attributed her longevity to God's will, friends and family members said.

"She has a lot of faith and says, 'Whatever the good Lord wants is what will happen,'" Chadderton said.

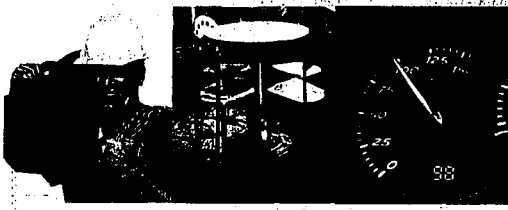
World's elders

There are currently 84 validated living supercentenarians, a person who has lived 110 or older. In the world today, most are women. Living supercentenarians, by country

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U.S.	22
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V. EASY #32

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page C-8.

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Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South. The bidding: South West North East 1NT Pass 2D 2C Pass 4S All pass *12-14 points

Opening lead: Club seven. BID WITH THE ACES. South holds: A 9 5 2, K 7 6 4, A K J, 10 6 5. South West North East Pass Pass

ANSWER: Systemically, the opening bid here is one club (one spade is not elegant). To my mind, though, anyone who bids anything but one diamond is a sadist or masochist - or both.

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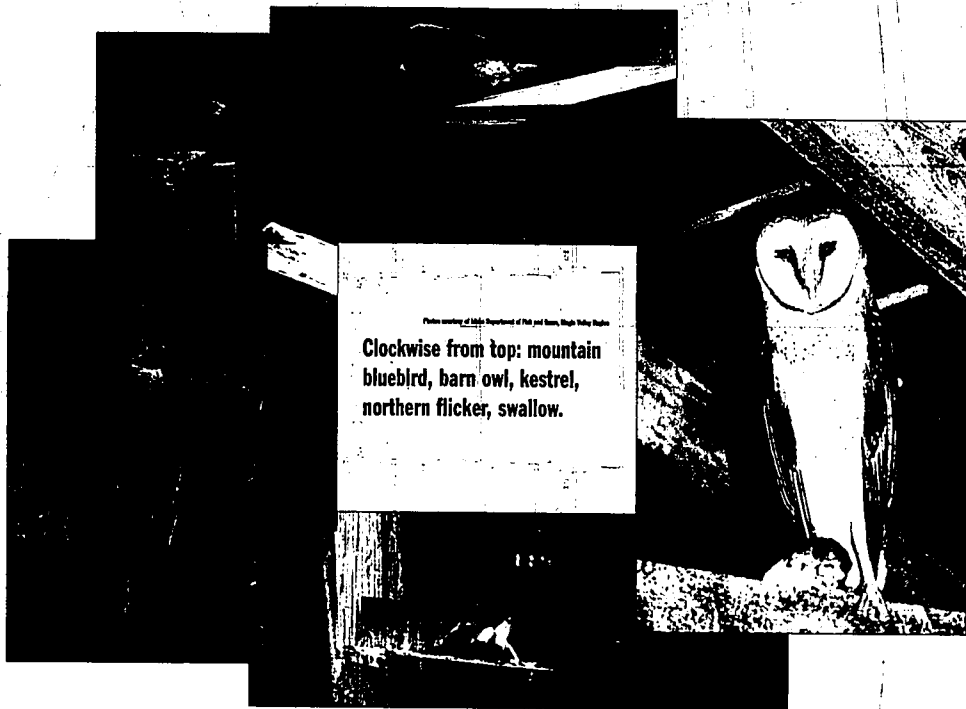
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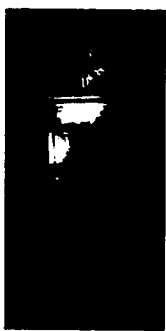


Bring your backyard alive



Clockwise from top: mountain bluebird, barn owl, kestrel, northern flicker, swallow.

Construct simple structures to create animal oasis



By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUILD — If winter has you singing the cabin fever blues, perhaps it is time to turn the days you spend wishing for spring into preparing for it.

Along with warmer weather, spring will bring an influx of creatures. Even now, migratory birds such as ducks may fly into your yard if you happen to have a year-round water source nearby.

Building even a simple platform bird feeder or birdhouse will reap rewards when a dainty mountain bluebird or feisty northern flicker decides to call your backyard home.

"All wildlife need habitat," said Jerome biologist Justin Barrett of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "From birds to squirrels, they do best with a diverse blend of native shrubs, so if you are

planting check to see it is a native plant first. But even adding birdhouses and feeders to your area will attract a diverse variety of species to enjoy."

Extra birds in your yard could also keep insect numbers down.

"Birds can keep insects off your plants. You'll notice lower numbers of things like mosquitoes and gnats," said master gardener Jo Ann Robbins of Jerome. But "primarily the benefit is having them in your yard and enjoying their beauty, because if they are attracted to your home due to a feeder they may not be interested in insects."

You can construct a number of simple items — like feeders and shelters — that will attract bats, birds, even butterflies to your home.

