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## North Rim Park takes shape

Consensus reached in massive project

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

JEROME — The towns are separated by a colossal canyon, but folks in Jerome and Twin Falls have more in common than they may suspect.

They share similar ideas, for example, about North Rim Park, a proposed 7,200-acre recreation area along the Snake River Canyon's north rim. Planners hope the space will become a "Central Park" of sorts that brings members from each community to contribute.

"It may take decades for the plan to be fully realized.

We are just thrilled to finally take a step in that direction."

— Max Yingst, committee co-chairman

At a series of public meetings held last month, concerned residents from both communities shared ideas about how to best use the park's space, according to a report from the project's planning committee released late last week. The consensus: Protect the rim.

"The biggest thing people said was that they wanted a rim trail," said Debbie Dane, a project planner and director of Southern Idaho Tourism.

At the public meetings, attended by 77 people, residents were asked to draw maps of how they'd like to see the space developed. Nearly every map included

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### Good Morning

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### MENTAL ILLNESS



A mentally ill man sits alone in the dayroom inside Idaho's maximum security prison south of Boise. He is just one of many sent to the prison for treatment.

## Mentally ill housed in prison raise questions for lawmakers

By Alicia P.Q. Wittmeyer  
Associated Press writer

KUNA — The man who lives in cell 53 at the Idaho Maximum Security Institution has his hands in shackles. He wears a prison jumpsuit, and when he leaves his cell, he's tracked by guards.

But he hasn't been convicted of anything. He is one of Idaho's severely mentally ill who's been sent to the maximum security prison for treatment because there's nowhere else for him to go.

Too sick to be treated as outpatients, too dangerous for lower-level security hospitals, a handful of people like him are sent to maximum security every year.

The 12 beds set aside for them are in the same prison the state uses for its most violent offenders.

A Department of Corrections budget request for a new facility that would have added 250 new beds for male mentally ill prisoners — and 50 for non-conservatives — was excluded from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's executive budget proposal last month.

The \$56.5 million price tag on the facility was too much, Otter spokesman Jon Hantman, Idaho law requires the state to maintain a secure

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## Super Bowl parties don't have to be dieters' nightmare

By Lindsay Tanner  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — For many football fans, Super Bowl Sunday is a greasy junk food orgy of chicken wings, nachos, gooey pizza and seven-layer bean dip. But health experts say it doesn't have to be a dieter's nightmare.

Die-hard Bears fan Scott Keller plans to spend Sunday with friends in a bar, watching the game and gobbling down pizza and wings.

Get ready for the big game with two pages of Super Bowl coverage.

Inside Sports, C4-5

Nowhere will the gluttonous revelry be as intense as in Chicago and Indianapolis, whose teams face off this year. Lisa Farley, a nutritionist at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, said there are generally two kinds of football fans: "Crunch potatoes who sit back and watch it all happen" — they tend to eat more — and those who get physical.

Go ahead and jump off the couch, throw your hat on the ground and pace while riveted to the screen, Farley suggests.

It burns more calories — and keeps your hands from automatically grabbing more food. Data from the NPD Group, a market-research firm, shows that

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Monday ... High 48 Low 26 48 / 27

MINI-CASSIA Today: Partly cloudy and a few degrees warmer. Highs mid 40s.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center dance, with music by the Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m., at the center, 530 Shoshone St. W.

FAMILY Ageless Senior Center Sunday Dinner, featuring pork chops, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, salad, rolls, cherry dessert with ice cream and beverages, noon to 2 p.m., at the center, 310 Main N.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS 4th Super Bowl at Hands On, paint a snack bowl and receive special discounts and goodies, noon to 5 p.m., 147 Shoshone St. N.

HOME AND GARDEN Orchid Display and Plant Sale, sponsored by the Magic Valley Orchid Society, mall hours, Magic Valley Mall Center Court, Twin Falls.

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 1459 Overland, 879-7302.

TUESDAY Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., 341-7885500.

WEDNESDAY Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30, 366-7436.

THURSDAY Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-93131.

FRIDAY Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

YOUR MORNING BRIEFING

MAGIC VALLEY

Forest Service plans hotshot reunion TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth Hotshot firefighting crew is 40 years old this year. Plans are under way for a reunion of former crew members to commemorate this anniversary.

Wendell braces for wastewater increase WENDELL — In the next 18 months, Wendell residents and businesses alike gradually will start paying more for wastewater services.

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Snowshoe event raises money for breast cancer HAILEY — Doris Weller slipped her boot through the straps, of a snowshoe and tugged on the straps to tighten them.

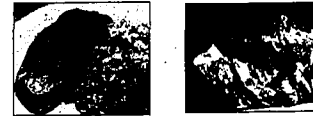
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OPEN UP Local effort aims to get women to the dentist. SMELLY SEASON 'Skunks awaken for February mating season

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By The Associated Press Guest lineup for the Sunday TV news shows:

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CBS' "Face the Nation" — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C.

CNN's "Late Edition" — White House budget director Rob Portman; former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack; former Lebanese President Amin Gemayel; Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Richard Lugar, R-Ind.; consumer advocate Ralph Nader.

"Fox News Sunday" — Sens. Jim Webb, D-Va., and Lindsay Graham, R-S.C.; Rep. Heath Shuler, D-N.C.

FRIENDSHIPS REKINDLED

Professional skiers reunite in Idaho, as cameras roll. OUTDOORS

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MINI EDITORIAL Pizza, just pizza, just right. SUPER QUESTION: Who's going to win today's Super Bowl?

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SPORTS



CSI women pick up key win over North Idaho

TWIN FALLS — The No. 15 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team needed a key win and something to build on Saturday night, the Golden Eagles got both.

CSI rebounded from Friday's 67-64 loss to the North Idaho Cardinals with a 73-67 win over the Cardinals at the CSI gymnasium.

Bruin girls defeat Skyline, earn state berth.

TWIN FALLS — Perhaps the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team should be rated "I" after the nasty defense displayed during the third quarter of their 55-29 win over the Skyline Grizzlies.

FAMILY LIFE



Church project teaches girls modest confidence

TWIN FALLS — It wasn't your ordinary fashion show. Sure, there were similarities: big stage, multimedia images, attentive audience members watching each model's every step.

What about those confident runway attitudes? Oh yeah, they were there. But on the missing list: bottoms, bellies and breasts. Those were covered with fashion-conscious clothing, and by personalities that showed everything by revealing it.

NATION/WORLD

Dropping UI enrollment hurts N. Idaho economy

MOSCOW (AP) — Dropping enrollment at the University of Idaho is hurting the area's economy, which in turn is making the school less attractive for students, an official said.

Henry Robison, spokesman for Economic Modeling Specialists in this northern Idaho town, made that report at a Friday news conference that was sponsored by the Greater Moscow Alliance.

CORRECTION

Page A10 was missing in some T-N editions

Some copies of Saturday's Times-News were printed without page A10 of the newspaper. The Times-News regrets the error.



# Getting the conviction

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The hard part, Ruggles and Weaver said, was for Jerome County Prosecuting Attorney Jon Nicholson III and his office to win convictions for sex crimes.

Of the 18 men charged in Jerome County as sex offenders, 16 pleaded guilty to non-sex offenses, one man is expected to plead to a lesser offense, and a judge dismissed the case against another defendant.

By pleading guilty to less than a sex offense, the men will not be monitored on the lifetime sex-offender registry.

And that frustrates both Ruggles and Weaver.

"I was always told Nicholson was going to plead them down," Ruggles said of the men he had invested time

and county resources to arrest.

Nicholson — who stepped down Wednesday, midway through his four-year term — declined to comment for this story.

"I no longer wish to talk to you," he said in a statement that he typed and handed to a Times-News reporter sitting in his office.

To Ruggles, the outcome makes the sting seem like a publicity campaign.

"How can you see it any other way if you're not doing anything to keep these guys from offending more?" he said. "What was I doing it for? I wasn't serving the public."

Take the case of Robby James Perreca, an Idaho Supreme Court clerk at the time of his crimes, and now a Boise private attorney.

On Jan. 5, a deputy Jerome County prosecutor accepted Perreca's guilty plea to making dirty phone calls, which is not a sex offense.

Because Perreca was not convicted of a felony, he will not be disbursed.

"He has received significant damage to his reputation," defense attorney Keith Roark of Hallett said last week of Perreca. "This has been a very traumatic experience for my client. We didn't necessarily like entering a guilty plea."

The state evidence didn't show anything worse than a little "dirty talk," Roark said.

"The state has not presented any evidence that would

indicate that Mr. Perreca believed (Weaver's online character) was under the age of 16," Roark wrote in a memorandum to the court. "No meeting or rendezvous was set up (to show) Mr. Perreca's intent to commit any sexual act."

Roark applauded the sheriff and prosecutor for their willingness to reduce the charge.

"The public, quite rightly, doesn't want the Internet to be a road for the exploitation of underage children," Roark said. "The sheriff was very open-minded about reconsidering what was involved here."

Weaver, however, said he had solid evidence.

"I had a very strong case. We do our job. We submit our evidence," he said. "It's up to the prosecuting attorney."

Jerome is not the only Magic Valley county with a program to stop online sexual predators. The Twin Falls County prosecutor and city police also started an online sting program, but did so only after attending an October 2005 training program in Washington, D.C.

"We didn't start prosecuting any of these cases until both the police and prosecutors were trained in how to handle them," Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs said.

Since late 2005, three of the seven defendants charged in Twin Falls County have been convicted of online enticement.

Of the other four defendants:

- Two are awaiting trial.
- Two were convicted of attempted injury to child. One of the two was deemed mentally handicapped. The other was an immigrant and was deported to India.

"You should never charge a case if you don't have the evidence for that case," Loebs said. "If, in every case, you're either dismissing or reducing the charge then you have a problem you need to correct."

Meanwhile, Weaver continues to pose online as an adolescent girl.

He said he expects to arrest a suspect in the next couple of weeks.

He is frustrated but not deterred that his two-year sting has resulted in zero convictions for online enticement.

"In the way our system is set up, no, they are not a sex offender," Weaver said last week. "Should they be? Yes."

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## Party

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Americans' consumption of salty snacks, pizza, candies and Mexican dishes skyrocketed during the big game compared with usual Sundays.

Dr. Robert Kushner, professor of medicine at Northwestern University, offered another way to break the couch potato tradition.

"Try spending a quarter of the game on a treadmill," Kushner said. "That way you can run along with your favorite receiver."

If you're the party host, place the food beyond the reach of those on the couch, ideally in a different room, said Jennifer Ventrelle, a dietician at Chicago's Rush University Medical Center.

"If you have to get up to get your food, you're being a little more active" and it cuts down on unconscious gorging in front of the TV, Ventrelle said.

Julie Burns, a sports dietitian who has worked with the Chicago Bears, said hosts should consider offering healthy foods including vegetable trays along with the snacks — maybe even carrots and blueberries for an orange-and-blue Bears theme, or blueberries and shredded coconut for the Colts' blue and white.

Foods like chili can be made healthier by using turkey or lean meat and lots of beans, along with brown rice, Burns said. Pizza topped with lots of

vegetables, salsa instead of fatty creamy dips and baked tortilla chips instead of fried are other good alternatives.

"There's ways of making junk food healthier," said dietitian Laura Palmer with Purdue University's Cooperative Extension Service in West Lafayette, Ind.

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**Prison**

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 mental health facility separate from the ordinary prison population.

"So, this is what we've been able to kind of cobble together. This is our secure mental health facility," said Dr. Mary Perrien, chief psychologist with the Department of Corrections. "We can't make more space. So we're doing what we can."

The 12 beds sit in a vaulted off section of the prison. A floor-to-ceiling mesh fence divides anyone thinking of throwing themselves over the edge onto the bald concrete floor below.

The beds are currently home to 3 civil commitments — those who haven't been convicted of any crimes — with a few more in the pipeline. Perrien said. The rest of the 12 beds are used by severely mentally ill prisoners, although the two groups can never be allowed to mingle, under federal law.

Many of the civil commitments that come through the prison facility have been charged with crimes, Perrien said — that's how they showed up on the department's radar. But they're not mentally com-

petent to stand trial, which is why they've never been convicted.

They're being housed in the prison, instead of in a less secure facility, because they've shown themselves to be dangerous, Perrien said.

The state has come under fire before from mental illness advocacy organizations that say the practice is unethical and possibly illegal.

"The notion that we would incarcerate people in correctional facilities who haven't committed crimes — that's contrary to everything we know about the constitution," said Ron Honberg, a legal director with the National Alliance on Mental Illness. "The fact that we, as a society, are willing to lock up people who may not have committed a crime — I don't think we'd ever accept that with any other segment of the population."

Placing people who need treatment in prisons feeds the stigma that already surrounds the mentally ill, Honberg said. Worse, it hinders their ability to get better.

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poses of punishment and incarceration, and they are in no way, shape or form appropriate places for people who need treatment," he said.

The facility is a grim setting for anyone trying to recuperate. Inmates are required to wear prison clothing; prison officials try to give mentally ill inmates as much time socializing outside their cells as possible, but the strict rules limit the time they can spend in the prison's dayroom or the enclosed courtyard.

"There's a phrase they use for the mentally ill — they call it decompensating, and essentially it means getting worse and worse," said Teresa Jones, spokeswoman for the Department of Corrections. "When they get into a situation that's not mentally healthy, they decompensate. And eventually they decompensate they

lose a little bit of their ability to go back to the next level."

One of the men in the facility is no longer expected to recuperate, Jones said, and prison psychiatrists believe he will need to be kept locked up for the rest of his life.

The department's wish list for the proposed 300-bed facility included smaller housing units that would keep convicts and civil commitments completely separate, and bigger group therapy rooms, said Maximum Security Warden John Hardison.

Even though it was excluded from the governor's proposal, money for the facility could still be approved by the Joint Finance Appropriation Committee, the legislative body that makes budgeting decisions.

Support for the idea of build-

ing seems to be running high among legislators and the public, said Senate Assistant Majority Leader Joe Stegner. It, too, might rise to a high enough level of priority, Stegner said. "Without a doubt, it's a hard sell without the recommendation of the governor."

The state is scrambling for spaces to put its regular prison population. In five years the

state's inmate population will outnumber prison beds by 2,700. Department of Corrections Director Brent Reinke says.

Otter has proposed spending \$1.8 million to build a "sprung structure" — thin material stretched over aluminum frames — to inexpensively house low-risk offenders. But Stegner argues that spending money on a mental health facility would keep people out of prison.

Even if the facility isn't approved this year, corrections officials say the request has at least drawn public attention, and hope that translates into momentum.

"We want input, we want understanding. We're looking at the governor's budget and looking for that dialogue," Jones said. "The need doesn't go away."

**Park**

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 trail that would separate the park's other uses — trails for motorized vehicles and horses, parking lots, kiosks, picnic areas — from the rink's edge.

Most seemed to agree that the park should include designated areas for horseback riding, walking and motorized vehicle use, though residents disagreed over where those areas should be.

The most contentious issue, however, was whether or not to allow shooting or hunting in the park.

The results from the public meetings will be analyzed by a

consulting firm and presented to the project's planning committee later this month.

"The consultants will boil this down into a map, a plan, and they'll come back to us on the 27th with the priorities as decided by the public," Dane said.

The project still faces a major funding obstacle. Dane said the planning committee hopes to secure money from partnerships, grants and donations.

"The land for the park was donated by the Bureau of Land Management, and Jerome County will be responsible for stewardship once the park is

developed. County commissioners must approve a final draft of the park's management plan before implementing any of the public's ideas. A final draft is expected to be completed sometime this year, but committee members say it could be years before all components of the plan are achieved.

"It may take decades for the plan to be fully realized," said Max Yungst, committee chairman, in a statement released to the press. "But the park should adapt to our changing and growing population. We are just thrilled to final-

ly take a step in that direction."

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**Corps proposes shift in levee protection in New Orleans**

By Cain Burdese  
 Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — The Army Corps of Engineers is proposing to divert up to \$1.3 billion for levee repairs from the Mississippi River's East Bank, which was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina, to the West Bank, where tens of thousands of people have resented. The West Bank was one of the only parts of the New Orleans metropolitan area spared the flooding that followed the 2005 hurricane. But the levees protecting it — and the roughly 250,000 people who live there — are inadequate, the corps concedes.

If approved, the plan has the potential to slow new levee work on the East Bank, where most of New Orleans is situated, and pit the city's residents against those on the West Bank. "I think what the corps is trying to do is create some kind of turf war," said state Sen. Derrick Shepherd, one of the West Bank's most prominent politicians. The shift in funding is out-

lined in a budget proposal to be released this week and which Congress must approve.

It would bring the total earmarked for West Bank projects to \$3.3 billion, the bulk of \$5.7 billion approved to fix and shore up the levees after Katrina.

A spokeswoman for Mayor Ray Nagin said the mayor is not pleased with the plans and wants the corps "to live up to the promise of full protection" for the city.

If more money is needed, the corps should get it and "not compromise our already vulnerable level of protection," Nagin spokeswoman Cecon Quitt said.

The corps says projects on the East Bank will continue and that the levee system is as good now as it was before Katrina. Plans to further improve that system are tied up in technical reviews, according to the corps. "There are still lots of areas where we haven't built anything" on the West Bank, said Carol Blandine, a corps official overseeing West Bank projects. "It's got a more serious need

because it is behind other projects."

Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Murray Starke said the West Bank "probably is one of our most vulnerable areas." The work there is ready to go, and is already lagging behind other projects, so the corps argues that shifting the money now makes sense.

"We're working to build the most comprehensive system, that is, the best money can buy," Starke said.

The West Bank would face serious flooding if a major hurricane like Katrina came ashore from the south or southwest. Some neighborhoods are below sea level, and there are navigation channels and lakes threaded through the region that can funnel a storm's surge. Plus, the levees are very low in some places, only 5 feet high.

"Thank God the hurricane didn't hit the city dead even. There would have been no bank to run to," Shepherd said. "Thank God we have at least one side of the river where we can all congregate."

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# Pentagon is big winner in Bush's spending plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is the big winner in President Bush's proposed budget for next year, while domestic items such as aid to schools and grants to local governments will get only the slightest of increases.

Medicare and the Medicaid, the health program for the poor and disabled, would shoulder modest but politically difficult cost-cuts in the budget the White House is submitting to Congress on Monday.

Some \$18 billion in budget savings would come from farm programs over five years.

Bush's spending plan totals almost \$3 trillion for the budget year starting Oct. 1. It would produce a surplus in five years, helped by steady revenue growth and a squeeze on the one-sixth of the budget that covers domestic agencies such as the departments of Education, Energy and Health and Human Services.

Domestic agencies would not face an outright cut, as proposed last year, but would see increases averaging less than inflation. White House budget director Rob Portman said.