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The right house for the right bird

The size of your property will limit the number of birdhouses. In general, one acre can support one large birdhouse and four smaller birdhouses, according to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. The smaller birdhouses should be 75 to 100 yards apart. This winter, build the right birdhouses for the species you hope to attract this spring.

Birdhouse dimensions:

Species of bird	House floor size (inches)	House height (inches)	Hole above floor (inches)	Entrance hole diameter (inches)	Mounting height (feet)
Western bluebird	4 by 6	8-12	7	1 9/16	4-6
Mountain bluebird	6 by 6	9	7	1 9/16	4-10
Tree or violet-green swallow	4 by 6	6-8	1-5	1 1/2	10-12
Downy woodpecker	4 by 4	8-10	6-8	1 1/4	6-20
Chickadee	4 by 4	8-10	6-8	1 1/8	6-15
Red-breasted nuthatch	4 by 4	8-10	6-8	1 1/4	12-20
House wren	4 by 4	6-8	4-6	1 1/4	5-10
Northern flicker	7 by 7	16-18	14-16	2 1/2	6-20
Kestrel	8 by 8	16-18	13-15	3	15-20
Screech owl	8 by 8	12-15	9-12	3	10-30
Barn owl	10 by 18	15-18	6	4-6	12-18
Wood duck	10 by 18	10-24	12-16	3 1/2 high by 4 wide	6-8 over water or 10-20 over land

Source: Idaho Department of Fish and Game's "Backyards for Wildlife"

How to build a platform bird feeder

A raised platform is a simple way to provide backyard birds with a contained feeder. The screen in this homemade model allows for water drainage, reducing the risk of mold after a rain.

You will need:
• Two 8-foot two-by-fours

- Stainless steel or aluminum screening
- 12 wood screws, 2 1/2-inch
- Staple gun and 1/2-inch staples
- Utility knife
- Tape measure
- Drill with screw bit

Step one

For platform legs: Cut one two-by-four into three 2-foot sections. For platform: Using a Sillaw, cut a 30-degree angle at the end of the second two-by-four. Turn the two-by-four over and measure from the inside angle 30 inches, and make another 30-degree cut. Repeat that procedure until you have three sides, and place the pieces together into a triangle. (This photo depicts smaller triangle sides to show detail.)



Step two

Using a drill, join each corner of the triangle with two screws, about an inch apart.

Photo by Blair Koch/IDFG

Step three

Lay the screen over the platform and fasten it tautly into place with the staple gun.



Step four: Along the platform edge, cut off excess screen carefully with the utility knife.

Step five: Screw the leg pieces onto the platform.



Step six: Place the feeder in the open where birds can find danger but will come to cover — but tree branches — in case they need it. Fill the platform with bird seeds and enjoy the birds.

Source: Idaho Department of Fish and Game's "Backyards for Wildlife"

COUNTRY ROADS

Hot or cold: Composting can be done in a variety of ways

By Scott Aker
Special to the Washington Post

Question: My soil is full of rocks and heavy clay. I have been trying to make compost without attracting rodents. I put vegetable scraps in a closed plastic container, let them get moldy, and add them to an open pile of leaves. My sister says that I'm just making slime — she puts her scraps out every evening. What do you say?

Answer: There is no real benefit to storing your scraps in a closed plastic container before adding them to the compost pile. Composting can be done in a variety of ways, but they fall down to two types — hot composting and cold composting. If vermin have been a problem, hot composting may be the way for you to go.

In hot composting, the organisms that cause the decay generate heat so that the pile reaches a temperature of 140 to 160 degrees. This is hot enough to kill weed seeds and harmful disease organisms, and it will make your compost pile inhospitable for vermin. A hot compost pile takes some work: You have to pay attention to the ingredient mix, the size of the particles, moisture content, aeration and the volume of materials. Otherwise, your pile will decompose in a cool fashion, and this can take months, even years.

A hot compost pile needs a favorable carbon-to-nitrogen ratio. A standard ratio is 30 parts carbon to one part nitrogen. In practice, hot compost can result from a wide variety of carbon-to-nitrogen ratios as long as the other needs are met. But you should have at least 10 percent high-nitrogen materials such as grass clippings, weeds, kitchen scraps or manure. The rest can be high-carbon material such as leaves.

The size of particles to be composted is important: small particles provide more surface area for the decay organisms. Finer is better, to a point. Don't chop leaves so much that they turn into a powder.

The composting microbes need moisture. The materials should be barely damp but not saturated. In periods of dryness, you may have to water the pile.

Oxygen is the fuel for a hot compost pile, and it is supplied by frequent turning of the materials. Turn it any time that the temperature starts to drop, and you can get the temperature to rise again as long as there is material that has not yet decayed.

Finally, there is volume. This is the most frequently limiting factor in home composting. Ideally, a good compost pile should consist of at least two cubic yards of material. That means that your pile might have dimensions of three feet by six feet with a height of three feet. Most gardeners find themselves with this much organic matter only when they collect leaves and are cutting back perennials.

There is also the problem that kitchens produce a continuous flow of materials for the compost pile. For most of the year you will lack the volume needed to produce hot compost.

You could consider composting indoors with worms. Start with red wiggler worms, not night crawlers, newspaper, a large plastic bin and a bit

of good garden soil. You can find the worms in aged manure or compost piles, or you can buy them. (On the Web, Google "red wiggler worms" for sources.) Shred the newspaper and dampen it, and place the worms in it. Cover them with the garden soil. When you have kitchen wastes, chop them into small pieces and bury them in the bin. The materials should not be excessively wet. Don't add too many scraps at one time or smelly anaerobic decay may take place before the worms have a chance to eat the food. Harvest your worm compost

by burying scraps at one end of the bin. The worms will move to this end as they exhaust the food in the other end of the bin. Scoop out the finished compost for the garden and put down fresh bedding and soil for them, and when they move to their new bedding you can harvest the other half of the bin.

Your bin is best located in a heated area that is out of the way. The basement is a good spot, but a heated garage or breezeway works just as well.

Scott Aker is a horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

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Bat houses are narrow wooden boxes with an opening at the bottom. They are mounted up in trees and on posts.

"We have several bat boxes around the park that were built by Justin Dahl of Buhl for his Eagle Scout award," said Jerry Chapman, Niagara Springs hatchery manager. "They are relatively easy to make — they just need a rough finish so the bats can grasp onto it before climbing inside, which gets narrower to top."

Bats crawl up into the house during the day to roost and hibernate there during winter.

According to the Fish and Game publication "Backyards for Wildlife," bat houses are

best mounted on a pole or the side of a building at least 16 feet off the ground.

Bat boxes should be at least 2 feet tall, with the inside chamber measuring at least 20 inches tall and 14 inches wide. The landing area should extend below the chamber 3 to 6 inches. For detailed instructions on how to build a single-chamber bat house, visit Bat Conservation International's Web site at www.batcon.org and click on the "Bat Houses" link.

If you decide to build birdhouses, there are some guidelines to follow when deciding where to place them — as even the best house will go unused if it is placed where it will get too hot, is easily accessible by predators or is too open to the elements.

"Backyards" suggests that mounting a house on a pole will keep the birds safe from most predators. Attaching a birdhouse to a live tree trunk is acceptable for larger bird species like owls, wood ducks or kestrels.

Besides feed, space and shelter, all wildlife need water. Many people use birdbaths during warmer months — but to bring in even more birds, provide water in winter, as well.

"You'll double the birds in your yard by just adding a water source," said Kelton Hatch, a Fish and Game regional conservation educator.

Fish and Game suggests purchasing chicken-type water warmers available at most farm stores.



HORSE HEALTH WOES-WHEN TO CALL THE VET

It is beautiful when the snow starts falling, because there's nothing more magical about winter. It's cold of course, but it also brings about cuddling and family time. One thing that winter can be hard on though is your animals, especially horses. Did you know that horses could have a lot more health problems in the winter than any other season? As the temperature drops a horse tends to get sick faster, especially if they have no protection.

Some of the major health problems a horse can have are listed below with descriptions and ways to try and prevent them.

Colic is often described as a stomachache. It doesn't always happen in the winter, but the horses are more susceptible to it then. It's not so much the stomachache, it is the way the horse reacts to having colic. They won't eat and they tend to lie down and keep getting up, trying to soothe the pain. If the pain is really bad, some will roll and thrash violently. They will kick at their bellies and grind their teeth. If your horse has any of these signs immediately call the vet, because they need to get serious medical help. Are you wondering why they may get colic, or how they could have gotten it? Some major factors are linked to colic in a horse.

Dehydration is one of the reasons a horse may get colic. As winter

sets in and it gets colder, horses don't care to really drink cold water, especially if it is frozen. They can't get enough nutrients from the snow, so when they actually do drink, their body temperature starts to drop. The body then has to work double to produce heat. When a horse becomes hydrated the intestines are the first thing affected. This in turn can cause the extreme pain. If you don't want your horse to get dehydrated in the winter, set a pan of lukewarm water in the barn. You can also fill their water troughs a couple times a day with warm water.

When it's cold outside every-one loves warm food or hay. This is the problem with overfeeding in the winter. People think since it's cold out, they should feed the horses more. This can lead to a number of problems. When the food is eaten too fast, it can cause problems such as colic or laminitis, or maybe both. If you need to feed more, feed more hay to make it of a better quality. Or try to feed them about three times a day.

Horses can't tolerate eating weeds and stalks mixed in hay. They can't digest it as well as some animals. Make sure the hay is not moldy, that can cause laminitis, and will kill a horse faster than you might even notice.

Another health issue a horse can get is rain rot. It happens when the ground is soggy and wet. The bacteria

gets between the horses skin and dirt, which protects it. It resembles tiny bumps or large scabbing along the front of the horses legs. If not treated immediately, it can spread rapidly. You can try a betadine scrub bath, but for the really bad cases you'll have to call the vet. Antibiotics will be prescribed for your horse.