"Higher costs for veterans' health care probably would eat up most of any such increase."

The Pentagon, which also consumes one-sixth of the overall budget, would get a whopping 11 percent increase, to \$141.4 billion in its core budget. And that is before accounting for an additional \$235 billion in war costs over the next year and a half.

Bush's plan will get a skeptical

reception from the Democratic-controlled Congress. Democrats say it meets the president's promise to balance the budget by 2012 by omitting war costs and expensive changes to the alternative minimum tax and assuming politically untenable cuts in payments to doctors under Medicare.

"There's this continuing deception about our real fiscal condition," the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee said in an interview Saturday. "Over and over again we see things left out of his budget that we know are going to have to be dealt with," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

Democrats also say Bush's estimated cost of about \$6 billion for increasing U.S. combat troop strength in Iraq greatly understates the likely total.

For months, Conrad has worked in back channels to establish a group of administration officials and lawmakers that would try to rein in costly benefit programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

But the president's refusal to consider some tax increases has scuttled the idea, at least for now.

Bush pushed the balanced budget idea — to applause — before a meeting Saturday with House Democrats in Virginia. But he seemed to acknowledge that a large-scale budget agreement with Democrats is a long shot.

"In under no conditions of how hard it's going to be," Bush said. "The only thing I want to share with you is, I may desire to see if we can't work together to get it done."

# Wooing a skeptical crowd

## Bush attends Democrat retreat

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Relying on self-deprecating jokes, unusual candor and outright flattery, President Bush on Saturday wooed lawmakers he not only needs but will have to answer to in the final two years of his presidency.

Bush had not seen fit to attend a Democratic caucus since 2001, his first year in office. But the new political reality that has Democrats in charge of Capitol Hill for the first time in a dozen years changed his mind. When he appeared before House Democrats at a Virginia resort, he seemed to be trying to make up for lost time.

With his first words, he sought to put to rest one bone of contention between the White House and the new congressional majority: The "dropped" "ic."

Democrats found it daunting when the president, in his State of the Union address last month, referred to the "Democratic majority," as



President Bush walks away from Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., after shaking hands before a speech to the House Democratic Issues Conference on Saturday in Williamsburg, Va.

opposed to the "Democratic majority."

"Now look, my diction isn't all that good," Bush told the 200 lawmakers who wrapped up two days away from Washington with family and aides.

"I have been accused of occasionally, mangling the English language. And so I appreciate you inviting the

head of the Republican Party."

He got hearty laughs. And he was careful to keep the "ic" firmly tacked on for the rest of his remarks.

Bush's address was followed by a private session. With the media ushered out of the room, lawmakers were

allowed to ask the president a half-dozen questions that covered Iraq, immigration, education and other topics.

Even though this was expected to be the toughest part of Bush's foray onto Democratic turf, both he and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California emerged with good things to say.

"We were honored by your presence," Pelosi told Bush. "We're also encouraged by your remarks."

# FAA looks for money for new air-traffic control system

## The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Federal aviation officials expect on Monday to begin introducing a proposal to finance a new air-traffic control system that they say will be needed to keep pace with increasing air travel over the next two decades.

"Without a new system, officials say, passengers would face delays that would dwarf last year's snarls."

"In the long term, we could

see real gridlock," said Federal Aviation Administrator Marion Blakey.

Few people in the aviation industry dispute Blakey's assessment of future air-traffic congestion, a problem that officials hope to fix by switching from a radar network to one that relies on satellites.

However, a debate is unfolding over how to finance the next-generation network, which could cost \$69 billion to \$76 billion, according to the

Congressional Research Service. The Federal Aviation Administration and other government agencies want the system completed by 2025. They have not said how much it would cost.

The FAA would use its trust fund, which accumulates aviation-related taxes, to pay for the new system.

However, the fund's balance has dropped to \$1.8 billion, however, the lowest in a decade, officials said.

The officials say they must

change how they collect money for the fund. Its largest source of funding — taxes paid on airline tickets — is not keeping pace with costs, they say.

The officials cite several reasons for the shortfall, but attribute it mostly to the growth of low-cost carriers. Those airlines charge less for flights, reducing tax revenue. Officials also note that airlines are using more small jets, adding to the workload of controllers.

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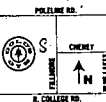
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## Life harsher for detainees in Gitmo prison unit

By Ben Fox  
Associated Press writer

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — Abdul Hecil Mamut's good behavior earned him a spot in a medium-security compound at the Guantanamo Bay prison, where he slept in a barracks, shared leisurely meals with other prisoners and could spend more than half the day in an outdoor recreation area.

But in December, the detainee was among dozens transferred from Camp 4 to the maximum-security Camp 6, the newest section of Guantanamo Bay's military prison.

Now Mamut, an ethnic Uighur from China captured in Pakistan, spends all but two hours a day isolated in his cell. He eats and prays by himself. His only recreation comes in a concrete courtyard surrounded by high walls, separated from other prisoners by a chain-link fence.

The U.S. government says the unit provides detainees with more private and comfortable quarters.

"But Mamut and other Uighur prisoners complain their days are now filled with 'infinitesimal tedium and loneliness,'" said Sabin Willett, an attorney for the men, in an affidavit filed in a Washington court.

"All expressed a desperate desire for sunlight, fresh air and someone to speak to," Willett wrote after a January visit to the prison, located on the U.S. military base in southeastern Cuba, where the U.S. holds nearly 400 men suspected of links to al-Qaida or the Taliban.

Wells Dixon, who also represents Uighurs held at Guantanamo, predicted the lack of human interaction in Camp 6 will cause detainees to lose their grip on reality.

"It will very soon become an insane asylum," he told The Associated Press in a phone interview after he returned from the base in January.

The military, however, says Camp 6 has improved the lives of detainees. A guard at Camp 6, an Army sergeant whose name cannot be disclosed under military rules, insisted that the prisoners prefer the new air-conditioned cells and the privacy.

"It's kind of like having their own apartment," he said. Camp 6 houses about 160 men — more than a third of the total at Guantanamo — and is similar to the highest-security U.S. prisons, even though no one at the prison has been convicted.

When the first detainees arrived in the new unit in December, they found on their bunks two pieces of baklava — a sweet pastry common in the Middle East — to welcome them to their new quarters, according to one prison official.

Originally, Camp 6 was going to be more like Camp 4, with detainees allowed to congregate in a common area and share meals. But the commander of the detention center, Navy Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, said that plan changed after 10 detainees attacked guards in Camp 4 last May and three prisoners committed suicide in June in Camp 1.

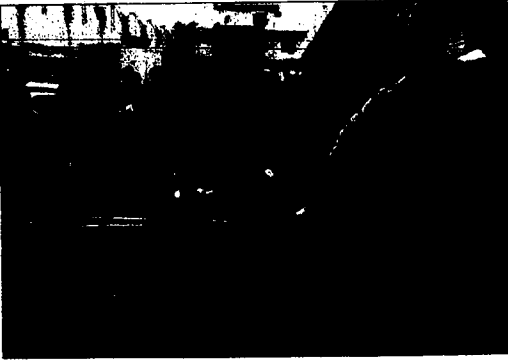
"Our understanding of the detainees improved and evolved," Harris said.

In Camp 6, guards handcuff detainees through a slot in the steel door before escorting them to the recreation area.

"They never touch another living thing," Willett said. "They never see, smell, or touch plants, soil, the sea or any creature, except insects."

Willett said he does not know why Mamut, who is about 30, or the other Uighurs were moved out of Camp 4. The military will not discuss individual detainees or decisions about their custody — but officials say tight security is warranted in all cases.

"I firmly believe that the detainee population that we have right now is literally still at war with us," said an official.



An Iraq, wounded in a bomb blast, is rushed into the Imam Ali hospital in the Shiite enclave of Sadr City in Baghdad on Saturday. A suicide truck bomber struck the busy outdoor Sadr City market in a predominantly Shiite area of Baghdad on Saturday, killing at least 62 people and wounding dozens, police and hospital officials said.

# Iraq slaughter

## Truck bombing kills 121 in market



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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide bomber driving a truck loaded with a ton of explosives hidden beneath cooking oil, canned food and bags of flour obliterated a Baghdad food market on Saturday, killing at least 121 people in one of the most lethal attacks in the capital since the U.S. invasion in 2003.

It was the fifth major bombing in less than a month targeting predominantly Shiite districts in Baghdad and one provincial city to the south. This "one leveled about 30 shops and 40 homes, witnesses said.

The Health Ministry said more than 300 people were injured in the thunderous explosion that sent a column of smoke into the sky on the east bank of the Tigris River. The nearby al-Kindi Hospital — quickly overwhelmed — began turning away the wounded and directing ambulances to hospitals in the Shiite Sadr City neighborhood.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said the bombing was "an example of what the

forces of evil will do to intimidate the Iraqi people."

"The bombing came just days before American and Iraqi forces were expected to start an all-out assault on Sunni and Shiite gunmen and bombers in the capital.

Only a day earlier, 16 American intelligence agencies made public a National Intelligence Estimate that said conditions in Baghdad were perilous.

"Unless efforts to reverse these conditions show measurable progress... in the coming 12 to 18 months, we assess that the overall security situation will continue to deteriorate," a declassified synopsis of the report declared.

Emergency workers and civilians wheeled scores of bloodied and mangled victims into the hospitals with intra-

venous drips already in their arms. Doctors and paramedics were in a frantic triage to save the lives of the most seriously wounded.

"We don't allow big trucks in the market, but the driver convinced us that he had food to deliver for a shop. Once he got inside, he detonated the bomb," said Kamal Ibrahim, a 36-year-old vegetable vendor at the entrance to the market district.

Ibrahim — wounded in his head, chest and abdomen — said two of his workers, young men 18 and 19 years old, were killed instantly.

The shopkeeper spoke from a bed in al-Kindi Hospital, where he was rushed in a private car after rescuers wheeled him out of the market on a wooden cart.

Suspicion immediately fell on Sunni insurgents — al-Qaida in Iraq and allied groups in particular.

## Hamas, Fatah fighters ignore mediation offer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Ignoring a truce and Arab mediation offers, Hamas and Fatah fighters exchanged gunfire in upscale beachfront neighborhoods Saturday, and Hamas gunmen threatened to attack high-rise buildings unless residents force rival snipers off their rooftops. Bursts of gunfire alternated with periods of calm, and in areas of Gaza City not affected by the fighting, people tried to go about their lives. Boys played soccer in the streets,

horse-drawn carts maneuvered through alleys and shoppers stocked up on supplies for the next round of battle.

Nasser Mushtaha, who owns a high-rise near President Mahmoud Abbas' compound, said members of Abbas' Presidential Guard were posted on his roof and at the entrance to the building. He said he received phone calls from Hamas members, who warned they would blow up the building unless the troops left.

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# Florida residents clean up after killer storms

**LADY LAKE, Fla. (AP)** — Pulling blue tarps over the houses that still had walls, neighbors, jail inmates and National Guard troops picked up amid rain showers Saturday from dead-of-night thunderstorms that chewed through the middle of Florida, killing at least 20 people.

The victims ranged from a 92-year-old man to 17-year-old Britany May, killed by a falling tree that brushed her bedroom.

President Bush designated four central Florida counties as disaster areas, releasing millions of dollars in aid for recovery and individual assistance.

"It makes you sick to your stomach for what we saw," David Paulson, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said after touring the area Saturday morning with Gov. Charlie Crist.

At least one tornado, with winds estimated at up to 200 mph, hit between 3 and 4 a.m. Friday, when few people were awake to hear tornado warnings on radio and TV.

The cleanup task was daunting Saturday as showers soaked roofless homes, and piles of twisted aluminum siding, bricks, belongings, tree limbs and lumber. Power lines were down and traffic signals out in many areas.

Neighbors helped Sherry-Reeves, 48, sort through her belongings and patch a big hole in her roof. Reeves was amazed that her home wasn't leveled like hundreds of others in this area about 50 miles north of Orlando.

"The God Lord slipped and missed, or luck of the draw," she said.

The governor, handling the

first natural disaster since he took office, said some stricken areas looked like "the surface of the moon." Crist expected plans to attend Sunday's Super Bowl in Miami to stay in central Florida.

Crist praised the residents and charitable groups who pitched in to help clean up.

Neighboring Marion County sent a group of low-risk inmates, dressed in green-and-white striped jail clothes. Some religious groups served food to rescue workers and victims, while about 40 National Guard members distributed blankets, food and water.



Yorres Dudley finds some family photos at what is left of the home of her son and uncle in Lady Lake, Fla., Saturday.

## Police: Offender posing as boy took kids home

**PHOENIX (AP)** — A convicted sex offender who posed as a 12-year-old boy to enroll in an elementary school and take home children that had joined a skateboarding club he started in Payson in northern Arizona, police said.

None of the children said they had been victimized, authorities said Friday.

But in a Yavapai County Sheriff's Office report, a girl accused 29-year-old Neil Havens Rodreck III of grabbing her buttocks at a charter school in Prescott Valley, 30 miles north of Phoenix.

It was unclear whether the girl's claims are related to an assault charge against him. Rodreck was arrested last week when school officials at a charter school in nearby Chino Valley questioned his true age, the authenticity of his birth certificate and other enrollment documents.

During his two years in Arizona, records show Rodreck enrolled in four charter schools posing as a 12- or 13-year-old. Authorities said Rodreck shaved and wore pancake makeup to help him appear younger, convincing teachers, students and administrators that he was a young boy named Casey.

"I observed stubble through his makeup. I told Rodreck 12-year-olds don't usually have a mustache," Sgt. Luis Huante wrote in the report obtained by The Associated Press on Friday.

Police Sgt. Tom Tierman said Rodreck lived in Payson for six to eight months in 2005 and 2006. While living there, he started a skateboarding club, Tierman said.

He said Rodreck recruited members for the club at a skate park popular with teenage boys.

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"As a human being and a physician, she's one of the best doctors in the hospital. I'm sure she's going to be great at it."

— Dr. John Gray, former chief of staff of St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on new chief Dr. Lucie DiMaggio

## Another first

### St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center appoints first woman chief of staff

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — There have been a lot of firsts for women. In 1983, Sally Ride became the first female astronaut to orbit the earth. Today, women astronauts are no longer a novelty. They make up part of every space shuttle crew and sometimes command the spacecraft.

Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana was the first woman ever elected to Congress. That was back in 1917 — three years before women won the right to vote in federal elections. Today, 16 percent of U.S. lawmakers are women, and Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., just became the nation's first female speaker of the House.

Here in Twin Falls, Dr. Lucie DiMaggio just became the first woman chief of staff at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

"I think she's amazing," said Dr. Cathy Engle, a local family practice physician. "I'm so excited she's the chief of staff. She's a no-nonsense type of person and there aren't very many women doctors in this town, so this is awesome."

Indeed, only 14 percent of local doctors are women. But that percentage should go up since women made up 47 percent of the 2004-2005 graduating classes from U.S. medical schools, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. That's up

from 43 percent in 2000 and 25 percent in 1980.

With the two-year chief of staff position comes a long list of responsibilities — everything from overseeing some 170 physicians to dealing with quality-of-care issues to heading up the credentialing committee that recommends to the hospital's board of directors who should — and shouldn't — be able to practice medicine at the hospital.

DiMaggio also serves as a non-voting member of the hospital board. Needless to say, her already busy calendar has gotten even busier. She counted up 15 meetings last month alone, and that's in addition to maintaining her busy practice as an internist. "It's more time consuming than I realized," DiMaggio said.

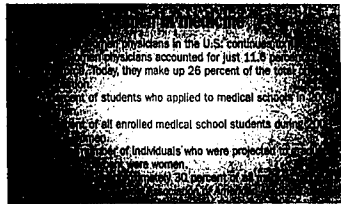
She is enjoying it, though. "It's an exciting time right now with the merger and the new facility," DiMaggio said.

Last May, Twin Falls County voters said yes to selling the hospital to the Boise-based, non-profit St. Luke's Health System, and work will soon begin on a new \$120 million hospital on the southeast corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive.

The hospital faces many challenges, too, such as finding enough doctors, nurses and technicians to meet a growing community's needs. "I see a lot of growth," DiMaggio said. "I can't believe



Dr. Lucie DiMaggio performs a routine checkup on patient Minnie Vance Thursday morning in her office at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. DiMaggio recently became the hospital's first woman chief of staff.



how much this community has grown." St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional is also finding itself in a new role. It's no longer just a small, rural community hospital; it's part of a larger regional system. "We have to decide what services we do best here and what services should be sent out," DiMaggio said. "It's not just about what physicians can do, but what the hospital can provide. We do and see a lot here for a hospital our size."

Consider, for instance, the hospital's successful interventional cardiology program. St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center recently ranked No. 1 out of more than 500 hospitals surveyed by the American College of Cardiology for its "door-to-balloon" time — the time it takes from a patient reaching the hospital's doors to having a heart artery unblocked with angioplasty. The study showed how a specialty service could be provided at a small community hos-

pital safely and successfully. And St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional faces universal challenges, such as how to make health care affordable to all, and that includes the uninsured and the underinsured, DiMaggio said. "We, as a society, need to make some decisions about how we're going to deliver health care," she said. DiMaggio went to medical school at the University of New York in Buffalo and did her residency at the university's medical hospital. She practiced in New York until 2001, when she came to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional. It was a medical conference in Sun Valley that first brought DiMaggio to Idaho. "I thought, 'Wow, Idaho's really nice. Who knew?'" What influenced her decision to leave the big city for a small, rural community? One thing was New York's health-care climate. "Managed care was limiting a lot of what internists could do," DiMaggio said.

She succeeds Dr. John Gray, who said DiMaggio is just the right person for the chief of staff job. "As a human being and a physician, she's one of the best doctors in the hospital," Gray said. "I'm sure she's going to be great at it." Gray had some advice to help DiMaggio in her new role — something he said he learned from John Kee, the hospital's chief executive officer who plans to move into a new role at St. Luke's focusing on bringing physicians and hospitals together to improve health-care delivery. Gray said Kee is one of the best mediators he's ever seen. "Keep smiling," Gray said. "Action is not always indicated. Remember that everyone has their own place that they're coming from. It's always about finding the middle road."

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## Shocking prices force reality check on families' college plans



The McGoff family has three kids in college and three on the way. In the back row, from left, are Brock, 22; father Chris; Casey, 13; mother Claire; and James, 16. In the front row are Eric, 11; Ryan, 23; and Carl, 19. To save money, Carl opted to attend a community college for two years and live at home, then transfer to a four-year institution.

By Kathleen Day  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — College sophomore Carl McGoff could have attended the University of Maryland directly from high school, a decision her parents could afford and would have supported. But the Silver Spring resident opted instead to attend Montgomery College on a merit scholarship for two years and live at home.

Her parents calculate the decision to attend a two-year community college saved them \$26,000, money her father Chris McGoff says will now help pay for her to graduate from a four-year institution — she has applied to be accepted as a junior at Georgetown University, Gettysburg (Pa.) College and Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. Wherever she goes, she'll get a diploma at a steep discount from that four full years at any of these institutions costs.

"That's the idea," says McGoff, joking that he fears publicity will make the strategy so popular it will be harder for his three younger children to use. "I admit I had a stigma about community colleges. Not anymore."

As the price of college has skyrocketed, millions of middle- and upper-middle-class families like the McGoffs have juggled to find ways to keep pace. These families can't do much to qualify for need-based scholarships, but few can afford to spend tens of thousands of dollars a year without a significant hit to their finances.

Saving early, as obvious as a child is born, is the obvious and best strategy. But financial planners and college experts say for those who

couldn't or didn't save enough, there are many ways to ease the pain of paying for a higher education: pushing students to apply for merit awards, choosing less expensive schools, taking classes at community colleges, even beefing up IRA contributions to reduce the annual income admissions folks will use to calculate aid.

Financial advisers say crafting an effective strategy to pay for college requires three mindsets that some middle-class parents may find tough to embrace: being realistic about what your family can afford; being honest about what the goal of college is; and being willing to choose value over prestige.

"There's a feeling in the middle class that we want our kids to go to the very best school and that that means yearly expenses of about \$40,000, no matter what," says Everett Orr, head of Orr Financial Planning in McLean, Va. "I'm alarmed by the debt people take. They think everyone's doing it. They get a normal — parents and kids — and it's not."

In big cities, many people who think of themselves as relatively well off feel the pinch. That's because higher-than-average living costs push the range of a middle-class income for a family of four to anywhere from \$80,000 to \$200,000, depending on many factors, such as the number of other family dependents, financial planners say.

In the past 10 years, tuition, fees and the cost of room and board have increased 31 percent at private four-year colleges and 42 percent at public four-year institutions, according to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. For the 2006-2007 academic year, for example, living on campus at a private university such as Georgetown costs more than

- ### Internet resources
- The Washington Post
- [www.fafsa.edu](http://www.fafsa.edu) — Where families fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Features information on how to apply for federal aid and worksheets to calculate how much families will be expected to pay for college.
  - [www.ncaa.edu](http://www.ncaa.edu) — Provides a concise profile of schools, allowing families to make comparisons, including by price.
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- \$180,000 over four years. Four years on campus at a state school can also be daunting — \$68,000 over four years to attend the University of Virginia for state residents, \$130,000 for out-of-state students.
- Those spiraling costs mean parents ideally should start thinking about college when their children are born. The first step for parents is to agree on how much they're willing to pay: Should they foot the bill for everything or just tuition? Should the student be required to work or take on



# Picking funds based on rankings is risky

**W**anted: M. fund w/ top 25 percent rank. Given the scads of mutual funds out there, investors might be tempted to turn to the want ads rather than sort through heaps of funds in hopes of finding a good match. More often, befuddled investors depend on fund rankings to bring a cool empirical eye to their search. But those who invest solely based on rankings risk disappointment.

"Using historical top quartiles to predict top quartile performance is a bit like selling 'eco,'" says Erik Dand, an index strategist for Standard & Poor's Corp. S&P found in a recent study that few funds which ranked among the top 25 or even 50 percent of their peers managed to consistently maintain their performance.

In the past five years, only 13.2 percent of large-cap funds, 9.9 percent of mid-cap funds and 10 percent of small-cap funds were able to maintain ranked among the top half of funds for the entire period.

The top 25 percent ranking proved even more daunting a challenge, with only 3 percent of large-cap and 2.5 percent of

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mid-cap funds staying in that zone for five straight years. Stats for small-cap funds were even more grim: None were able to hold onto a top 25 percent ranking for the entire period. "The numbers are similar to what would happen if you just pick a fund randomly," Dash said.

Dash isn't against using the ratings and reviews, though he contends investors often rely on parameters that are too "narrow." Limiting search to funds that, for example, rank in the top 25 percent of their category can be too restrictive, he argues. He noted that many of the top funds were once those ranked in the middle 50 percent — formerly B and C students that eventually made the honor roll.

"Just the fact that maintaining a top quartile performance is so difficult means you are leaving out some very good funds," he said.

Dash suggests investors instead employ rankings to screen out the worst-rated funds: "There is persistence

## Financial snapshot

	WEEKS CLOSE	WEEK AGO	YEAR AGO
<b>Interest rates</b>			
Average rate paid on bank money-market accounts (Bank Rate Monitor)	0.80%	0.80%	0.78%
91-day Treasury Bill Yield	5.14%	5.13%	4.47%
10-year Treasury Note	4.83%	4.87%	4.53%
<b>Commodities</b>			
Commodities — Research Bureau Index	301.33	295.88	363.44
DJ AIG Commodities Indexes	165.11	163.55	172.56
<b>Stocks</b>			
Industrial avg.	12,853.49	12,487.02	10,793.82
S&P 500	1,448.39	1,422.18	1,264.03
Wilshire 5,000	14,642.45	14,354.90	12,787.31
(market value of 5,700 plus stocks)			

but the persistence is at the bottom, not at the top."

He also said that when evaluating funds, investors should hunt for qualities often shown by the top-shelf funds, including low expense ratios and portfolio managers who have been at the helm over long periods.

"Whenever you see ads or a presentation, there at the bottom in font size three will be written 'past performance does not guarantee future results,'" he noted with a chuckle, describing this small-

print boilerplate message as the most important part of any pitch from a mutual fund.

Jeff Tjornehoj, an analyst with Lipper Inc., which evaluates mutual funds, contends investors should avoid simply funneling money toward areas that were recently strong because new investors will often arrive too late to reap sizable gains.

"I think low people tend to get messed up in their portfolio is by chasing the hot strategy. People sometimes fall prey to the myth that everything

that's done well in the past year is poised to do better," Tjornehoj said. "Don't place any particular fund on a pedestal simply because your neighbor had good luck with it."

"A ratings service can tell you which funds have done well, but it can't tell you why you need it. There are some funds that have done well in certain categories that are completely unsuitable for some investors." He offered high-yield bond funds, which invest in riskier debt, as an example of something ill-advised for investors seeking the traditional safety of bonds.

Investors too often focus on what's been hot recently rather than using logic, Tjornehoj said, explaining, "things that seem good now take precedence over other needs such as diversification. What investors should be looking for is moving toward discomfort — strategies and sectors that had been out of favor."

"Over time, those tend to move back into favor. Part of the reason funds tend to do well in certain periods and fall back in others is that portfolio managers often take up strategies that can

work well in one environment but leave bruises in another, said Steve Schoepke, vice president of research and product development at AIG SunAmerica Asset Management.

"Certainly rankings are important but I think it might be more important to look at how those rankings really respond over the course of a market cycle," Schoepke said. "When a manager does beat it year after year it's also something to look at closely," he said, referring to the benchmark against which a fund is measured. "It may point to an advisor that has a fair amount of flexibility in allowing for selecting a range of stocks."

"There's an element of volatility in these rankings that varies whether you're looking at a quarter or three years or five years but also when you add this added dimension of what phase of the cycle you are in," Schoepke said.

"It's convenient to pull up that one measure but I think the other side of it is recognizing that it is only one measure and that it's a fairly aggregate measure at that," he said of fund rankings.

## CAREER MOVES



Greenfield Mavromichalis

### New employees

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho's Office of Aging announced the addition of two new employees. Abby Greenfield has been hired as fiscal assistant. She previously worked in finance and accounting through CSI, Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Idaho Home Health and Hospice. She is a graduate of CSI and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration through Boise State University. She lives with her husband, Cole, and their two boys in Filer.

Lu Ann Jensen Mavromichalis has been hired as the public information/contracts manager. She is a gradu-

ate of Twin Falls High School and Boise State University. She received her master of social work degree and a provider's certificate in aging from the University of Nevada-Reno. She resides in Filer.

### Kari Hansen Daffin

DENVER, Colo. — Kari Hansen Daffin, has published a book titled "The Scrapbook Designer's Workbook." She also runs a home-based business called Green Pear Design Studio. Daffin and her husband, Thomas, reside in Denver, Colo. She is the daughter of Tracy and Connie Hansson, formerly of Twin Falls, and the granddaughter of Roy and Irene Christensen of Filer. For more information, visit [www.greenpear.com](http://www.greenpear.com).



Daffin

### Karen Keady

**TWIN FALLS** — Karen Keady, registered nurse and esthetician, has opened a wellness-centered facial and skin care studio at 735 Shoshone St. N. in the Brawley Office Suites. Keady earned her cosmetology and facial technology licenses in Portland in 1989.

In 1986, she became a registered nurse, devoting several years to dermatology nursing. She recently became a state-licensed esthetician after attending the International Dermal Institute in Seattle, Wash., for post-graduate education in skin and body therapy.



Keady

### Brian Ward

**TWIN FALLS** — Dr. Brian Ward has joined Dr. Daniel

Haymore to create Haymore and Ward Orthodontics. They will be working together to provide quality orthodontic treatment.

Ward completed dental school at the University of Oklahoma and received his master's degree in orthodontics at St. Louis University.

He recently became a diplomat of the American Board of Orthodontics and holds a doctor of dental surgery degree and a master's of science in dentistry. Ward is a native of the Magic Valley.



Ward

## Bernanke earns positive one-year review

### Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Nobody ever said Alan Greenspan would be an easy act to follow. But Ben S. Bernanke, marking his first anniversary as chairman of the Federal Reserve, is winning Greenspan-like plaudits for

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## MILESTONES

### Reinke recognizes six technicians for service

Reinke Manufacturing Inc., a leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation systems, announced that Robert Hendricks and Joshua Mulkey of Farmore of Idaho, Jerome and Russ Martin, Jeff McLeroy, Jeff Tubbs, and Phil Williams of Freedom Irrigation in Jerome have earned the PLUS (Proven Service) Certified Technician Awards. The prestigious award is one of the most elite designations awarded by Reinke. "Being recognized as a PLUS Certified Technician is quite a remarkable accomplishment," said Todd Merryman, service manager for Reinke Manufacturing. They qualified for the honor during a recent service training session held in Boise. The PLUS Certified Technician Program consists of a series of service-training classes and tests.



Reinke service technician Brent Pirkle presents the PLUS Certified Technician Award to Joshua Mulkey and Robert Hendricks with Farmore of Idaho in Jerome.



From left, Phil Williams, Jeff Tubbs, Russ Martin and Jeff McLeroy of Freedom Irrigation in Jerome show off their Reinke Platinum PLUS and PLUS Certified Technician Awards.

### Two residents appointed to Jerome fair board

Jerome County Commissioners have appointed two new board members to the Jerome County Fair Board. Joe Trevino of Jerome is employed with DePew Trucking, and Gary Warr of Jerome is director of the Jerome Recreation District. The current board of directors

also includes Jim Pierce, Bryant Nelson, Janet Prescott, Lora Fitzpatrick, Don SePew, Mike Lancaster, Kellee Traugher, Jack Hyder and Mike Wilbanks. The Jerome

### Noel and Donna Erickson's Kitchen Tune-Up franchise celebrates 10 years

**TWIN FALLS** — Noel and Donna Erickson celebrated their 10th anniversary as Kitchen Tune-Up franchise owners last week at an annual national training conference in Anaheim, Calif. They also

received a sales increase trophy for last year's business. While there, they also learned that a Kitchen Tune-Up full kitchen remodel will be featured on the Rachel Ray television talk show on Feb. 9 on KMYT at noon. "America's worst kitchen" was transformed in four days, Donna Erickson said. For more about Kitchen Tune-Up, call 736-1036 or explore.kitchentuneup.com.

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MONEY

# An uncommon approach

Canadian winemakers use frozen grapes to produce 'ice wine'

By Dong Struck  
The Washington Post

JORDAN, Ontario — It's almost midnight. Snow flurries ride down on the breath of a starless sky, and the 15-degree air pricks at bare skin. It's a perfect time. Len Pennacchetti concludes, to go out in a field and pick grapes.

He has been waiting for this night for nearly three months, since the autumn harvest crews plucked most of the fat, juicy grapes from the vines, leaving only 20 rows wrapped in bright red nets.

The remaining fruit shriveled and turned brown. Maddeningly, it did not freeze. In this part of Canada, boys glumly regarded hockey ponds still liquid, skis stayed in closets. Two days earlier, as though flaunting the warm spruce, the clouds opened up — with rain.

But the weird downpour seemed finally to awaken winter. Its moaning return from the raindrops on the stems, turning vineyards into fields of glass sculptures. The grapes became hard, sweet marbles. And Pennacchetti came to reap his ice wine.

"Ice wine is the prize," said the 52-year-old winemaker, president of Cave Spring Cellars winery. "It's hard. It's difficult. But we'd be foolish not to grow it."

He gathered with a small knot of men, flashlight probing the ice-crusting clusters of grapes. Only a few years ago, the occasion would bring dozens of workers to the fields, laboring in brutal cold to handpick the grapes.

But now, worker Craig Schmidt climbs atop a large yellow harvesting machine,



Rain from a mild season is caught by the belated arrival of winter, turning vineyards in the Niagara region of Canada into a tableau of ice sculptures and freezing the grapes into hard, sweet marbles that produce an intense flavor. Here, ice-covered vines at the Cave Spring Cellars winery in Jordan, Ontario.

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— Len Pennacchetti, president of Cave Spring Cellars winery

raising the platform so the machine straddles a row of Riesling grapes. It clatters slowly down the row, shaking the brittle vines with a series of metal paddles and catching the grapes as they fall.

This bounty will create a wine that is becoming a signature product for Canada. As the grapes are squeezed by a hydraulic Italian press in a wooden vat, the frozen water remains with the discarded skin. What drains out is an intensely sweet juice that is fermented into a pricey wine found on the desert lists of the

finest restaurants. "People get it. It's not counterintuitive for Canada" like growing other wines, Pennacchetti says. "They say: 'Oh, you're from Canada. The one thing you ought to know how to grow is something called ice wine.' It's like hockey and igloos. It's become our new maple syrup."

This humor contains a whiff of regret. He is proud of the ice wine, which is good enough to sell for \$52 (U.S.) for a half-bottle. But he considers his fields' best offerings to be table wines, the Rieslings, and chardonnays and pinot noirs. This protected Niagara region along Lake Ontario, and the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, produce table wines good enough to muscle aside the likes of California, France and New Zealand in wine competition.

"That is a personal victory for Pennacchetti. As he walks behind the harvesters, feeling over the few clusters of grapes missed by the machine, the ghost of his grandfather Giuseppe is by his shoulder. The old man, an immigrant from Italy, recruited 10-year-old Leonard to help with his winemaking hobby after retiring from the brickmaking business.

Leonard helped to clear the overgrown vines, harvest and press the grapes, and fill the table bottles with the wine. In high school, a geography

teacher lectured on the advantages of the Niagara region for winegrowing. Poring over a topographical map, young Pennacchetti picked his ideal spot for a winery — an old farm called Cave Spring.

More than three decades later, Pennacchetti and his wife, Helen Young, brother Thomas

and winemaker Angelo Pavan, a childhood friend, have turned Cave Spring into a premier winery, an estate with an elegant restaurant, a country inn, a spa and a block of boutique stores.

But the geography of his high school topographic map — framed by his office — still captivates Pennacchetti. It is

the land that Pennacchetti is trying to bottle.

"The soul of the wine is in the dirt," he said. "We don't make wine. We grow it. And where do you start? In the geography. In the ground. You express a place in it. The prize is to find a wine that is noble and give it a local twist."

Earlier, in his restaurant, Pennacchetti had mused over glasses with samples of his favorite wine.

"It takes 10 years to really understand that vine that you put in the ground today," he said. "That's so unusual in this world of instant gratification. I stuck these vines in the ground in 1978, with my own hands, and we are sitting here 29 years later drinking the wine."

In the vineyard, the harvesters — "the shakers," they call it — is liding as the men sort out kinks, in the ropes that hold the grape nets, balky with crusted ice. The cellphone of Kevin Litter, the vineyard manager, rings. It's the wine cellar calling with chemical tests of the first grapes brought in from the field.

The men hold their breath. The key ingredient is the sugar. The colder it is, the higher the sugar content of the grapes. They need at least 32 percent. They get 40.

"Beautiful," exalts Pennacchetti, the vapor of his breath rising in the lights of the harvester. "Perfect."

The weather had tested, but in the end delivered. It looks like the makings of a good year.



Ice wine is becoming a signature product for Canada. "Ice wine is the prize," says winemaker Len Pennacchetti, of Cave Spring Cellars in Jordan, Ontario.

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# U.S. absent on global warming plan

PARIS (AP) — Forty-five nations answered France's call Saturday for a new environmental body to slow inevitable global warming and protect the planet, perhaps with policing powers to punish violators.

Absent were the world's heavyweight polluter, the United States, and booming nations on the same path as the U.S. — China and India.

The charge led by French President Jacques Chirac came a day after the release of an authoritative and disturbingly grim — scientific report in Paris that said global warming is "very likely" caused by mankind and that climate change will continue for centuries even if heat-trapping gases are reduced. It was the strongest language ever used by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, whose last report was issued in 2001.

The document, a collaboration of hundreds of scientists and government officials, was approved by 113 nations, including the United States.

Despite the report's dire outlook, most scientists say the worst disasters — huge sea level rises and the most catastrophic storms and droughts — may be avoided if strong action is taken soon.

In his call to action at a French-sponsored environment conference on Saturday, Chirac said, "It is our responsibility. The future of humanity



French president Jacques Chirac delivers a speech at a high-level conference on world environmental governance entitled Citizens of the Earth on Saturday in Paris, France.

demands it."

Without naming the United States — producer of about one-quarter of the world's greenhouse gases — Chirac expressed frustration that "some large, rich countries still must be convinced." They are "refusing to accept the consequences of their acts," he said.

So far, it is mostly European nations that agreed to pursue plans for the new organization, and to hold their first meeting in Morocco this spring.

Chirac, 74, is seeking to leave his mark on international affairs before he leaves office, likely in May, though his own environmental record over 12 years as France's president is spotty.

Former Vice President Al Gore, whose Oscar-nominated documentary on the perils of global warming has garnered worldwide attention, cheered Chirac's efforts.

"We are at a tipping point," Gore told the conference by videophone. "We must act,

and act swiftly ... Such action requires international cooperation."

The world's scientists and other international leaders also said now that the science is so well-documented, action is clearly the next step.

"It is time now to hear from the world's policymakers," Tim Wirth, president of the United Nations Foundation, said Friday. "The so-called and long-overstated 'debate' about global warming is now over."