You have heard of pneumonia and just like humans can get it, so can horses. It is fluid in the lungs from a viral or bacterial infection. If caught immediately, antibiotics can take care of it, but if you let it go too long you may have a dead horse. Try to keep your horse in a stall in the barn, or some place that is nice and warm. A horse blanket may do the trick and can raise a horse's body temperature, so they can fight off the infection. Give your horse extra TLC. They have feelings and if you pamper them they can get over it faster. If you neglect them, leave them outside, don't take them to the vet, and recover them like dirt, they will likely not recover. If you don't have the desire to take an active interest in your horse's health, then maybe you should ask yourself if you should own a horse. Pneumonia is a live threatening illness if not treated immediately the result may be death.

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How to build a crackling good fire

By Joel M. Lerner
Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — It's time to relax in front of an open hearth, smelling the sweet aroma of burning hardwood.

However, wood that doesn't burn well may smoke, smell offensive or smolder and quickly destroy an otherwise pleasurable experience. Most had fires are caused by wood that's not seasoned properly. Even the most desirable firewood will not burn without proper aging.

The most efficient way to season wood is to cut it into logs, split them if they are too big to burn, and stack them for six months to a year in an area that has good air circulation. If

you're buying firewood, find a reliable dealer, because other than burning the wood, there is no accurate way to know whether it is well seasoned. Ask when the wood was cut and what type it is. Under nine months, it isn't seasoned unless it was dead wood when cut.

Firewood can be well seasoned and still not burn because of wetness. Wood that is wet from snow or rain will typically dry overnight and easily light the next day. Bring it indoors a day or two before you plan to make a fire.

However, don't keep it inside for more than several days to a week. Insects that might live inside the dead wood can emerge. They are seldom a

danger to structures or people. Termites, for example, are social insects that need a trail to find their way home from the log that you just moved. So they would be lost, do no damage and perish.

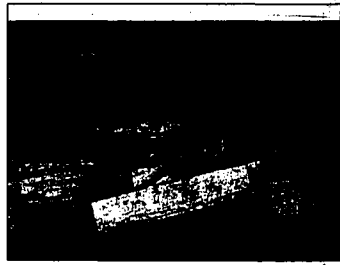
Don't cover your firewood with tarps; that holds moisture. It's better to expose the wood to the elements and store it on something that will keep it elevated three or four inches above ground, promoting good airflow. A weather-proof shed is the perfect storage area for fully seasoned, dry wood.

Store the bulk of your firewood in a neat stack. This way, it can serve as a landscape design element. But that means it has to be good-look-

ing firewood. You can always make a handsome stack from aged, graying logs that are split into fairly even sizes. They should be cross-stacked to leave space between layers for air circulation.

It is important to know the condition of your chimney, especially before you build your first fire of the season. Schedule an annual inspection, inside and out. If the chimney is in good shape, there's almost no danger of it starting a house fire.

Always dismantle fires before leaving the house or going to bed. Cover the coals with ashes and stand the smoldering logs against the back wall of the fireplace. Even if the fire appears to have burned



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out, leave the damper fully open. There are always hot coals hidden in the ashes after a fire.

Joel M. Lerner is president of Environmental Design in Capitol View Park, Md.

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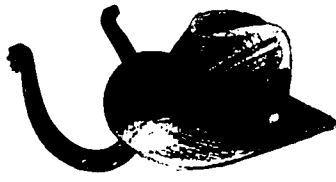
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Homicide suspect surrenders after nearly five-hour standoff

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

HEROME — After a nearly five-hour standoff Sunday night, Jerome police arrested a fugitive suspected of homicide in Texas and aggravated battery in Twin Falls County.



Ariza

Negotiators, backed by about 50 officers from different Magic Valley agencies, convinced Richard Ariza, 41, to surrender Sunday night from 108 East Ave. F Street.

Police had responded at 6:30 p.m. to a report of a disturbance.

Three men at the home told police Ariza had barricaded himself inside, was armed and refused to come out, according to a press release from Jerome Police Chief Dan Hull.

Jerome police and Jerome County sheriff's deputies closed off the block to traffic.

Dozens of city and county law officers from across the

Magic Valley were called in, including negotiators from Twin Falls County.

Almost five hours later, Ariza surrendered peacefully. Subsequent investigation showed that Ariza was armed with three handguns, including two 9 mm semiautomatics, according to the police chief.

On Jan. 8, a 5th District judge signed an arrest warrant for Ariza. Two days earlier, Paolo Pereira said Ariza had threatened him with a gun on Morningside Drive. Ariza had driven up beside Pereira and asked him who he was, according to a Twin Falls police affidavit. When Pereira told him, Ariza pulled a gun from his waistband, pointed it at him and told him to stay away from his family.

Pereira told police he was living with a woman whom Ariza wanted to date.

Jerome police arrested Ariza and booked him at the Jerome County jail.

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Which 'wood' you like?



Todd Summerfield of Twin Falls stands in his yard Monday afternoon. Summerfield is the only applicant so far for one of 10 trees the city is giving away.