Granger Morgan, an energy expert at Carnegie Mellon University in the United States, predicted the new climate report "will kick a few more folks to get on board."

And Jason Grout, head of U.S. bipartisan advocacy group, the National Commission on Energy Policy, said, "The debate has clearly shifted from a battle over the science to fighting over the scope and design of the solution."

# Bird flu virus found on British turkey farm

LONDON (AP) — Officials confirmed Saturday that the H5N1 strain of bird flu had been found in turkeys on a commercial farm — Britain's first mass outbreak of the disease that has ravaged Asia's poultry stocks and killed more than 160 people worldwide.

The virus strain that killed about 2,500 turkeys on the British poultry farm was identified as the highly pathogenic Asian strain, similar to a virus found in Hungary in January, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said.

It was the first time the deadly H5N1 strain was found on a British farm.

Also on Saturday, the World Health Organization confirmed Nigeria's first human death from the strain.

Nigerian health officials on Wednesday said several people had apparently contracted the virus, including a young woman who later died.

Last month Hungarian officials killed thousands of geese after H5N1 was detected in the southeast of the country — the first known case of the strain within the European Union since August 2006.

Britain's deputy chief veterinary officer, Fred Landeg, said all 159,000 turkeys on the affected farm in eastern England would be slaughtered. He said the virus was found in only one of 22 turkey sheds on the farm, owned by Bernard Matthews PLC, Europe's largest turkey producer.

Bird flu has killed or prompted the slaughter of millions of birds worldwide.

# Diplomats tour Iran nuke facility

ISFAHAN, Iran (AP) — Diplomats from five countries toured one of Iran's primary nuclear facilities on Saturday — an attempt by the Islamic republic to show that its atomic program is for peaceful ends and not a cover for nuclear weapons.

The visit to the Isfahan Uranium Conversion Facility, which is surrounded by anti-aircraft guns and radar stations and built largely underground to protect it from airstrikes, comes ahead of a United Nations deadline for Iran to halt uranium enrichment by later this month.

If Iran does not stop enrichment by the end of the 60-day period stipulated by the U.N., the Security Council will con-

sider additional measures beyond the economic sanctions it approved Dec. 23.

"The message of this visit is that Iran is determined to continue its peaceful nuclear activities," Ali Asghar Soltanich, head of the Iranian delegation to the International Atomic Energy Agency, told the diplomats from Sudan, Malaysia, Cuba, Egypt, and Algeria — representing the Nonaligned Movement, the Group of 77 and the Arab League.

Soltanich also described the tour as "an opportunity to see that the IAEA has full surveillance control over the activities of this facility."

The diplomats represent organizations that have a long

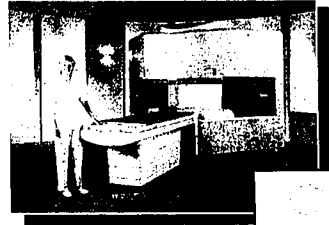
history of asserting members' rights to pursue their national interests and broadly those of developing countries without being fettered by Western countries.

The Nonaligned Movement was formed in 1954 by several Third World countries that declared they would not take sides in the Cold War, while the G-77 is a grouping of 130 countries from the South, the Arab League is a regional grouping representing with 22 member states.

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# NATO vows to recapture town

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Taliban militants who overrun a southern Afghan town have reportedly reinforced their positions, but NATO and Afghan troops will recapture the area if the fighters don't leave, top NATO and Afghan officials said Saturday.

Hundreds of residents were reported to be fleeing the town of Musa Qala, fearing that NATO would move in with force, two villagers said.

Gen. David Richards, the ongoing British commander of the NATO-led force, said his troops will not use force in the way I think some people are concerned about" in trying to recapture Musa Qala.

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EDITORIAL

Hotel project should fit into preservation effort

To look into the future and say, "the sky's the limit" is one thing. To build a hotel and convention center by that principle is quite another.

The plan for a new hotel-convention center on the Snake River Canyon rim gained momentum last week, as the city's Citizen Design Review Committee approved a Neilsen and Co. request for a 10-story structure adjacent to the Perrine Bridge.

The proposal will now go before city planning and zoning officials as a planned unit development. If approved at that level, it would go up for a vote with the Twin Falls City Council.

Plans to build this structure on the canyon rim have been stewing for almost 10 years. Neilsen and Co. owns 40 acres of commercial land both east and west of Highway 93 along the bridge. This hotel-convention center project would complement other developments for Canyon Park West, including a bank, retail stores and restaurants.

When this plan first emerged in 1999, public resistance was notably strong. But the development of Canyon Park East (which has major retailers such as Best Buy and Sportsman's Warehouse) has muted some of that opposition.

Most Twin Falls officials and business leaders fully recognize that the area needs a large hotel and convention center, and we fully agree. The city currently has no large seating facility for large business or local government forums.

As the seventh largest city in Idaho, Twin Falls already has a significant demand for a convention center. That need is bound to grow in the future.

Building a high structure on the canyon rim prevents the project from sprawling outward. The hotel's actual design also appears to have a visual appeal that mixes well with the surroundings.

Answers to those questions won't be found in the city's next comprehensive plan, which is currently being drafted for the first time since 1995.

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City planning officials should note this project will set a wide precedent for Twin Falls on canyon rim development. As great as the need is for the facility, residents will expect the construction to stay within suitable boundaries of rim preservation.

Our view: A 10-story structure on the Snake River Canyon requires careful balance with natural settings. What do you think? We welcome your viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

When she was little, Hillary Rodham would sit on a basement bench and pretend she was flying a spaceship to Mars.

Through all the years of sitting behind Bill Clinton on his tip-toe to stars, Hillary, dutiful and ebullent, trying to be co-captain rather than just wingman, or worse, winglady.

She positively glistened as she talked about how "I" — rather than the "we" of '92 — would run the world.

Humly, gracefully, dutifully, she offered Iowa the answer to that eternal question, What Is Hillary Owed?

Everything. John Wood, a self-described "Beverly Hills realtor and machinary-and-toed salesman from Davenport, asked Hillary how she would handle the world's evil and bad men.

He said afterward that he was more worried about her ability to face down villains, "being a lady," but conceded. "The woman did good today."

He said afterward that he was more worried about her ability to face down villains, "being a lady," but conceded. "The woman did good today." Hillary's question was reminiscent of All G's interview of Neve Ginnirch, when the fat rap rapper asked whether a female president would be turned on and manipulated by evil detainers.

Justice system broke down in juvenile case. Justice system's not just a system. It's ironic my ex-wife, Sheila Lewis, wrote a letter to paper and next day's paper comes out with Judge Viana stepping down. Well, tell you, Sheila, great way to put your letter.

As for Viana and prosecutor Mike Seib, who both had the same idea of stepping down. I think you guys are on the right track now, Jerome will be a better place without you.

They have weapons, personnel forces that's just as well as in Japan during the late '40s. Did we just do it better then or were we more committed then because we had been attacked? Iraq didn't attack us any more than Vietnam, Korea, the Falklands, Granada, or Germany in 1917.

Mama Clinton hugs Iowa



head on — "I'm a woman, I'm a mom" — hoping to stir that sisterly vote that Ferraro failed to draw after it turned out that many women were skeptical about one of their own facing down the Baracks.

Unlike Barack Obama, who once said he was bored by the suburbs, she introduced herself in the land of bingo and Inconn as a product of the suburbs, wallowing in the minutiae of kitchen-table issues.

W and Cheney have lavished attention and money on Iraq, leaving Americans feeling neglected. Hillary offered Iowa's warm bath of "you," honey ruminator rather than harsh dominator.

(Thank Jon Stewart warned on "The Daily Show" that her slogan — "Let the conversation begin!" — will not help her with men. "I think the typical response would be, 'None!'")

Thomasine Johnson, a 66-year-old from outside Des Moines, complained that Hillary talked too much about "traditional women's issues,"

but many in the audiences seemed enthralled. "The Achilles' heel of 'The Warrior,' as she is known, is Obama. She expressed outrage about Iraq, but ended up sounding like a mother whose teenage son has not cleaned up his room." "The president has said this is going to be left to his successor and I think it's the height of irresponsibility, and I really resent it."

She uttered the most irritating and disingenuous line wches in politics: "If we had known then what we know now."

Hillary didn't have the nerve to oppose a popular president on a national security issue about 9/11, and she feared being cast as an anti-war hippie when she ran. Now she feels she can't simply say she made a bad decision. And that makes her seem conniving — not a good mix with marriage.

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LETTERS

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Change the conception of real patriotism. I vote, salute the American flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and support the troops just as I'm exhorted to do by all the ribbons, decals, m so many cars. I pay my taxes no matter how inefficiently they are spent.

Goliath, Dick Cheney with his shotgun comes to mind as a possibility. VAUGHN PHELPS, Twin Falls

Bush falls further while Salil stumbles. After watching George W. Bush deliver his State of the Nation speech, he should have said something there to counter his, his, methane and help the energy crisis.

He hasn't learned anything from the start of his administration to now. He has had nearly 100 percent turnover in his Cabinet. That doesn't say much for their loyalty.

He has created the terrorism in Iraq by staying there. It will continue for as long as the United States occupies Iraq. He didn't recommend shutting down the Iraq borders to neighboring countries and thus preventing the insurgents from crossing with unlimited resources, i.e., weapons and munitions.

It didn't say how Medicare could be improved. He didn't address the massive expenses of the drug companies marketing up the cost of drugs from nearly 3,000 to more than 500,000 percent and some of the generics more than 3,000 percent. Everything that might help the average American was not addressed.

It's said that the one-party system of the state would elect someone like that. Everyone must have forgotten our famous criminal —

George Hattson, DAVID LANCASTER, Twin Falls

History needs an early judgement of Bush. Jonathan Chait's take on the 22nd Amendment hits the nail on the head. The 2008 presidential election will indeed be judged largely on the past success and failures of both Clinton and Bush.

What Clinton did in the oval office with Monica, and why he did it, is a fantasy that most middle-aged, married men can relate to, even though they regret what he did — laudable, understandable, even if it is not acceptable. What Clinton should have been impeached for was lying about it to a grand jury, ala Scooter Libby.

By comparison, why Bush didn't what he did — launching a war for peace in a country that has never known peace — is still somewhat of a dark mystery.

I, for one, relish the thought of both he and Cheney illumining all of America by explaining to a grand jury what it was that caused them to suffer from such an obvious lack of judgment. I also wonder if they, unlike Clinton, will be mad enough to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth? If they don't, bury both of them, ala Scooter Libby. GARY ELLER, Twin Falls

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# Raise hell, Molly Ivins



KATHLEEN PARKER

She was funny, irreverent and smart. It didn't matter that she was often wrong in my view. What mattered was that she was good.

This column was supposed to have been a "Get Well" valentine to Molly Ivins. That was the plan.

But cancer hates plans, and so instead I have come to praise one of my favorite columnists who has left this world too soon.

Ivins, the syndicated writer beloved by liberals and despised by conservatives (at least most of them), died Wednesday after a seven-year battle with breast cancer.

Her parting words to readers: "Raise hell." I have no special claim to grief when it comes to Ivins. I'm just one of millions who loved reading her. As I said in an e-mail to her a few days ago, which I'm guessing she never saw, I've been a fan as long as I can remember.

She was funny, irreverent and smart. It didn't matter that she was often wrong, in my view. What mattered was that she was good.

As a now-syndicated columnist in many of the same papers, Ivins and I were often placed opposite each other. Which meant, among other things, that we had many of the same readers and mostly different fans.

Ivins' fans took pleasure in telling me I should read Ivins before I died of chronic stupidity; her un-fans wrote to say they read me as an antidote to that Ivins woman. My favorite letters came from readers who said they liked us both the best, even though we were both wrong most of the time.

I know what they meant. My favorite columnists are not those with whom I necessarily agree, but those who keep me awake, those who write beautifully, and especially those who make me laugh.

Molly made me laugh. I admired her style, wit, passion and smarts. As a fellow toiler in the field, I appreciated her doggedness in pursuit of our craft and the skill of her execution.

It ain't always as easy as it looks. But the thing I loved best about Molly Ivins is that she was a great broad, one of the few remaining in our capital Paris Hilton world.

You don't hear that word much anymore — "broad." It went out the door with "lady" and is considered derogatory by younger generations.

But to the World War II crowd, and to some of us who were raised by them, a great

broad was more than a mere woman. The best compliment my father could pay a woman was to say, "She is one great broad."

Those five words were the equivalent of a kiss blown across the room, a cape tossed over a puddle, a bow to an intelligence at least equal to one's own.

It did not mean "hot," as everyone seems to say these days about an attractive female.

A great broad might be "hot," — there's no rule against it — but that's the least of her charms. The physical, as Ivins knew as well as anyone, is fleeting.

A great broad is everlasting, a presence, a force, a woman of substance — solid, intelligent, humorous, sexy and full of it.

Intelligent, strong, confident and competent, she walks into a room and causes a stir. The air shifts and heads turn. Who's that?

At 6 feet, Ivins was impossible to ignore. She commanded a room just as she commanded up-ed pages for millions of readers who found pleasure and inspiration in her words.

Of late, those words had been focused primarily on the Iraq War, which she insisted had to stop. In her

next-to-last column, she said she would be doing all of her columns to ending the war.

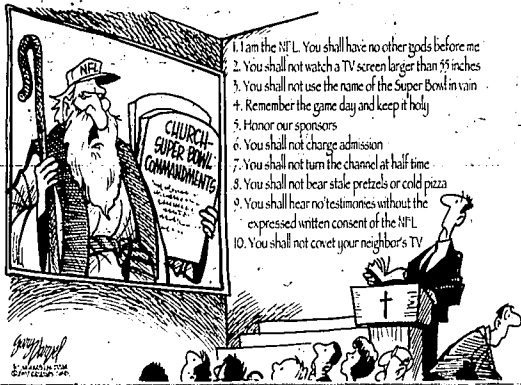
She wrote only one more, urging Americans to raise hell against the surge.

A happy enemy of the powerful, Ivins saved her sharpest barbs for President Bush, whom she dubbed "Shrub" when he ran for Texas governor against Ivins' good friend, Ann Richards, who also died recently of cancer.

Despite their public animus, I suspect even George W. Bush harbored an uncertain fondness for Ivins. For one thing, enemies need each other. For another, Ivins was his type of gal — full of spunk and vinegar, but also big-hearted and true. Even when she was wrong.

In a world short on class acts, Ivins was a star — and the marketplace of ideas will be poorer without her. She was one great columnist. And one great broad.

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## U.S. carries some blame in Iraq, but not for civil war

This week the interethnic warfare in Iraq, already bewildering — Sunni vs. Shiite, Kurd vs. Arab, Islamist vs. infidel, and with various Iranians, Syrians and assorted freelancers thrown into the maelstrom — went bizarre. In one of the biggest battles of the war, Iraqi troops reinforced by Americans wiped out a heavily armed, well-entrenched millenarian Shiite sect preparing to take over Najaf, kill the moderate Shiite clergy (including Grand Ayatollah Sistani) and proclaim its leader the returned messiah.

... to place the blame on the one player, the one country, the one military that has done more than any other to try to separate the combatants and bring conciliation is simply perverse."

dom and yet many have chosen civil war. Among all these religious prejudices, ancient wounds, social resentments and tribal animosities, who gets the blame for the rivers of blood? You can always count on some to find the blame in America. "We did not give them a republic," insists Newsweek's Farzed Zakaria. "We gave them a civil war."

Of all the accounts of the current situation, this is by far the most stupid. And the most pernicious. Did Britain "give" India the Hindu-Muslim war of 1947-49 that killed a million souls and ethnically cleansed 12 million more? The Jewish-Arab wars in Palestine? The tribal wars of post-colonial Uganda? We gave them a civil war? Why? How was it failed to prevent it? Do the police in America lay on their hands the blood of the 16,000 murders they failed to prevent last year?

Thousands of brave American soldiers have died trying to counter, put down and prevent civil strife. They fight Sunni insurgents in Fallujah, Kamadi and Baghdad, trying to keep them from sending yet one more suicide bomber into a crowded Shiite market. They hunt Shiite death squads in Baghdad to keep them from rounding up random Sunnis and torturing them to death. Just this week, we lost two helicopter pilots who were supporting the troops on the ground fighting the "Soldiers of Heaven" outside Najaf to prevent the slaughter of innocent civilians in a Shiite-Shiite war within a war.

Our entire strategy has been to fight one side and then the other to try to prevent sectarian violence — a policy that has been one of the leading reasons why Americans are ready to quit and walk away. They can understand one-front wars, but they can't understand two-, three- and four-front wars, with Americans fighting any and all in sequence and sometimes in combination.

And at the political level, we've been doing everything we can to bring reconciliation.



CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

The battle was a success — 263 extremists killed, 502 captured. But the sight of the U.S. caught within a Shiite-Shiite fight within the larger Shiite-Sunni civil war can only lead to further disenchantment with Americans, already deeply dismayed at the prospect of being caught in the middle of endless civil strife.

There are of course many reasons for these schisms. Some, like the fundamental division between Sunni and Shiite, are ancient. Some of the wounds are more contemporary, most notably the social devastation and political ruin brought upon the country by 30 years of Saddamist totalitarianism and its particularly sadistic persecution of Shiites and Kurds.

America comes and liberates them from the tyrant who kept everyone living in fear, and the ancient animosities and more recent resentments begin to play themselves out to deadly effect. Tens of thousands of Iraqis have died, the overwhelming majority of them killed by Sunni insurgents. Baathist dead-enders and their al-Qaeda allies who carry on the Saddamist program.

Much of their killing — the murder of innocent Shiites in their mosques and markets — is heretofore politics. It is meant to satisfy instead an atavistic hatred of the Shiite heresy. The late al-Qaeda leader in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was even chided by headquarterers in Afghanistan for his relish in killing Shiites for the sport of it.

Iraqis were given their free-

We got the Sunnis to participate in elections and then in parliament. Who is pushing the Shiite-Kurdish coalition for a law that would distribute oil revenues to the Sunnis? Who is pushing for a more broad-based government to exclude Moqtada al-Sadr and his sectarian Mahdi Army?

We have made a lot of mistakes in Iraq. But when Arabs kill Arabs and Shiites kill Shiites and Sunnis kill all in a spasm of violence that is blind and furious and has roots in hatreds born long before America was even a republic, to place the blame on the one player, the one country, the one military that has done more than any other to try to separate the combatants and bring conciliation is simply perverse.

I infantilizes Arabs. It demonizes Americans. It willfully overlooks the plainest of facts: Iraq is their country. We midwived their freedom. They chose civil war.