More power to you

CSI board of trustees approves policy change to allow Head Start participants more authority to guide the program

By Johana Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The program is designed to help people help themselves.

And now program officials have granted those same people the authority to help the program.

The College of Southern Idaho's board of trustees approved the request by South Central Head Start to cede some decision-making authority over to the very people who are enrolled in the program.

"One of our program's strengths is to be able to work together as a group," said Mary Marshall, the program director. "So that it (the policy change) would do is allow the board (of trustees), which administers the federal grants, to hear from the client, which are the parents in the program."

She said the Policy Council will be required to discuss policy matters with program workers before any changes are made.

Although officials say the program has already been incorporating parents in some policy decisions, they say that the change needs to be formal to clean up the books for this year's audit.

The Head Start program is a nationwide, federally funded service that offers education, health and other family services for low-income families. The federal government has recently made several changes to the program, and it has scrutinized the program on the national level for the way it manages its money.

CSI trustees introduced to new athletic director

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — His introduction to the new athletic director earlier this month seemed to mark the end of a tumultuous year at the College of Southern Idaho.

Bate, who is no stranger to the college or its athletics program, has been involved in student sports for most of his professional career.

He coached women's basketball at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise, CSI, and Filer High School. He also has been an associate professor of English at CSI for six years.

"I believe that there will be changes. But we believe that we are in a position with the college that we can be flexible."

— Mary Marshall, program director

But college officials say South Central Head Start has not experienced similar fiscal problems.

"Head Start — nationwide — is getting beat up pretty bad for its fiscal policy," said Mike Maston, vice president of administration at CSI. "But South Central Head Start has followed all the college's policies, and we act as the program's fiscal agent."

The federal government approved a 1 percent increase in program funding last year, but Marshall said the costs have easily surpassed the increase.

Marshall said the Head Start program will be sent to Congress for reauthorization this year — and few know what the outcome will be.

"I believe that there will be changes," she said. "But we believe that we are in a position with the college that we can be flexible."

Times-News writer Johana Palmer covers education. He can be reached at jpalmer@magicvalley.com or at (208) 420-0526.

City launches tree enhancement program

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As a real estate agent for Prudential, Todd Summerfield know what makes an attractive front yard to accompany a home — especially when that home is his own.

Summerfield, 32, and his family moved into their Pierce Street home four years ago and after removing an old birch tree, he thinks it is about time for a replacement.

"It'll just give the property up and give that good 'ol town neighborhood feel," he said. "The neighbors around here have got beautiful trees — and we don't."

Summerfield could be in luck. He recently applied to the city of Twin Falls for a free tree to be planted in his front yard.

The program, which the Twin Falls City Council approved in the fall, is part of an ongoing effort to maintain the city's image.

Sign up
Applications for the Twin Falls tree enhancement program are available at the Parks and Recreation Department office or the city's Web site.
<http://www.tfid.org>
Call Department Director Dennis Bowyer at 736-2265 for more information. Ten free trees will be given to residents. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28.

"We just think it will make the community more attractive," said Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer. "We want to help beautify Twin Falls."

Applications, due by Feb. 28, will be reviewed by the city's tree commission. It hopes to begin planting the 10 trees, which will be between 10 feet and 12 feet tall — by April. They will be installed by professional tree contractors and be guaranteed for one year.

The trees will cost about \$300 each and the money likely will come from the general fund or reserve fund, Bowyer said. He said applicants will be selected by how well they maintain their property.

The idea was hatched by Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow, who said residents could expect other landscaping programs if the program succeeds.

"My original vision was just to look around town and find places where we can plant trees," Clow said. "It was a first step in seeing what we can do to add more trees to the community."

To be eligible, applicants must live in the older section of town, bound roughly by Washington Street North and Locust Avenue North and Filer Avenue and Minidoka Avenue.

The trees would be planted in a right-of-way area on lawns so the city can retain control over the trees.

Heyburn wastewater project ramping up

By Sean Berg
For the Times-News

HEYBURN — After passing a \$5 million bond and securing a \$500,000 grant from Idaho Commerce and Labor, Heyburn is now moving into the pre-engineering phase of improvements to its wastewater treatment plant.

Forisgen Associates has been contracted to carry out the design and engineering for the improvements, which are slated to be finished early next year.

But City Superintendent Scott Spevak says the search for funding continues as officials work to limit the amount of money they draw from the bond.

In October 2006, Heyburn raised its monthly sewer rates from \$25 to about \$42.

Spevak said the increase has been unpopular but it was necessary to demonstrate to funding sources that the city was doing its part to foot the bill for the improvements.

Heyburn's existing wastewater treatment plant was built in 1992 to process sewage flows of up to 330,000 gallons per day. Public Works Director Ralph Martini says since that time, flows during peak season have reached up to 800,000 gallons in a single day. With flows that high, the existing plant has at times struggled to meet Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards for dispersed pollutants, including its five pound daily allowance of phosphates.

"Other than phosphates, we average between 95 and 98 percent in solids

removal," Martini said. When the \$3.8 million improvements are complete, Martini says the plant should be able to process flows of up to 1.3 million gallons per day.

Improvements include an upgrade to the headworks building, where the initial filtering process takes place; an additional oxidation ditch, where sewage is aerated to facilitate the work of aerobic bacteria that break down chemicals; an anaerobic selector, which starves bacteria of oxygen, forcing them to further break down substances to release oxygen; a new filtration system that will be so fine it will be able to eliminate individual phosphates that have become attached to bacteria; and a solids handling system.

BLM open house Wednesday

Agency to share data; public input sought for management plan

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dozens of charts, scores of maps and enough poster board to choke a teacher.

It's not a high school science fair, but the Twin Falls District of the Idaho Bureau of Land Management's Data Fair will feel a lot like a school symposium.

The bureau will host Wednesday an open house for the public to learn about recent data-gathering efforts in the bureau's Jarbidge area.

A court-stipulated settlement between the bureau and Western Watersheds Project, a Halley-based environmental group, directs the BLM to form a Resource Management Plan for the Jarbidge area. The document that lets the public know how the bureau manages public land.

The open house is a chance for the public to learn what kind of information the bureau is using to form the plan, and it's an opportunity for the public to offer suggestions about how the BLM should control the space.

The BLM is a big deal, said Rick Vander Voet, field manager at the BLM's Jarbidge field office. The last Jarbidge RMP, under which the office still operates, was written in 1987.

"It's essentially a contract with the public over how public lands get managed," he said. "It's like going to the public and asking, 'What do you want the Jarbidge field office to look like in 20 years?'"

The BLM's Jarbidge region encompasses about 1.4 million acres used by sportsmen, ranchers and recreationists.

The BLM conducted an extensive survey of the area's plants and animals over the past summer involving about two dozen researchers.

Normally a three-year process, the data gathering became an expedited venture after the settlement agreement mandated the RMP be finished by September 2006, said Aimee Betts, the BLM project manager.

The bureau will share the survey's results at the fair in exhibits and interactive presentations.

The BLM will add public input gathered at the fair to a scoping report for the RMP. The scoping report, tells BLM planners what potential components of the plan are important to the public.

A draft of the plan could be ready as early as November.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers environmental issues. Contact him at 735-3243 or at matt.christensen@net.

You're invited

The Idaho Bureau of Land Management will host an open house from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Harrell Center for the Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho. Data about plant and animal species September 2006 is presented in the BLM's Jarbidge area will be summarized. The fair is free and open to the public.

OBITUARIES

Edward Charles (Eddie) Murphy Jr.

ELKO, Nev. — Edward Charles (Eddie) Murphy Jr., loving father, grandfather and uncle, passed away Jan. 26, 2007. His last days, he said it was time to go home and told his family over and over, "Whatever will be, will be."

Eddie was born on the family ranch in Secret Valley on Jan. 14, 1901, to Edward C. Murphy Sr. and Emma Gardner Murphy. He attended school in Elko and also attended the University of California at Davis and the Heingers Business School. He played football while at Davis and was always proud of that and was an avid sports fan all his life.

Eddie married Ellen O'Rourke, a registered nurse from Boulder, Mont., on Jan. 31, 1928. His father was in the state Legislature, and they were married at his home. They spent their first winter in White Pine County at sheep camp. Eddie was the manager of his father's sheep operation. He often remarked how much help Ellen was in whatever they did all their lives and in their strong support of all his accomplishments.

Starting their married life through the Depression was not easy, and Eddie's father was deeply in debt on his ranches in Secret Valley, Starr Valley and Cherry Creek, and Eddie assumed the loan on the Secret ranch, and his brother, Morley, and his family took over the Starr Valley ranch, while their father kept the ranch in Cherry Creek with a brother, Leslie.

Eddie and Ellen worked hard, raising cattle and some horses, and as Eddie's love was always in the sheep business, from time to time, he bought a band of sheep, would summer them on his sheep range and sell them again in the fall. They raised three daughters and started a school at the ranch by hiring families who had school-age children. They moved to Elko in 1958 and moved to Elko to spend their remaining years.

Gov. Charles Russell appointed Eddie as an Elko County commissioner in

January 1953 to replace William W. Kane, who was killed in an automobile accident. Eddie served as the Republican Party in 1928 and, as well as being a strong party member, he loved and was always interested in politics and hoped he could make it. Eddie served as commissioner for 12 years. He then served as a state assemblyman for three terms. He was the third member of his family to serve in the legislature, following his father and his older brother, Morley.