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**ROCKFORD, Wash.** — The recent record rain, snow and ice storms in Washington state that drenched power lines and caused millions of dollars in property damage had at least one salutary effect: A record number of bald eagles were counted in Skagit County, north of Seattle.

Jim Ah, a bald eagle expert for the Nature Conservancy, stands on the bank of the Skagit River in Howard Miller Steelhead Park. From a clearing of hemlock, cottonwood, alder and silver fir trees, he points to a rocky bar in the river.

"On Jan. 2, there were 350 birds, right here," he says. "I couldn't believe it. I thought I made a mistake. It was an incredible sight."

The annual National Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey coordinated by the U.S. Geological Survey occurs in 42 states and has helped document the recovery of the bald eagles, whose numbers had dropped by 1963 to only 417 nesting pairs in the lower 48 states.

The birds were listed as an endangered species in 1967, even before the Endangered Species Act

became law in 1973.

Yet by 1995, the population had recovered to the point where its official status was changed from endangered to threatened. Today, there are more than 7,000 nesting pairs living in the contiguous U.S., and this month the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is expected to announce the complete de-listing of the birds.

# Record number of bald eagles seen near Seattle

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## SAVE THE DRAMA



Bob Price, a guitar player for the local band Someewhereinbetween, makes adjustments to his guitar Saturday afternoon at the "Save the Drama" fundraiser for the Filer High School drama department. Local bands gathered at the Radio Rodeeroo Events Center in Twin Falls to put on a concert from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. to help the cause.

## Just once, I got the best of bar codes

The other day, I actually managed to thwart technology. I was shopping in a local grocery store and picked a 34-ounce plastic bottle of club soda off a shelf. Part of its paper label — including the bar code — had been accidentally torn off when the shipping carton was unpacked, and there was no price posted underneath the club soda display.



**DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump**

Plus, it was the last bottle of this particular brand in the store.

I took it to the checkout counter with some other items. The checker pried up the bottle and swiped it over the electronic scanner. Nothing happened. She looked alarmed.

"Did you happen to notice how much this is?" she asked.

"No idea," I replied. "Where did you find it?"

"Over on Aisle 12, next to the prune juice," I said.

The checker called her supervisor, then the supervisor quickly summoned the store manager. Within no more than a minute, several employees in the store were huddled around my bottle of club soda.

"I'll have to look up the price," the manager said at last, and took the bottle with him to the store's office.

It was back in five minutes, as other customers queued up behind me.

"Without the bar code, I can't find it in our computer system," he explained. Then he walked purposefully back to the aisle where the club soda was displayed.

When he returned, the manager shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know what to charge you," he confessed at last.

With that, you could have heard a pin drop. The checker, still standing around in a semicircle, was athen-faced.

"I-I can't believe it," one rasped finally.

"Well, I said to the manager, 'If I give you a dollar, will that cover it?'"

"Probably, but it would screw up our accounting-and-inventory system," he said. "We'll have to reconcile it by hand, and that would cause way more trouble than it's worth."

"This one's on the house," he said, stuffing the bottle into a plastic grocery bag.

Months later, I found out that the store's computer operators swept through America ripping off bar-code labels, civilization as we know it would collapse. Nearly every item sold in a grocery store, in a department store or by a mass merchandiser has a bar code on it.

Rental car companies keep track of their fleets by putting bar codes on the vehicles' windshield or bumpers.

Airlines manage passengers' luggage with bar codes. Designers even stamp bar codes on their models to help coordinate fashion shows.

According to the Web site Bar Code (at [www.adam1.com/pub/rusadam/barcode1.html](http://www.adam1.com/pub/rusadam/barcode1.html)), the first product bearing a bar code was scanned at Marsh's supermarket in Troy, Ohio, in June 1974. It was a 10-pack of Wileys's Juicy Fruit chewing gum.

That package of gum is now in the Smithsonian Institution.

Nobody thought to get the barcode name. But if I ever find him or her, I'll share my free bottle of club soda.

Times-News columnist Steve Crump can be reached at [scrump@magicvalley.com](mailto:scrump@magicvalley.com) or 735-3233.

## Calling all hotshots

### Forest Service planning firefighter reunion

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth Hotshot firefighting crew is 40 years old this year. Plans are under way for a reunion of former crew members to commemorate this anniversary.

The reunion will be April 14 and 15 in Twin Falls.

"We are now actively seeking to locate and notify all the people who have been a member of the Sawtooth Hotshots," said Tom Bates, current Sawtooth Hotshot Crew superintendent. "It would be greatly appreciated if people who know people who have been on this crew since 1967 would contact us. We have a list of all the people who have been on the crew but unfortunately many of the mailing addresses we have are no longer valid."

Bates can be reached at the Sawtooth National Forest headquarters in



A crew of Sawtooth Hotshots in the 1970s, according to the reunion Web site.

Twin Falls at (208) 737-3282. He can also be reached at [www.sawtooth-hotshots.com](http://www.sawtooth-hotshots.com).

Information about the reunion can be found at <http://www.sawtooth-hotshots.com>.

A number of special events and activities are planned for April. Some of the activities will be geared toward raising money for the Wildland Firefighter Foundation, a

foundation established by volunteers and supporters of wildland firefighters. The foundation maintains the Wildland Firefighters National Monument at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise.

Since 1999, the foundation has provided emergency support services to the families of seriously injured and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Families left behind, many with young children, often find themselves with few resources. The foundation steps in to help.

The Sawtooth Hotshot Crew is one of 90 crews nationally organized and trained for the most difficult and dangerous wildland firefighting assignments.

Bates said hotshot crews enjoy very close camaraderie due to the constant presence of danger.

"It's really rewarding to keep in contact with former members of the Sawtooth Hotshots. It's amazing how many have gone on to fill useful places in society as judges, doctors, teachers, successful business people and so forth," he said.

"That's why we hope as many of the former members of the Sawtooth Hotshots will be able to join us for the reunion in April."

## Wood River residents snowshoe to fight breast cancer

By Karen Borsick  
For the Times-News

HAILEY — Doris Weller slipped her boot through the straps of a snowshoe and tugged on the straps to tighten them.

Then she put one foot forward on the snow. One small step for Weller. One giant step for breast cancer prevention and the search for a cure.

Weller was one of several dozen people who straggled on snowshoes last week and trekked around the snowy hills east of the Valley Club in Expedition Inspirations' second-annual Moonlight Snowshoe fundraiser.

"I have a couple friends who have had cancer, so it's become personal for me," she said.

A pink tinge of alpenglouw still enveloped the hills as Weller, her sister and a handful of friends set off on their trek, singing, "Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we go."

"This is fabulous. I skied the trails for the first time yesterday and now this tonight," said Doris's sister Christel Nicholson, who moved to Ketchum from Southern California three years ago. "All kinds of new experiences."

The snowshoes kicked up snow onto their backs as the snowshoers made their way past flags erected on golf greens, past sagebrush sticking up through the dwindling snowpack.

The mercury had settled to 20 degrees, but no one was cold.

"I like this," observed one trekker. "We're pre-burning our calories so we can have dinner afterwards and not feel guilty."

Dark fell as the group turned uphill heading along a path outlined by torches stuck in the snow. Stars emerged in the blackened sky as millions

more stars twinkled on the moonlit snow.

"They look like diamonds," said Judy Stillman. "Oh, I've got to stop and soak in all this beauty."

Back at the Valley Club in Hailey, the merriment continued as the women joined 160 other men and women sipping wine and partaking of chicken and salmon in what was Expedition Inspirations' first sold-out Moonlight Snowshoe dinner.

"Breast cancer is virtually epidemic in this country— one in seven women may experience breast cancer some time in their lifetime,"

said Dr. Bob Vestal, an Expedition Inspiration board member who came over from Boise for the event. "So it's a very serious problem. And it's a serious problem not only for the women but for their husbands and other family members, as well. We need to do anything we can to improve the outcome — and that's what this is all about."

Indeed, the evening raised at least \$35,000 — all of which will go toward Expedition Inspirations' 11th-annual Laura Evans Memorial Breast Cancer Symposium to be held in early March in Sun Valley.

Neri said the brothers knocked him to the floor and beat him and that he "was knocked unconscious."

Neri said he did not know when his leg was broken, according to the report.

## Report: Brothers break man's leg in Hailey bar fight

By Kelly Jackson  
For the Times-News

HAILEY — A fight at The Mint Bar in Hailey resulted in a broken leg, scrapes and bruises for one man.

Federick, 29, of Chubbuck, was treated at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.

Hailey police are investigating the Jan. 28 incident, which involved brothers Rodrigo, 29, and Pier Herrera, 24, of Hailey.

These men were involved in an altercation at the beginning of October that also occurred at The Mint, 116 S. Main St. In Hailey, the brothers both received serious stab wounds during that fight.

According to Police Chief Brian McNary, no charges have been filed. Officers are looking for witnesses.

Police arrived at the Mint at 12:45 a.m. Jan. 28 and were told that three fights were under way upstairs.

Officers didn't see anything, and when they returned downstairs they were told that the Herrera brothers had broken the victim's leg, according to the police report. The brothers had already left the bar.

The details of the fight are fuzzy, based on various accounts given to police.

Carlos A. Simental, a security officer at The Mint, was involved in breaking up the fight, which occurred in and just outside of the

upstairs bathroom.

Based on Simental and Neri's account, the fight appears to have stemmed from Neri asking the brothers why they recently fought with his little brother, according to the police report.

Neri said the brothers knocked him to the floor and beat him and that he "was knocked unconscious."

## Snowpack Levels

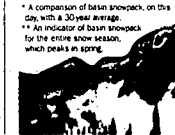
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Salmon	75%	47%
Big Wood	69%	45%
Little Wood	64%	40%
Big Lost	63%	38%
Little Lost	70%	42%
Henny's Fork/Teton	69%	44%
Upper Snake Basin	69%	44%
Ovide	71%	51%
Salmon Falls	71%	46%

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## Timothy Darren Buster

**TWIN FALLS** — Timothy Darren Buster passed away in his home on Jan. 29, 2007. Tim was born Feb. 18, 1956, in Portland, Ore., and grew up in California. As a young adult, he moved along with his parents to Gooding, Idaho, to be near his parents and his grandparents, who were attending the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. Tim was an avid scientist, fan with special interests in Star Wars and Star Trek. He was consumed by learning new computer technology skills. Tim was self-motivated and accomplished at setting goals, and made per-

sistent steps to improve his situation. He will continue to be an inspiration to those he left behind. Tim is survived by his parents, Carl and Jackie (LaBue) Buster of Taft, Calif.; grand-children, Jack and Eithel LaBue of Taft, Calif.; his brothers, Jack Buster and Tom (Kelle) Buster, both of Auburn, Calif., and Carl Jr. (Jana) Buster of Centralia, Wash.; and one sister, Beth (Gluck) Cram of George, Wash. Tim was also the proud uncle of four nieces and seven nephews. A service, under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls, will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gooding, Idaho. Burial will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

## Vera Shaw Reddick

**TWIN FALLS** — Vera Shaw Reddick, 87, passed away Feb. 1, 2007, at Twin Falls. She was born Jan. 5, 1920, in Teton, Idaho. She was married to Roy and Florence Shaw. Following her high school graduation, she moved to Jerome in 1939. There she met and later married Farris Reddick on June 14, 1941, and became part of the large Reddick family.

Vera and Farris had four children, Helen (Leland) Payton of Twin Falls, Dennis Reddick of Yuma, Ariz., Don (Nancy) Reddick and Dale (Tamm) Reddick, both of Jerome. She has 15 grandchildren. 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and a former daughter-in-law, Evelyn Reddick of Yuma, Ariz. Other survivors include three sisters, Laverne Coburn of McKay, Idaho, Lorraine Robinson of Talent, Ore., and Myreen Jensen of Idaho Falls.

## Thomas J. O'Halloran

**DAYTON, Ky.** — Thomas J. O'Halloran, age 71, passed away at his home in Dayton, Ky., on Jan. 26, 2007. Tom was born April 7, 1935, and was the third of six children of Ann Wagner and Harry O'Halloran and Harry O'Halloran.

He grew up in Twin Falls, attending St. Edward's Catholic School and Twin Falls High School, graduating in 1953. Tom was loved by all who met him. Even as a little boy, he was kind, thoughtful and so polite to all. He had many friends and would do anything for anyone. He loved playing football, water skiing, boating and ice hockey. He was greatly respected and admired by all who knew him. Tom could be described as a wise, humble, compassionate, generous, kind and devout man with a loving heart and a gentle soul. His laughter and smile were contagious. He was a role model not only to his sisters and family, but also to his nieces and nephews.

During high school, Tom worked at Say-Mor Drug and made many friends. He touched many lives. He went to Idaho State University to study pharmacy and while there decided his true calling was to be a priest and serve God. He transferred to Carroll College in Helena, Mont., and from there attended St. Thomas Seminary in Denver. He was ordained a priest in 1963 for the diocese of Spokane. He worked for one year in Spokane and then transferred to St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. A funeral Mass and burial were held Friday, Feb. 2, in Dayton, Ky. A memorial service celebrating Tom's life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

Because Tom and Liz were Oblates of the Benedictines, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Monastery of the Assumption, 541 E. 190 S. Jerome, ID 83338, where a memorial in Tom's memory will be established.

## Ronald Eugene Hansen

**PROVO, Utah** — Ronald Eugene Hansen, a former resident of Twin Falls, passed away in Provo, Utah, on Dec. 27, 2006, of complications relating to prostate cancer.



Ron was born on Jan. 8, 1944, in Twin Falls, to Irvin Levl Hansen and Ruth Mildred Herridge Hansen. He grew up spending summers on a small family ranch, fishing the Snake River with his dad and his older brother Jon. He attended Twin Falls High School from 1962 to 1963 and worked in a folk group called the Fireside Trio that performed throughout the western states.

Following high school graduation in 1962, he served in the Southwest British Mission of the LDS church in 1963 to 1965. He loved preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to the British people, and almost 30 years after his mission he had the opportunity to return to England and visit the areas where he had served as a young man. He was astonished and elated to find the church thriving in that land, with thousands of members in several wards and stakes.

On Aug. 19, 1965, Ron married the love of his life, Elaine Kay Johnson, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. The two of them moved back to Twin Falls, where Ron attended the newly opened College of Southern Idaho and became its first student body president. He went on to continue his education in political science at the University of Utah and Brigham Young University, and to the end of his life he shared with his sons a passion for BYU football.

As a young married couple, Ron and Elaine lived in Twin Falls, in Salt Lake City, Provo, St. George, Utah, and in Southern California. They ultimately returned to the Provo area, where they planted their roots and raised their six children. Throughout his life he loved to travel, and had a special affinity for trains and sail-

ing ships. He has visited such destinations as England, China, Japan, Hawaii, Mexico, and every corner of the United States.

Throughout his life, Ron was possessed of an irrepressible entrepreneurial spirit, which drove him ever in his business affairs to try new things apt to take on new challenges, spanning most every professional field from real estate development to Internet communication.

Ultimately, though, his great work in life was performed within the walls of his own home, where he was a devoted husband and father, and within the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he served in many positions, from the nursery (where the children loved him and his guitar), to bishoprics and stake high councils. He had a special love for the young people of the church, and served with exceptional vigor and joy in his positions in a singles ward bishopric and in a branch presidency at the Missionary Training Center in Provo. He loved the church, and he was devoted to learning, living, and teaching the principles of Zion.

He was generous to a fault, that where there is enough for one, there is enough for two. His children all will remember the many times that he made miracles happen for them, as well as for passing strangers in whom he perceived any measure of need. His greatest motivation was to help everyone he knew, especially his children, to find fulfillment in themselves and success in their every endeavor. It is perhaps appropriate that he passed in peace at Christmas time, the time of year when his Christlike spirit shined the brightest.

The family that survives him is his most remarkable legacy, his wife, Elaine, and their six children and their spouses: Trent and Cecil Hansen, Stephanie and Doug Lyman, Ryan and Nicole Hansen, Jeremy and Melissa Hansen, Devin, and Krista Hansen, Angie and Steve Turner, and 15 grandchildren who all love him and are loved by him. Funeral services were held Dec. 30 in Orem, Utah, with the interment at the East Lawn Memorial Hills Cemetery in Provo.

## Dorothy E. Ratcliff Rose

**JEROME** — Dorothy Ellen Rose, 72, of Jerome, passed away on Feb. 2, 2007, at her home with her husband and daughters by her side, after a 21-year battle with cancer.

She was born Aug. 2, 1934, in Sandpoint, Idaho, the daughter of Della Maas Ratcliff and Everett Ratcliff. She was raised in the Sandpoint area, graduating from Sandpoint High School in 1952. She worked for Idaho First National Bank in Sandpoint for 10 years. On Aug. 18, 1962, she married Joe C. Rose and made many friends there. He and his wife, Liz, were associates with St. Walburg Monastery in Cincinnati. He will surely be missed by all who knew him.

Tom is survived by his wife, Liz, his daughter, Jeanne Fleck, his son, Scott (Laurie) O'Halloran, and grandchildren, Chance and Katen Fleck, and Kerry and Tyler O'Halloran. He is also survived by his five sisters and their spouses, Barb and Arlan Sievers, Pat and Dick Sterling, Colleen and Harlan Fillmore, Annette and Carl Skabronski, and Sheila Axman and Mike Brock; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ann and Harry O'Halloran.

A funeral Mass and burial were held Friday, Feb. 2, in Dayton, Ky. A memorial service celebrating Tom's life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

and knitted gifts are treasured by many. Dorothy is a Past Worthy Matron of Jerome Chapter No. 54 Order of the Eastern Star and Past Royal Matron of Garnet Court No. 5 Order of the Amaranth in Gooding. She is also a proud member of Jerome Maverick Red Hatters group.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Joe; two daughters, Joan Rose and partner Elizabeth Wyatt of Corvallis, Ore., and Julie (Dallas) Crandall of Meridian, Idaho; two grandsons, Matthew and Tyler Crandall, and a granddaughter, Stella Rose-Wyatt; a brother, Howard (Iola) Ratcliff of Mt. Vernon, Wash.; and a sister, Marlene (John) White of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Dorothy was preceded in death by her mother and father, and a sister, Margaret Powell.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Jerome Funeral Home, Church 262 E. Ave. A in Jerome, with the Rev. Bruce Stevens officiating. Dorothy's family suggests that memorials be made in Dorothy's name to Mountain View Cemetery, P.O. Box 2231, Twin Falls, ID 83303-2231, or The Shriner's Hospital for Children, Fairfax Road at Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Jody Day and also to the ladies at Walmart One-Hour Photo.

Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

# DEATH NOTICES

## Gary N. Masoner

**HEYBURN** — Gary Neal Masoner, 69, of Heyburn, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

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

## Phillip N. McGaha

**TWIN FALLS** — Col. Phillip N. McGaha, 73, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

## Thomas Beitia

**BOISE** — Thomas Beitia, 89, of Boise and formerly of Shoshone, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at a local hospital. A memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Shoshone. Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

# SERVICES

**Patricia "Pat" Stephenson** of Burley, memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

**Flora Hainline** of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

**Donald Wayne Rodeman** of

Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:40 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

**Robert Edwin Wright** of Boise and formerly of Tuttle, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the corner of Orchard and Cassia in Boise.

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**Walker —** A local resident needs a walker with a seat and hand brakes. Call Roberta at 544-7720.

**Respite —** Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a

break. Volunteers are needed in the Bull, Twin Falls, Gooding, Wendell and Jerome areas. Call Edith at 736-4764.

**Volunteers —** The Twin Falls County Historical Museum is in need of volunteers to help with archival preservation, cataloging artifacts and greeting visitors at the museum. Call Dorleat at 736-4675.

**Drivers —** The Jerome Senior Center needs volunteer drivers to transport senior citizens to the center for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Volunteers will receive free lunch and mileage reimbursement. Call Kris at 324-5642.

**Drivers —** The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center is looking for drivers to deliver hot meals to the homebound. Volunteers can drive one day a week or more. Call Karen at 734-5084.

**Tutors —** The College of Southern Idaho Adult Basic Education program is looking for student tutors for adult students (age 18 and older) in reading, English, math, citizenship and English as a second language. The program also needs volunteer tutors in outreach towns. Call 732-6536 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6536.

**Volunteers —** Idaho Home Health and Hospice has openings

for volunteers who can help in the home, visiting with patients or relieving the caregivers. The volunteers can help run errands or be available for the families. Office assistance is also welcome. Volunteers are also needed to help with the ninth annual golf scramble. For information about the volunteer program and training, call Susan or Grace at 734-0864 or step by step in the office at 826 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

**Volunteers —** Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Magic Valley is in need of volunteers in the Wendell, Gooding, Bull and Kimberly areas. The volunteers are

needed for providing transportation, visiting in homes, relieving the caregivers or running errands. Office assistance is needed in Twin Falls for planning and conducting fundraising activities. For information, stop by the new office at 252 Deere St., Suite A, Twin Falls, or call 733-6333.

**Gowns/shoes —** Cinderella House at Rock Creek Community Church is in need of formal gowns, cosmetics, shoes and jewelry to increase its inventory to accommodate the 16 area high school schools. To donate items, bring them to the Twin Falls Senior Center at 530 Shoshone St., W. with the

notation "For Cinderella House Project." For information, call Dottie at 732-8119 or Dayle at 734-3955.

**Food items/cleaning supplies —** Hospice Visitation is in need of nonperishable food items, paper products or cleaning items to be used at Visions of Home hospice home, east of Jerome. The group provides hospice care for anyone in the community regardless of ability to pay. To donate items, bring them to the office at 209 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls or call Flo Slater at 735-0121 to arrange a pick-up time.

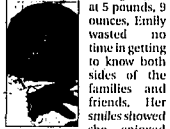
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**WELLS, Nev. —** Emily Ann Howell was truly a gift from God. Born Jan. 22, 2007, at 8:15 a.m. by her birthmother, Maria Raposo. Emily knew she had a lot of joy to share. From the moment of conception, her birthmother knew her child would be a true blessing. Knowing she would not be able to care for her own child without assistance, Maria looked into an open adoption. With the help of a loving relative, Lofa (Zapatrick), she was introduced to Mark and Elaine Howell. They were so excited when two months before Emily's birth they would soon be the parents of a child they had so awaited for.

name Emily Ann, unknown to the adoptive parents at the time, Emily had been Maria's grandmother's name.



Weighting in at 5 pounds, 9 ounces, Emily wasted no time in getting to know both sides of the families and friends. Her smiles showed she enjoyed being cradled in the loving arms of both parents. Mark and Elaine soon discovered the joys of parenthood and relished each and every moment with their new daughter.

## Emily Ann Howell

Her eyes were bright with excitement in seeing some things she could do when she grew up.

Her greatest time shared was when she stayed with her new parents at Grandpa and Grandma Mussman's house in Eden. There she got to see the sights and sounds of ranching and the fellowship of friends and family. Her dreams were always filled with the love her family was giving her. In just 10 short days her life became complete knowing her birthmother gave Mark and Elaine the greatest gift they will hold forever in their hearts, the joy of parenthood.

It was a true privilege that God allowed Emily to touch so many lives. She is now back in the loving arms of Jesus surrounded by many loving family members by her side.

Emily is survived by her parents, Mark and Elaine

Howell of Starr Valley, Nev.; birthmother, Maria Raposo of Twin Falls, Idaho; grandparent, Beryn and Milbe Mussman of Eden, Idaho; grandparent, Fred and Mary Howell of Starr Valley, Nev.; and grandparent, Dimis Raposo of Chino, Calif.; and many numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

Mark and Elaine have set up a scholarship fund on Emily's behalf. Donations toward the scholarship fund can be made through any Wells Fargo Bank to the "Emily Ann Howell Memorial Fund."

Services for Emily were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Eden with Pastor Don Adolf and Pastor Wesley Johnson of

the Valley Christian Center officiating. Burial followed at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Eden.

The family would like to send a very special thank you to both the Trinity Lutheran Church and to the Valley Christian Center for their help through this difficult time.

Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

## Ralph Franklin Schnell

**ROGERSON —** Ralph Franklin Schnell, 87, of Rogerson, died Jan. 31, 2007, at his home in Rogerson.

He was born Sept. 5, 1919, at the family home west of Rogerson, to Paul Schnell and Anna Leonard Schnell who were immigrants from Europe in 1906 and settled west of Rogerson in about 1913. Ralph attended grade school in Rogerson and graduated from Hollister High School in 1938. From the age of 13, Ralph spent summers as camp tender for the sheep herder taking care of the sheep bands of sheep as far as Deadline Ridge in Shoshone Basin. He also spent time working on the family farm. His wages then were a dollar per day. For the years the family had sheep, then hogs and in the late 40s, they began a beef-cattle operation. Upon the death of Ralph's father in 1950, Ralph went into partnership with his brother for a few years from her.

National Cattlemen's Association. He was lifetime member of the Elks Club.

Ralph loved to hunt and fish, but his main hobby was work. He turned hundreds of acres of sagebrush into productive farm land. He implemented cutting edge farming techniques and had one of the earliest pivot lines in the state of Idaho. He enjoyed his life as a rancher and was proud of his many accomplishments. Although he was really retired he sold the ranch in 2000, but remained on the Harrell Ranch until his death. Ralph took great pride in his ability to care for his cattle, horses, and the land. The quality of his operation was second to none. His work days were from sun-up until sun-down except for calving season when they were extended.

Ralph was proud of his family, his wife and two daughters, Janie and Betty. His daughter, Betty, was Miss Rodeo America in 1976.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 56 years, Hazel; his daughter, Janie (wife of Twin Falls, Betty (Betty) of Hollister; grandchildren, Josh Williamson, Kelly Pierce, Tyson Pierce, Ashley Lantz, one sister, Helen Young and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Anna Schnell; brother, Joe Schnell; and sisters, Margaret Skinner and Kay Hansen.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Interment will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ralph's name to the Twin Falls County Fair Board, Directors, P.O. Box 257, Filer, ID 83326; for fundraiser improvements. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

## William O. 'Bill' Stinemates

**HAGERMAN —** William O. "Bill" Stinemates, 92, of Hagerman, passed away Feb. 1, 2007, in Twin Falls.

He was born May 7, 1914, in Chester, Idaho, the son of Edwin C. Stinemates and Mary W. Anne Stinemates. Bill was raised in Hagerman in Chester until 1929 when he moved to San Francisco, where he was trained as a meat cutter. He served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Navy at the onset of World War II.

While stationed at North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego, he met Storekeeper 3rd Class, Helen Bishop. They were married June 18, 1941. Following their naval service, they settled in Escondido, where Bill was an independent businessman.

Bill sold the Escondido business and they relocated to northern California, where they started a new business. In 1968, Bill and Helen settled

in Hagerman, Idaho, where they owned and operated Bill's Market. Most of Bill's working years were spent as an entrepreneur and meat cutter.

He really loved to fish and work in his garden. It was an expert at "watering." Most of all, Bill loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them.

Bill is survived by his sweetheart of 62 years, Helen Stinemates-of Hagerman; their children, Barry (Wanda) Stinemates of Santa Rosa, Calif.; Bob Stinemates of Victorville, Calif.; and Pete (Kay) Stinemates of Eagle, Idaho. He is also survived by five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, his brother, Dan (Edie) Stinemates of La Jolla, Calif., and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, one brother and one great-grandson.

At Bill's request, no formal services will be held. Arrangements are under the care of Faraworth Mortuary and Crematory, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

## Barbara & Chuck Mecham and Bill & Gloria Faris and families

extend sincere thanks for the calls, cards, food, flowers and prayers for our family on the loss of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, HELEN FARIS.

We also thank the staff of St. Benedict's LTCU and Dr. James Irwin and staff. You'll have our gratitude forever for your kind, loving, excellent care.

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The family of **James Mitchell** would like to express their sincere thanks to all our relatives, friends and neighbors for the cards, food, sympathy and acts of kindness extended during the recent loss of our husband, father and grandfather.

Sincerely,  
The Mitchell Family  
The Anderson Family  
The Thom Family &  
The Hess Family

The family of Frances Hooser wish to express our gratitude to all of our friends and neighbors for flowers, food and cards of sympathy during our recent bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. Spackman, Dr. Cress, Parko Vision Care & Rehabilitation and all their staff. It is such a comfort to know so many people share our loss.

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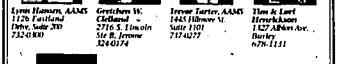
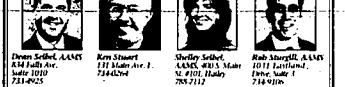
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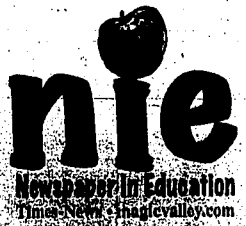
The Family of **Richard (Dick) Casper**

Would like to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy that was shown in our time of sorrow through donations, thoughts, prayers, cards, food and flowers. A very special thank you to Ms. Mary and Cindi of Hospice Vision, Dr. Kenneth Harris, Nazarene Church and White Mortuary for all the help you provided in our time of need.

Carolyn Casper, Ranae & Shawni Luteyn  
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## Rack Card Contest

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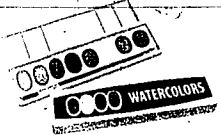
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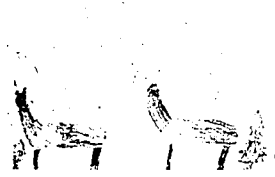
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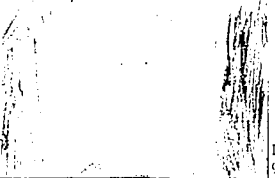
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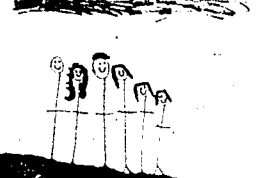
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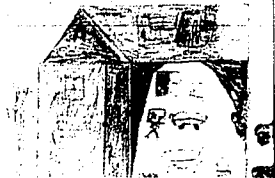


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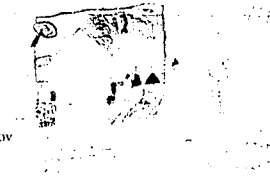
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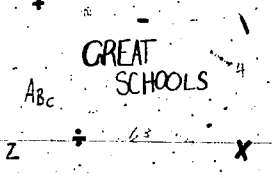
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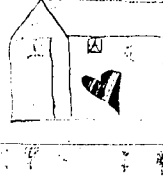
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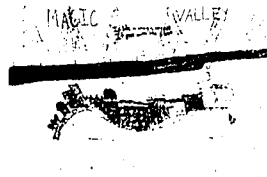
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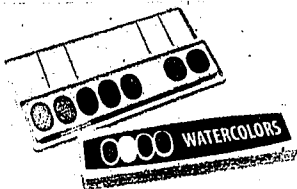
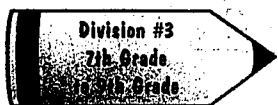


K.Walker  
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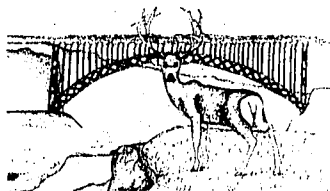
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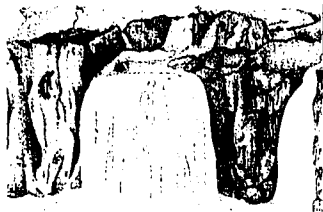
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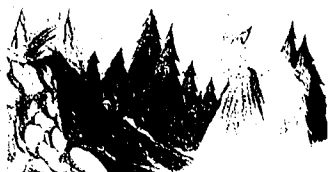
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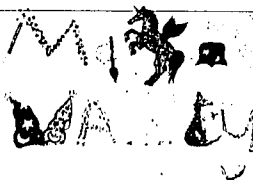
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# Dropping UI enrollment hurts economy

Declining student numbers results in lost jobs

MOSCOW (AP) — Dropping enrollment at the University of Idaho is hurting the area's economy, which in turn is making the school less attractive for students, an official said.

Henry Robison, spokesman for Economic Modeling Specialists in this northern Idaho town, made that report on Friday that was sponsored by the Greater Moscow Alliance.

"If we lose 1,000 students, in

the long run we can expect to lose about 600 jobs," Robison said. *The Lewiston Tribune* reported.

The university has lost about 400 students since this time last year, with enrollment reported at 10,484.

Robison said that about 55 percent of jobs in Moscow are linked to the university, which combines if combination of jobs on the campus and other jobs created as a result of student spending.

He said the university town cannot afford to end up labeled as "a great place to live and learn, but you can't find a job."

However, avoiding that label will require bringing in both employers that require advanced education and employers that hire less skilled workers, such as college students.

"It's a way to partially fund education," said UI President Tim White, who also said part-time work can give students a feeling of belonging to a community.

White said the business, city

and county government, and the university need to build partnerships to deal with the problem.

"I think one of our needs is to find a way to do this together," said White. "Not compete amongst ourselves."

The university's director of new student services, Lloyd Scott, said enrollment is down at most colleges and universities in the Northwest, which he said was due to a strong economy enticing students to work rather than choose to go to school.



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**GOP BUDGET PLAN:** Voting 196 for and 228 against, the House on Jan. 31 defeated a Republican bid to change 11 Res 20 (above) by canceling \$600 million for items that Republicans said were earmarks, and using the savings to fund military housing, deficit reduction and the fight against methamphetamine addiction. A yes vote backed the GOP motion.

**MINIMUM WAGE-TAX BREAKS:** Voting 94 for and three against, the Senate on Feb. 1 passed a bill (HR 2) to gradually raise the minimum wage over 26 months from \$5.15 per hour to \$7.25 per hour while providing \$1.3 billion over 10 years in tax incentives for small businesses pay the higher wages. A yes vote was to send the bill to conference with the House.

**RESTAURANT TAX BREAKS:** Voting 46 for and 50 against, the Senate on Jan. 31 refused to expand tax breaks already in HR 2 (above) for projects such as renovating restaurant facilities and improving owner-occupied retail space. A yes vote backed the amendment.

Y - Yes N - No X - did not vote

## Idaho State University plans to open energy center

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho State University in southeast Idaho plans to open a 15,000-square-foot Energy Systems Technology and Education Center this fall that will offer associate degrees in technology.

Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, attended the announcement on Friday that was the culmination of efforts by the school, the Idaho National Laboratory, and a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor.

"I'm so impressed by the number of partners and the people involved in this," Simpson said in a speech, the Idaho State Journal reported.

The new center, to be housed in existing buildings at the school, will also offer businesses the opportunity to test their products.

Richard Holman of the INL said the center could become one of the top sites in the western United States for energy research.

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The center is also expected to help high school students learn math and science.

"This will provide an opportunity to people in our region to pursue training that will move them into jobs that pay a living wage," Jessica Sotelo, executive director of Partners for Prosperity, told the Post Register. The eastern Idaho group is trying to eliminate poverty in that part of the state.

By 2009, the center could be offering associate degrees in mechanical engineering technology.

## Nevada governor urged to request public hearings on explosion

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A group of Nevada activists is pressing Gov. Jim Gibbons to request an environmental impact statement and public hearings on the federal government's plans for a 700-ton explosion in the Nevada desert.

More than two dozen activists marched a mile Saturday in Carson City from the Legislative Building to the Governor's Mansion, where they held a news conference to express concerns over the planned non-nuclear blast at the Nevada Test Site.

The event was sponsored by No New Mushroom Clouds Over Nevada, Or Anywhere, a coalition of such groups as the Reno Anti-War Coalition, the Sierra Interfaith Action for Peace and the Western Shoshone Defense Project.

"We don't think it's right that our new governor has been silent on the issue," said Lee Dazey, an event organizer. "We sent a letter to him January 22 and we haven't heard anything from him."

"We think he has a responsibility to clarify what his stance is given what his predecessor requested," Dazey added.

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## Carving a niche

By Treva Tegan  
For the Times-News

BURLEY — We all strive to carve our own little niche in the world and Nile Gorringe of Burley has carved a lot more than that.

Gorringe began carving as a child, starting with apples and potatoes.

"It was my job to cut up gallons of potatoes to feed the cows," Gorringe said. "So I got lots of practice."

Apples and potatoes have since given way to a variety of wood made into everything from footstools to fishermen. Most of the carved figures are made of jelutong, a tropical wood prized by carvers for its low-density, fine texture and workability. He also has pieces made from oak, walnut and other wood.

Each piece tells a story. Some of the figures are from comics or magazines, but many are inspired by people he knew or stories he's heard. Whether it's Casey at Bat or a fisherman whose catch of the day is his own backside, most of his figures have a humorous theme.

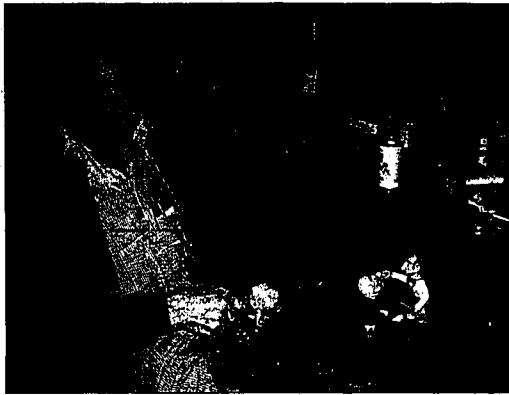
"If I made one special for someone, I'd try to make it that person or about that person," Gorringe says.

Gorringe has shared his talent throughout the years, too. After graduating from Albion Normal School with a teaching degree, he went to work, teaching mainly woodshop classes. When he taught in Nevada, he had between four and seven children in a one-room schoolhouse.

After returning to Mini-Cassia, he worked in Oakley as principal, then at Springdale. Following the consolidation of the schools, he began teaching at Burley Junior High School. He also taught classes in Ketchum for the Albion State Normal College. In all, he has taught woodworking for 36 years.

"I've taught kids from first grade to college," Gorringe says. "I love those kids like they were my own kids or grand-kids."

He taught his students to craft things from wood, cop-



Nile Gorringe works on one of his many carvings.

per and plastic. They learned to make furniture, clocks, jewelry and plaques.

"My best kids are the ones I taught out at Decla," Gorringe said. "Those kids were exceptional. They knew how to work and were willing to work."

The students were apparently very fond of him as well. Interest in his classes led him to offer an extra class after school, which was filled to capacity as well.

"One thing I really stressed with the kids was get yourself a hobby," Gorringe says. Even if it's collecting buttons, something that interests you and keeps your mind and hands busy is a good thing.

Gorringe is a collector as well as a craftsman. He collects old bottles, rocks and anything else that strikes his fancy. His wife, Rachel, supports his hobbies and encourages his handiwork.

"It is apparent how proud she is of him and him of her. The two of them say they are very happy and continue to enjoy their time together and with family and friends."

"I've really enjoyed my life," Gorringe says. "I am well-satisfied with my lot in life."



When Gorringe is finished, this carving will be an old-time piano player.

### Woodcarvers

Want to see carving firsthand? Nile Gorringe and several others, including some of his former students, meet from 8 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley.

Anyone is welcome to join. There is no instructor, but everyone shares tips. Woodcarving also is offered at 6 p.m. Thursdays.



This piano player is similar to the one Nile Gorringe is working on in his workshop. Other pieces here represent Casey at Bat, Calvin and Hobbs, Andy Cap and Flo, as well as many other characters from his own imagination.

"One thing I really stressed with the kids was get yourself a hobby. Even if it's collecting buttons, something that interests you and keeps your mind and hands busy is a good thing."  
— Nile Gorringe, who keeps his hands busy by carving



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These are some of the carved figures Nile Gorringe has created. Each is unique, especially the "trap shooter" who has snagged his share of bear traps, wolf traps and mouse traps. Gorringe always adds whimsical touches to all of his art.

### COMMUNITY

#### Elementary names Citizens of the Week

RUPERT — Rupert Elementary School Citizens of the Week for the week of Jan. 26 were Joann Juarez, Veronica Leon, Efrain Juarez, Austin Jensen, Teighlor Helner, Kelsey Crosland, Yaneli Quintana, Samantha Juarez, Jessica Solomon, Matt Jensen, Jesse Cantu, Tameeka Shockey, Emily Christensen and Derek Vega.

#### Student placed on institute's President's List

BURLEY — Michael Bunn of Burley was one of 172 students at Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell, S.D., to be placed on the fall semester, President's List.

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IP3 appears to be a reliable and affordable option. Raft River Electric, City of Idaho Falls and United Electric Co-op hope that the citizens of Heyburn and Burley support their elected officials in their efforts to obtain approval for the authority to enter into the IP3 agreement.

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**Official: Fan started Middleton school fire**

NAMPA (AP) — The motor in ceiling-mounted electrical fan blew up and caused the fire that destroyed most of Middleton High School last week, an official said.

Mark Leiser, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the fire from the fan was used to heat the school's weight room moved into the attic of the school,

**Damage to the school was estimated at \$10 million.**

where it quickly spread as the structure contained no sprinklers or fire walls.

"Had fire-blocking been

installed, it would not have allowed it to have a chimney effect in the attic area," said Doug Stronsider, deputy fire chief for the Nampa Fire Department. "Instead, the fire traveled up through the wall quickly and spread into the attic, which also contained no fire stops."

The fire burned through the roof of the 42-year-old high school Thursday, gutting an

old gymnasium, computer lab, library and classrooms, as well as administrative offices.

Damages were estimated at \$10 million, said Rich Bauscher, superintendent of the Middleton School District. He said classes will resume Wednesday using buildings not damaged by the fire, a church, and by holding some high school classes in the middle school.

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**Lawmakers nix urban renewal district plan**

BOISE (AP) — The House Revenue and Taxation Committee has voted down measures by two northern Idaho lawmakers that would have significantly altered how urban renewal districts around the state operate.

Urban renewal districts are run by board members appointed by elected officials, and the districts are intended to guide development to improve economic vitality for the public good. The districts typically operate on money generated through increases in property values — and the ensuing increase in property taxes collected — after a district is formed.

However, soaring property values in northern Idaho have become a concern, and Hayden Lake Republican Rep. Jim Clark and Sen. Mike Jorgenson said changes were needed due to the rapid growth in many areas of Idaho. They wanted board members on urban renewal districts to be elected and to limit what the districts could do.

However, other lawmakers disagreed, voting 10-0 on Friday against the bill. A second bill was then defeated unanimously after Clark asked the committee to kill it.

"It would appear that this is a situation where a feud in Coeur d'Alene has escalated to the state level," said Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, according to The Spokesman-Review.

Clark was dismayed at the vote.

"All I was looking for was some accountability," he said. "The people have the right to vote on those individuals who raise their property taxes to go one way or the other."

But opponents said members of urban renewal districts are appointed by elected officials, and that it's a system similar to having elected officials determine a policy which is carried out by boards of experts.

"This legislation is either unnecessary or it serves to hamper the use of the only viable economic development tool available in Idaho to local government," said Phil Koshlan, head of the Capitol City Development Corp., Boise's urban renewal agency.

Rep. Dell Raybould, R-Reznburg, said that if the bill from the northern Idaho lawmakers were to go forward, it could require holding elections for anyone involved in spending tax money, from police officers to garbage collectors.

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## CSI men improve to 20-2 Effort keys Eagles past NIC

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The next four weeks will be all about proving they deserve it.

The No. 8 College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team earned its 20th win of the season in convincing fashion Saturday, defeating North Idaho College 96-80 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play in Twin Falls.

College of Southern Idaho guard Brad Garrett takes the ball down the court Saturday in the Golden Eagles game against North Idaho on the CSI campus.

The 20-2 (10-2 SWAC) Golden Eagles hold a two-game lead over the second-place Snow College Badgers, who dropped Salt Lake Community College 67-57 Saturday night in Ephraim, Utah.

"There's still a lot of basketball to play," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "We've got four tough weekends coming up and we just need to get better each week."

Saturday's game was sparse on drama, as NIC's only lead came 56 seconds into the game. The Golden Eagles led by as much as 26 midway through the second half and stayed in control by hitting 29 of their 37 free-throw attempts for the game. While an eye-popping blowout wasn't in

the cards for the Golden Eagles, Peery was pleased with the effort his team displayed in the 16-point win.

"I don't every try to win games big," Peery said. "I just try to win the right way, and tonight was a good example of that. I think we played hard and tough and played CSI basketball."

That improved effort included forcing NIC into 28 turnovers for the game and snatching up 22 offensive rebounds en route to a 53-42 advantage on the glass. Freshman forward Juan Pattillo led CSI in both rebounding and scoring, posting a 19-point, 11-rebound double-double.

"Juan got into a stretch where it seemed like he got all the rebounds," Peery said. "We had a

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## Bound for state Win over Skyline gives Bruin girls 5A berth, shot at region crown

By Bradley Geire  
Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Perhaps the Twin Falls Bruins girls basketball team should be rated "B" after the nasty defense displayed during the third quarter of its 55-29 win over the Skyline Grizzlies at Baun Gymnasium on Saturday.

As they started the second half with a 9-0 run while holding the Grizzlies to two points, the Bruins turned a four-point lead at the half into an ugly double-digit edge, and they never looked back.

They are, however, looking forward to the Region Four-Five-Six championship game and the Class 5A state tournament at the Idaho Center in Nampa. Saturday's win gave them the guaranteed second, and a championship win will give them the top area seed.

Yet there's nothing fancy to the Bruins. Just the same old situation.

"We talked about doing the same stuff, but with more intensity," head coach Joe D. Shepard said of the Bruins' strategy.

The mental commitment to its winning ways was all it took to kick-start the second half as Twin Falls hit many buckets as the result of break-aways off key steals. The Grizzlies managed a lone bucket from Courtney Hansen, but Twin Falls got right back in their face with another 8-0 run that spanned the latter half of the third quarter and went well into the fourth.

Sheer willpower put the Bruins in control of the game. Senior Kelsey Jardine owned the Grizzlies' defense with a game-high of 20 points, and Amber Petersen fought for a hard dozen points.

Ashley gotten a lot of help from "my coaches, my teammates, my parents ... it just all came together," Jardine said.

Both Jardine and Petersen beat the glass silly with six rebounds each, but senior coach Marco Martin said, "It hurt to have (Kelsa) out because of what she does with ball handling."

But the Grizzlies get one

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## CSI women surge back



College of Southern Idaho guard DaRaysha Kennedy dribbles around a defender during the Golden Eagles' win over the North Idaho College Cardinals Saturday night in Twin Falls.

## Team win nets Golden Eagles weekend split with Cardinals

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The No. 15 College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team needed a key win and something to build on Saturday night, the Golden Eagles got both.

CSI rebounded from Friday's 67-64 loss to the North Idaho Cardinals with a 79-67 win over the Cardinals at the CSI gymnasium. CSI scored on 12 of its final 15 possessions and outscored the Cardinals 36-16 over the game's final 14:23 to move to 19-3 overall and 9-3 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play.

"I'm happy with the last part of the second half," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "I thought we played very good defense. I give a lot of credit to North Idaho though because they really got after the boards."

The 15-7 (7-5 SWAC) Cardinals kept the game competitive with their effort on the offensive glass. NIC pulled down 21 offensive boards, converting them into 23 second-chance points. CSI actually outrebounded NIC 50-42, but the hard work of Jessica Thielen, Niki Scott and Kay Hill kept the Cardinals in the game.

The Golden Eagles widened a 57-56 lead with an 11-0 run that put them in control with 5:28 left. From there, solid free-throw shooting kept CSI in front. CSI hit 30-of-35 at the line, led by Amy Bratvold's perfect 10-for-10 effort.

"I was real happy with the way we shot free-throws," Rogers said. "It felt good to knock down some shots at the end of the game and hold the lead."

Bratvold finished with 14

"It felt good to knock down some shots at the end of the game and hold the lead."

— CSI coach Randy Rogers

points and eight rebounds, while Maria Moore came off the bench for 15 points and 12 rebounds. Alexis Tucker added 11 points, while Britany Moore started at point guard, finishing with seven points and six assists.

Thielen led NIC with a 15-point, 11-rebound double-double, while Britany Dietz added 13 points.

Saturday night's win is a welcome feat for a CSI team that met to watch game film deep into the night after Friday night's loss. The Golden Eagles didn't leave the CSI gymnasium until well after midnight.

"After last night, it was a long evening," Rogers said. "I don't want to play any one business, but I found out that Jack in the Box is open at 1:30 to 2 a.m., and they have good tacos."

The Golden Eagles took a 36-34 lead into the half thanks to some of the inspired play that was lacking on Friday. CSI scored on six consecutive possessions to take a 16-15 lead midway through the period, and ended the half with scores on its last five trips down court. Both CSI and NIC scored 11 second-chance points as the teams had trouble boxing out on defense.

Tucker led CSI into the half with nine points, while Mykies paced NIC with nine.

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## Spartans upset Jerome, stay alive in tournament

By John Derr  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — Just like the shirts say, "It is not how big you are, it is how big you play."

After losing to Jerome three times during the season, Minico came out determined to play big. It paid off as the Spartans knocked off the Tigers 57-55 in a Great Basin West Conference elimination battle to stay alive in district play.

Dani Ramirez led the way for Minico scoring 27 points as she constantly drove to the basket and either hit the shot or went to the free throw line.

"We came out strong as a team and even when we were down we never gave up," said Ramirez. "We just wanted to go at them."

The Spartans now advance to the championship game against Burley on Monday while Jerome, the fourth-

ranked team in the latest 4A poll, saw its season come to an end.

The teams ended the first half tied at 20. Aubrey Callen, who paced Jerome with 21 points, scored twice to open the third quarter as the Tigers lead 35-30 midway through the period.

Jerome (17-6) pushed the advantage to eight, but Ramirez converted a pair of drives and freshman Kendra Binley nailed a 3-pointer for Minico to cut the deficit to three heading into the final period.

The Spartans (10-13) turned the ball over three straight times to open the fourth and Jerome pushed the advantage to seven.

Ramirez drove the lane for a bucket, but Ballie Meservy drained the 3-pointer and Jerome led 51-43 at the 5:27 mark. The next five minutes would belong to Minico.

Laci Garner went 3-4 from the charity stripe and converted two drives as the game was tied with just less than

four minutes remaining.

"The last couple of games I played bad and I wanted to step it up for the seniors and the whole team," said Garner, who chipped in 14 points.

The Tigers went cold from the field. After Ramirez hit a free throw to put Minico on top, Jerome had three chances to score after Spartan turnovers but failed to convert.

Ramirez and Brecka Pezzer clipped in free throws and the lead was three with under a minute left.

Jordan Barnham, who chipped in 10 points, canned two free throws for Jerome's first points in almost five minutes to pull within one. Freshman Tianna Simpson, who tallied nine points, matched it and the Spartans again led by three.

With 17 seconds on the clock Jerome went with the quick two-point bucket from Molly Field and fouled Ramirez with four ticks left on the clock.

The senior hit one of two and the

Tigers pushed the ball down the court but could not convert on a final attempt.

"We played super team defense down the stretch and the team leaders stepped up," said Minico coach Clint Strickman. "We rebounded really good and made our free throws down the stretch."

Jerome coach Will Jarbison said his team played not to lose.

"We could not pull away from them. We would get a little lead and they seemed to answer every time. I think we tightened up a little bit down the stretch," said Jarbison.

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Irvin, five others elected to Hall of Fame, but Tagliabue denied

MIAMI — Michael Irvin was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday despite a troubled past, though voters denied entry to retired NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

The former Dallas Cowboys receiver, who won three Super Bowls in the 1990s, got in on his third try.

Irvin finished his career with 750 receptions for 11,904 yards and 65 touchdowns. He was selected to five straight Pro Bowls and picked for the NFL's all-decade team of the 1990s.

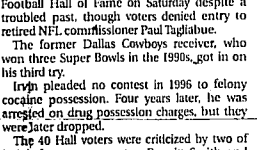
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Former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin, left, hugs former Buffalo Bills running back Thurman Thomas after they both were selected to The Football Hall of Fame on Saturday afternoon in Miami, Fla.

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Tagliabue's legacy was strong, including labor fighter, enhancing diversity coaching and front-office hirings.

Sharapova pulls out of Pan Pacific Tokyo — Top-ranked Maria Sharapova retired during the second set of her Pan Pacific Open semifinal against Ana Ivanovic.

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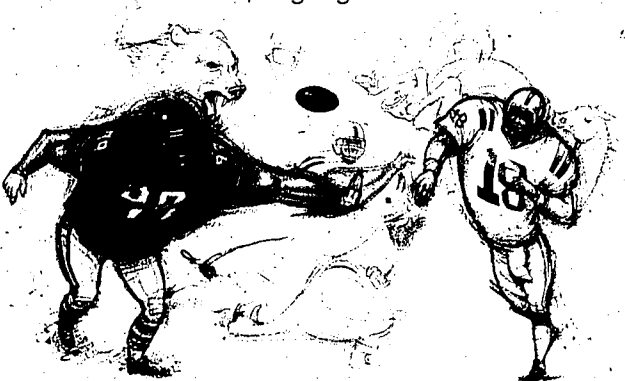
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For the Bears and Colts, it's going to be all business at their...



INDIANAPOLIS

Offense

Total net yards: 6,070
Passing 4,308 Rushing 1,762

First downs: 376

Passing 241 Rushing 112
By penalty 23

18 Peyton Manning
Has so many weapons that the Bears might need to scrap some of their cover-2 pass defenses and gamble on man coverage.

29 Joseph Addai
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Explosiveness in open field on first and second downs, power runner Dominic Rhodes used on third-down short yardage situations.

Table with columns: RUSHING, RECEIVING, HELD GOALS. Rows include player names and stats.

Pro Bowlers (5)

- POS. PLAYER: S Tank Glenn, WR Marvin Harrison, QB Peyton Manning, C Jeff Saturday, WR Reggie Wayne

Tony Dungy

One of the more likeable people in sports, is also one of the winningest. With the most balanced team he's coached to date, and leadership at key positions, Dungy seems poised for his first championship.

Tampa Bay (1996-01) Indianapolis (2002-06)
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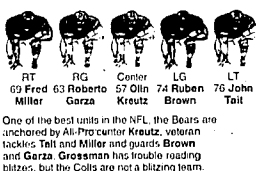
Defense
Total net yards allowed: 5,316
Passing 2,648 Rushing 2,738

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Bar chart showing Manning's game-by-game yardage.

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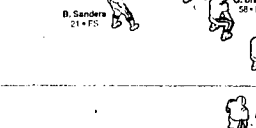
The Colts must get a surge from center Saturday and guards Lila and Scott to offer some balance on the ground. If they can protect Manning, particularly when Bears' rookie sackmaster Mark Anderson is in the game, some deep throws could be open.



One of the best units in the NFL, the Bears are anchored by All-Pro center Krautz, veteran tackle Tait and Miller and guards Brown and Garza. Grossman has trouble reading blitzes, but the Colts are not a blitzing team.

Probable starters
The game will feature strength against strength with the Colts offense, ranked third during the regular season, going against a Bears defense that finished the 2006 season ranked 11th overall.

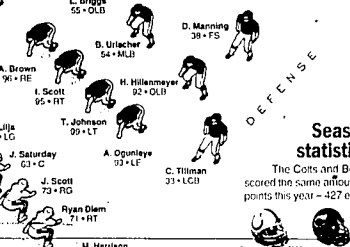
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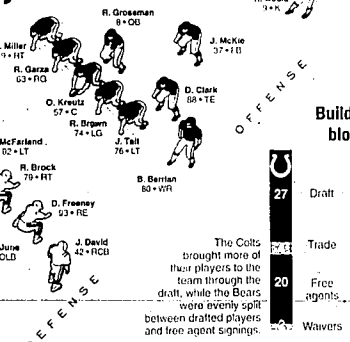
The 2005 Patriots ring
Field generals
With two Pro-Bowl WRs and clutch TE Dallas Clark, Manning will challenge the Bears' feared cover-2. Grossman is a wild card. His problem is inconsistency. Keys to his success: protection and avoiding mental mistakes.