Eddie was a member of the Nevada Cattlemen, the Nevada Farm Bureau and a charter member of the Elko Elks Lodge. After moving to Elko, he joined the Lions Club and attended meetings faithfully every week until 2004, when ill health kept him in more. He and Ellen were also instrumental in starting the Senior Citizens in Elko and attended the functions regularly. He was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Betty (Bob) Wright of Elko, Nev. and Joan (Jim) Wright of Tuscadero, Nev.; grandchildren, Bob (Diana) Wright of Twin Falls, Janet Wright of Washington, D.C., Julian Wright of San Diego, Calif., Jeanne (Chuck) Verna of Vancouver, Wash., and Jay (Glynn) Wright of Tuscadero, Nev.; 11 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 79 years, his youngest daughter, Morlene Muskat, two granddaughters, Donna Wright and Deanna Wright Jensen; his parents, three brothers; and two sisters.

Donations may be made to the Horizon Hospice, 790 Commercial, Ste. 200, or the Northeastern Nevada Museum, 1515 Idaho St., Elko, Nev.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Burns Funeral Home in Elko, Nev.

Allen E. Ladson

TWIN FALLS — Allen Eugene Ladson, "Big Al," at the age of 77, passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 29, 2007, at his home in Twin Falls, following a year-long battle with lung cancer.

Al was born Jan. 22, 1930, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the son of Serenus and Margaret Ladson. He served his country in the U.S. Army. He married Joanne Tometin in 1951, and they had a daughter and a son. His passions were his beautiful wife of 56 years, photography, and "going down South" every winter.

Shirley Kolman Stroud

BLISS — Shirley Kolman Stroud, 68, returned home to her Heavenly Father on Monday, Jan. 29, 2007. Shirley was residing in Bliss, Idaho, at the time of her death but lived in Hagerman and the Wood River Valley for many years. She had many friends.

Shirley was born on March 11, 1938, to Walter W. Williams and Ida Frances Williams in Woods, S.D. Shirley was the eighth of nine children born to Walter and Ida. Shirley was raised in Gooding, where she attended school. Shirley loved to cook, talk and raise a garden. She worked at many jobs over the years and was always loved and respected by all of her employers. Prior to her retirement, Shirley had owned and operated a video rental store, Shirley's Videos, in Bailey.

Shirley was preceded in death by her first husband, Bob Kolman, her parents, one sister, Gloria June, and four brothers, Melvin, Donald,

He is survived by his wife; one child, Kris (Randy) Burbank; two grandchildren, Nite (Erin) Burbank and Erin Rose Burbank; his two doing sisters, Joanne Eaton of Benson, Ariz., and Neva Beckley of Corona, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son.

Please send cards of condolence to Joanne Ladson, 255 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., PMB 566, Twin Falls, ID 83301. A special thank you to Carlene Madalena of Home Life Care Inc. — you are an "angel from heaven," and the staff at St. Luke's Hospice, Bev Williams and Kim Quale, two special blessings for our family. And a heartfelt thank you to his network of friends in Desert Hot Springs, Calif. — he loved you all!

Benny and Jimmy McGhee. After the death of her first husband, Bob Kolman, Shirley finally found her old high school sweetheart, Ronald Stroud, who she just loved and adored. Shirley and Ron even celebrated their marriage anniversary on a monthly basis just to remember how thankful they were to find each other at this time in their lives.

Shirley is survived by her sweetheart, Ron Stroud of Bliss; her daughter, Deanna and Denis Perron of Gooding; her son, Robert and Kathy Kolman of Bellevue; her daughter, Frances and Joe Gonzalez of Hooper, Utah; her stepson, Sam and Starla Stroud of Fairfield; and her stepdaughter, Sally and Wally Colter of Gooding. Shirley has 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren who will greatly miss her.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Mary's Funeral Chapel, 737 Main St. in Gooding, Idaho. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 12 to 1 p.m.

Janice Wardle

BURLEY — Janice Fay Parks Wardle, a 72-year-old resident of Burley, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at her daughter's home in American Fork, Utah.

She was born July 13, 1934, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the daughter of Walter Nixon and Phoebe Madeline Henderson Fortier. She graduated from East High School in Salt Lake City, and from Ricks College in Rexburg, with a nursing degree. She married Dean William Parks on Nov. 9, 1955, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Together, they had seven children. They raised their family in Blackfoot, until Dean was killed in an airplane accident in 1976.

Janice married Clyde C. Waddle on Jan. 10, 1978, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple, bringing together a blend of 12 children, six from each spouse. She served diligently in her community. She was actively involved in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She and her husband, Clyde, fulfilled two service missions for the church, one to BYU Hawaii from 1986-1988, and one to Nauvoo, Ill., from 1995-1996. Her primary accomplishment was raising and rearing her family.

Fred Maier of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Grace Community Church, 100 N. Meridian in Rupert; viewing for family and friends one hour before the funeral today at the church. (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

Antonio "Tony" Barela Sr. of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary; 221 W. Main

However, Janice will be remembered for the love she gave not only to her family but to all with whom she came in contact with. She was an exemplary Christ-like attributes. She will be dearly missed.

In addition to her first husband, Dean, she was preceded in death by her parents; one son, David Lynn Parks; and two sisters, Joan Fortler and Shirley Tobbs-Mauplin. She is survived by her husband, Clyde C. Wardle of Burley; her children, Steven (Angette Seale) Parks, Leanna Parks, and Susan (Greg) Robbins, Nancy (Doloy) Cox, Laura (Rod) Jones, Brian (Cindl Schofield) Parks, Larry (Sandra Manning) Wardle, Russell (Carolyn) Thompson, Bradley, Jay (Mollie Black) Wardle, Diane (Toby) Harding, Darla (Alan) Nielsen and Paula Wardle Miller; 54 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Tracy King officiating. A graveside service will be held at 9:30 a.m. the same day at Riverside-Thomas Cemetery in Blackfoot. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen-Emeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 9:30 until 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church.

SERVICES

St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Edna Irene Tilley of Twin Falls and formerly of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 425 Maurice St. N.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church.

Donald Denver Woodhall

BROOMFIELD, Colo. — Denver Woodhall passed to be with his Lord and Savior on Jan. 29, 2007.

He is survived by his father, J. Woodhall, stepmother, K. F. Woodhall, and three daughters, Lynda (Coby) sisters, Wendi Yopp and M. J. Reinkirk. Other survivors

include three nephews, numerous family members and friends.

Denver grew up in the mountains of Colorado, loved Colorado, loving mountain climbing, river rafting and basketball. After high school, Denver interned at New Life Fellowship Church, working with the youth.

He then attended Rocky Mountain College in Calgary, where he was voted MVP and League All-Star of the basketball team while the team won its

IT'S A DATA FAIR...Public Input is Needed!
The Bureau of Land Management is seeking your input for the Jarbridge Resource Management Plan...please join us.
 Informal Open House / JANUARY 31, 2007 / 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm
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 Meet your Resource Specialists and participate in an interactive information exchange. Please be sure to bring any data or information you may have!
 Contact the BLM Jarbridge Field Office at 736-2350 or visit the website at www.blm.gov/impd/jarbridge for further information.

DEATH NOTICES

Windell C. Martin
 Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

GLENNIS FERRY — Windell "Windy" C. Martin, 68, Glennis Ferry, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at a Boise care center.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the FVW Hall in Glennis Ferry. Interment will follow at the Glenn Best Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home.

Harvey M. Erickson
 WENDELL — Harvey M. Luskson, 75, of Wendell, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at Mage Valley Manor Assisted Living in Wendell.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Wayne Rodeman
 RUPERT — Donald Wayne Rodeman, 62, of Rupert, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, in Western Guatemala of a sudden illness. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by

Proper Dental Care is Crucial to a Healthy Future for Idaho's Children

By Adam Hodges, DDS
 Regence Caring Foundation, Pediatric Dental Director of Pediatric Services and President of the South Central Idaho Dental Society
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Perhaps the most important gift a parent can give his or her child is the gift of good oral health. Unfortunately, an estimated 50,000 Idaho children have no dental insurance, either because it is too expensive or because dental care is mistakenly thought to be a secondary part of health care. The truth is, a child's dental health plays a crucial role in determining his or her overall health later in life.

It is not commonly known that poor dental health at an early age can lead to a lifetime of serious health problems. The chronic infection associated with dental decay can cause health problems later in life. The sad reality is that this fate is easily avoided by taking some simple steps to keep your child's teeth and gums healthy.

February is Oral Health Month, and as someone who sees oral health problems on a daily basis, let me point out some easy and inexpensive steps parents can take to keep tooth decay from impacting their children's health as those kids grow into adulthood.

- **Good dental health begins before your baby is born.** If you are pregnant, make sure to visit your dentist regularly during your pregnancy because tooth decay, gum disease and poor nutrition could affect your unborn baby and could lead to premature birth.
- **After your baby is born,** wipe your baby's gums with a clean, damp cloth after each feeding, and start brushing your baby's teeth as soon as those teeth appear.

The Regence Caring Foundation will sponsor free sealant clinics in February:
 Feb. 2 at Filer Elementary School.
 Feb. 8 at Castletford and Holstetter Elementary Schools.
 Feb. 16 and Feb. 22 at BUN Elementary School.
 Participating dentists include Dr. Mike Poppen, Dr. Troy Williams, Dr. Scott Chander, Dr. Paul Young and Dr. Mark Schindler. For more information, please call South Central District Health at (208) 737-5946.

- **Once children reach the toddler age (ages 1 to 5),** help them brush their teeth at least twice a day with a small amount of fluoride toothpaste.
- **By age 6,** your child should be able to brush his or her own teeth at least twice a day.
- **A teenager** should be brushing with a fluoride toothpaste at least twice a day, and flossing at least once a day.

The daily routine of keeping your child's teeth healthy will make a difference in the child's overall health. If the ability to pay for dental care is keeping your child from enjoying good health, please take the initiative to get him or her enrolled in the appropriate government or private program. These programs are set up to stop the most common childhood disease — tooth decay — from hampering your child's development into a healthy, productive adult.

For more information about the Regence Caring Foundation for Children's program or to find out how you can help, please call 1 (866) 938-0084.

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