Meeting Miami

The game's top CB finally gets his chance at a ring, the first two black coaches in history are also close friends and, like so many past Super Bowls, an elite defense takes on an explosive offense. History will be made once again the Super Sunday when two defenders of the old guard collide for a chance at the Lombardi Trophy.



Season statistics
The Colts and Bears scored the same amount of points this year - 427 each



The Colts brought more of their players to the team through the draft, while the Bears were evenly split between drafted players and free agent signings.

CHICAGO

Offense

Total net yards: 5,199
Passing 3,261 Rushing 1,918

First downs: 300

Passing 161 Rushing 103
By penalty 36

8 Rex Grossman
Made more big play in the postseason than behind ones, and if he isn't severely pressured, he makes good decisions.

20 Thomas Jones
ATT YDS AVG LG TD
296 1,210 4.1 30 6

Likely to handle the bulk of the load, has four rushing TDs to go with 169 yards in two-play games. With Cedric Benson forms a solid but unproductive duo.

Table with columns: RUSHING, RECEIVING. Rows include player names and stats.

Pro Bowlers (7)

- POS. PLAYER: SF Brandon Ayanbado, LB Lance Briggs, K Robbie Gould, DL Tommie Harris, KH Devin Hester, C Olin Kreutz, LB Brian Urlacher

Love Smith

Worked as LB coach under Dungy with the Bucs. Now the 2005 Coach of the Year faces his mentor, joining him as the first African-American coach in Super Bowl history.

Chicago (2004-06)
Regular season W L PCT 29 19 60A
Postseason P 1
TOT 2 1 667
TOT 31 20 608

Defense
Total net yards allowed: 5,199
Passing 3,116 Rushing 1,590

SACKS NO INT NO
Matt Anderson 12 Rickey Manning 6
Alex Brown 7 Charles Tillman 5
A. Ogunleye 6.5 Sean Walker 3
Tommie Harris 3 Brian Urlacher 3
Lance Briggs 2 Alex Brown 2
Chris Harris 2
Dwight Manning 2

Bar chart showing Grossman's game-by-game yardage.





SPORTS

CSI softball closes Shootout with win, 3-5 record

Times-News

YUMA, Ariz. — Consider the mission accomplished. By winning three of its eight games at the 2007 Great Western Shootout...

to win games, but down here this weekend it was about building respect around the junior college softball community...

well against a solid Pima squad that will likely be ranked No. 1 in the season's first poll. After playing until 10:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday's game start left the team feeling a bit weary...

nected for two RBI-triples to sport them last this ground. "Desi kept them off-balance all day with her change and we played good defense behind her..."

Game 1, Game 2, Game 3, Game 4, Game 5, Game 6, Game 7, Game 8, Game 9, Game 10, Game 11, Game 12, Game 13, Game 14, Game 15, Game 16, Game 17, Game 18, Game 19, Game 20, Game 21, Game 22, Game 23, Game 24, Game 25, Game 26, Game 27, Game 28, Game 29, Game 30, Game 31, Game 32, Game 33, Game 34, Game 35, Game 36, Game 37, Game 38, Game 39, Game 40, Game 41, Game 42, Game 43, Game 44, Game 45, Game 46, Game 47, Game 48, Game 49, Game 50, Game 51, Game 52, Game 53, Game 54, Game 55, Game 56, Game 57, Game 58, Game 59, Game 60, Game 61, Game 62, Game 63, Game 64, Game 65, Game 66, Game 67, Game 68, Game 69, Game 70, Game 71, Game 72, Game 73, Game 74, Game 75, Game 76, Game 77, Game 78, Game 79, Game 80, Game 81, Game 82, Game 83, Game 84, Game 85, Game 86, Game 87, Game 88, Game 89, Game 90, Game 91, Game 92, Game 93, Game 94, Game 95, Game 96, Game 97, Game 98, Game 99, Game 100.



Sacramento State's Angel Alamo (15) shoots over Idaho State defenders...

Bengals end skid with home victory

By Mark Liptak Times-News correspondent POCATELLO — After four straight conference losses...

pointers and seven rebounds, as well as forward Logan Kinghorn who clipped in with 19 points and seven boards...

Castleford 57, Hagerman 50

CASTLEFORD — Casey Easterday had a double-double with 13 points and 14 rebounds...

Louisiana Tech 84, Boise State 76

RIKSTON, La. (AP) — Louisiana Tech's balanced offense and sturdy first-half defense defeated Boise State...

Brussels 115, Idaho State 72-70

Idaho State edged Brussels 72-70 in overtime Saturday night in a game that was a back-and-forth affair...

Eagles

Continued from page C1 little heart-to-heart at halftime last night and I think he was a lot stronger with the ball tonight...

Bruins

Continued from page C1 more shot at reaching the title game if they can defeat Highland on Tuesday. The Bruins beat Madison 37-36 Saturday for the shot...

Oakley boys cruise past MVC

Times-News OAKLEY — With four players in double-figure scoring and a defense that didn't quit...

Kimberly 61, Declo 40

KIMBERLY — Kimberly's defense stifled Declo, en route to a 61-40 victory. Declo was held to 17 points in the first three quarters...

Lighthouse Christian 76, Murtaugh 69, OT

MURTAUGH — Lighthouse Christian's upset win Murtaugh 76-69 in overtime. Murtaugh held what seemed an insurmountable 17-point lead at the half...

Hansen 45, Raft River 42

MALIA — Hansen narrowly defeated Raft River 45-42 after the Trojans had an opportunity to tie the game in the final seconds...

Buhl 70, Filer 44

BUHL — Buhl bounced back from Friday night's tough loss in Gooding, by hammering Filer 70-44.

CSI

Continued from page C1 CSI continued to struggle from the field, hitting 33.3 percent of its shots...

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You may obtain a City employment application, job announcement and requirements at [www.tffd.org](http://www.tffd.org)

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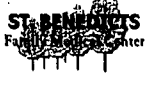
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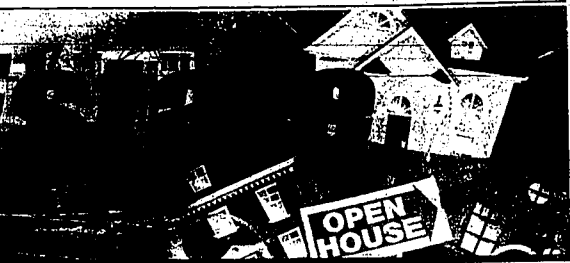
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**FOUND** German Shorthair in North Jerome. Call 208-324-4734 to identify.

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6. Aussie Border Collie X (2) female pups.
7. Pit Cross black & white female, young adult
8. Catahoula Cross brindle male adult.
9. Lab Cross black female, big pup.
10. (2) Aussie Border Collie Cross pups, boys & girls.
11. Shar-Pei Cross, black female pup.
12. Pointer, neutered, male adult.
13. Lab Cross, black female adult.
14. Boxer Cross, brindle & white, female adult.
15. Terrier Cross, white, neutered, young male adult.
16. Border Collie Spitz cross, black and white, female young adult.

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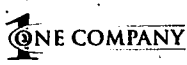
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Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007

**THE ACES ON BRIDGE** Bobby Wolff

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Your column reminds me of the ones I used to read by Charles Goren. He also had all kinds of books and bridge stuff in the stores. Did you know him personally? Was he really a great player, or was he merely a marketing expert?

**ANSWER:** You raise a good point! No, the two-level overall should deliver a good suit as well as length. So, while I would always show my suit at the one-level if faced with the choice of bidding a five-carder or doubling, I'd normally opt for the latter over a two-level opening.

Dishing the Dirt, Dallas, Texas

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
With ♠ Q-7-2, ♥ Q-2, ♦ A-J-8-6-4, ♣ K-7-2, I assume it is right to open one diamond. When partner responds one spade and the next hand makes a two-club overall, should I bid two diamonds or two spades?

Chain Reaction, Grenada, Miss.

**ANSWER:** Goren was both a very fine player and a superb marketer. I played on teams with him toward the end of his competitive career. But Helen Sobel -- now THERE was a player.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
With ♠ A-7-2, ♥ A-2, ♦ A-J, ♣ Q-10-8-4-3-2, I elected to open one no-trump, thinking that this might be both a good tactical move and the best description, or least lie. Nothing bad happened -- we ended up in two hearts making -- but our opponents were most affronted that I should bid this way. Did I do anything wrong?

Unbalanced, Phoenix, Ariz.

**ANSWER:** Some people do not understand that any player is allowed to vary from partnership style, or from standard bidding, ANY time he wants to -- so long as there is no concealed partnership understanding. I may not agree with your action, but I would defend to the death your right to take it.

**ANSWER:** Curiously, your two suggested actions are well down on my list. If I played support doubles (where a double here would show three-card support for partner), I'd make that call, but they require specific partnership agreement. I'm NOT a fan of them, by the way. Failing that, I'd pass. A two-diamond bid should deliver six here, and a two-spade bid with three trumps should have some sort of mild extras, not a bare 12-count.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
Are transfers still on after a two-club opening and a negative or waiting response? What about after a natural two-heart response?

Wrong-Way Charley, Newark, N.J.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**  
I understand that it is normal to overall rather than double at the one-level with a three-suited hand with a moderate five-card major and shortage in the opponent's suit. Does that apply after an opponent's two-level action?

Suitability Brown, Albany, Ga.

**ANSWER:** We use transfers to get the hand played the right way up and to be able to stop at a low level, bid game, or make slam tries. All those reasons apply following a rebid of two no-trump after a negative response, but not after a positive one. You should always play transfers after opener's no trump bid or overall, unless responder has shown a suit already.

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# Lu Fashion

## Church project teaches girls modest confidence

By Karma Metzler Fitzgerald  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — It wasn't your ordinary fashion show.

Sure, there were similarities: big stage, multimedia images, attentive audience members watching each model's every step.

What about those confident runway attitudes?

Oh yeah, they were there.

But on the missing list: bottoms, bellies and breasts. Those were covered with fashion-conscious clothing, and by personalities that showed everything by revealing nothing.

This was Project ModestWay — a fashion show organized by the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints 7th Ward Young Women's Group. It

reflected a growing concern among parents and kids nationwide about age-appropriate style that's still fashionable. Looking for positive role models with your children can help, a local counselor says.

Based on Bravo Television's "Project Runway," Project ModestWay linked a student "designer" with a "model" and paired them with "experts" in the field.

In January, the teams — ages 11 to 18 — went to the Deseret Industries thrift store in search of clothing they could alter and model. The only requirements: The clothing had to cost around \$10, and the end product had to be modest.

In this case, that meant no spaghetti straps, no revealing cuts across the tops and up the leg, and appropriate for church, said organizer Amy Toft.

Once the designers and their models picked out clothing, they met with adults in the church with some sewing know-how and an eye for fashion. After that, they got coaching from local model Summer Stout to perfect a runway stride. The result of that collaboration ended up on stage at the Ward's multipurpose room Jan. 24.

"It's hard to find modest clothes," Toft said. "They're too revealing and too tight. We wanted the girls to take something and fix it. Modesty isn't just being covered. It's allowing people to see the real you and your personality."

For Hannah Brown, that meant taking a 1980s-style bold print dress and cutting it in half. She paired the skirt with a long T-shirt and turned the dress bodice around to form a jacket.

Hayley Howard found a rather plain and shapeless yellow sundress. She and her "expert" Jan Hyatt reshaped the hem with a curve and added black tulle. Then with \$4 in fabric, the two made a black shrug and black belt. The dress went from shapeless to stunning — a perfect semi-formal dress.

After adding accessories, none of the girls spent more than \$20 on their outfits.

In a world where kids are bombarded with scantily clad fashion models and celebrities, it can be hard to communicate that what's popular isn't always appropriate. What's more, looking at children and forbidding them to leave the house in what they're wearing can lead to family fights, hurt feelings and rebellion.

Family counselor Patreece Meza of Breakthrough Counseling in Twin Falls said parents can focus on the positive and look for teaching opportunities.

She suggested showing a young girl a picture of two celebrities. For example: Britney Spears, often pictured in revealing and suggestive clothing, and Avril Lavigne, most often fully covered. "If you look at those two singers and see what Britney Spears is experiencing in her career and what Avril is experiencing, what would be your choice?" Meza said. "Hands down, my daughter would pick Avril."

Meza said the subject of modesty is a hard

"Modesty isn't just being covered. It's allowing people to see the real you and your personality."

— Amy Toft, organizer of Project ModestWay



ABOVE: Model Rachel Taylor walks across the stage with other models and designers at the end of Project ModestWay.

TOP: As the audience applauds, student models and designers stand together on stage at the LDS Eastland chapel in Twin Falls.

### Resources online

These Web sites offer either retail options for "modest" clothing or tips for finding and wearing modest clothing. Some are commercial, some aren't.

- <http://www.catholicmodesty.com>
- <http://www.coverwear.com>
- <http://www.modestzone.net>
- <http://www.kmodyme.com>
- <http://www.statedeclotting.com>
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- <http://dressingwithdignity.blogspot.com>

one, especially for girls ages 11 to 13. They often aren't aware of the messages they're sending by wearing less-than-modest clothing, Meza said, they're simply trying to fit in.

"You want to fit in with what's acceptable to be a part of the in-group," she said. "You don't connect it with being modest."

Modesty doesn't affect just girls. Instead of feeling pressure to wear clothing two sizes too small, like girls do, boys are often influenced to dress in clothes two sizes too big.

"The sloppier, the better off they are — always pulling up their pants," Meza said. The style reveals underwear and too much skin. "Ask them where that style got started. It started in prisons where you can't wear belts. Does he really want to look like a prisoner?"

The girls at the Project ModestWay fashion show said that, thanks in part to what they learned from this project, they know what's important when it comes to fashion.

"Show respect for yourself. Be proud of who you really are," Howard said. "Set the standards for yourself."

After all, added Project ModestWay student designer Rachel Toft, "modest is the hottest."

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Rachel Toft, a student designer, puts the finishing touches on Hayley Howard's dress Jan. 24 before the Project ModestWay fashion show at the LDS Eastland chapel in Twin Falls.



Project ModestWay girls strike a final pose before they strut their stuff in their altered clothing Jan. 24.



Mary Toft does a spin on the catwalk during the modest fashion show. Designer Rachel Toft put together Mary's look.



Model Rachel Taylor strikes her final pose Jan. 24 on stage at the modest fashion show.

### A sample standard

Different families may set different standards to define modesty. This set of tips, from the *Brio* magazine for young Christian women, represents one possibility. It's a starting point for conversation between parents and kids.

Tips from <http://www.briomag.com>: While you're shopping:

- Choose tanks with wider straps (wide enough to cover your bra strap), smaller arm holes (so your bra isn't visible under your arm) and loose cuts (so it doesn't fit like a glove).
- Don't consider low-riding pants, unless you're going to wear a long shirt with them.
- Choose shorts with a longer inseam. A good guideline is at least 7 inches.
- Wear T-shirts and tops that have crewnecks or high-r V-necks.
- Buy sleeveless shirts that have smaller arm holes. In the dressing room, it may help to have your mom or a friend give feedback in the dressing room.
- Wearing a new shirt, bend over in front of a mirror. Can you see into the shirt through the neck hole? Lift your hands above your head. Does the shirt rise so that your tummy is visible? Take a side view of yourself with your arms slightly raised. Can you easily see into your shirt through the arm hole?
- When trying on a pair of pants, do you have to suck in your stomach to zip or button them? Is it uncomfortable to sit in them? If so, the pants are too tight. Can you bend over in the pants without your underwear showing in the back?
- With a pair of shorts, is your underwear visible in the back when you bend over? When you sit on the floor in front of a mirror and spread your legs apart as if you're stretching, can you see your underwear?



# In a mansion of memories, a widows' retreat

By Darragh Johnson  
The Washington Post

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The Chase-Lloyd House is a grand mansion that rises, like a red brick palace, high into the sides of historic downtown Annapolis.

It was built in 1769 by a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Francis Scott Key got married there. Free tours are given every afternoon. During one, docent Mary Davis brings the tourists into the dining room and points to the fireplace of Italian marble, the door handles made of sterling silver.

"Why not brass?" someone asks.

"Because silver," answers Davis, "was more expensive."

In 1886, in her will, Hester Ann Chase Rideout stipulated that this exquisite house would become a residence for elderly women, "where they may find a retreat from the vicissitudes of life."

On one tour Davis tells her group that upstairs live "eight elderly ladies," and the tourists gasp. Linda McCauley, a 60-year-old from North Carolina, exhales. "Such a nice place." When the tour ends, and the group shuffles toward the garden, McCauley is still marveling. "It's quite a retirement home. Quite a retirement home."

"The most dangerous times of the day are when the eight widows gather in the dining room — a thrice-daily ritual that should make them feel less lonely, but doesn't always. They sit in the same place every day, strangers until they arrived here."

Madge Chamberlin sometimes picks on the woman who sits to her right.

"Even though I find some of the women dull as dishwater," the 89-year-old Madge confides in her wry, smoky voice, "I can amuse myself by analyzing them and figuring them out." "I've lived a lot of places," 86-year-old Ellen Spies is saying again. "But I never thought I'd end up in Annapolis. I don't know if I said that or not."

"Yeah," says Betty Weaver, 85. "You did."

One woman brings up the spinach scare. "Perhaps all C-3s has found a back door," she says.

"Yes!" Madge pounces, imagining the terrorists' plotting. "We'll start out small with spinach, and then we'll start up depriving them of all things." "My daughter says it's broccoli next," says another woman. "That's what we said," Madge continues, her voice rising with each idea. "First, mad cow wipes out the beef. And bird flu wipes out the chicken. And hay pollution wipes out the fish." She is waving her hand for dramatic effect. "We'll be living on synthetic herring — Oh!" She freezes. "That reminds me."

Reaching into her pocket, she pulls out a handful of pills. The women feel lucky to live here. They do. The food is fantastic. Rack of lamb, roasted vegetables, individual pots of cream at every place setting, gourmet caramel made with cinnamon vanilla. They have a bevy of servants — including cooks, maids, a gardener and handyman, and someone who does their hair every Monday — to wait on them.

The house is run by a board of directors who, according to Chase Rideout's will, must be Episcopalians, although Chase Home itself is not affiliated with the church. Because Chase Rideout also created an endowment for the house, its eight residents are charged with their own care. They put down a \$1,500 deposit, then pay on a sliding scale: Rents can be anywhere from \$200 to \$2,000 a month.

Each woman must also submit a doctor's report affirming that she can care for herself, and must interview with the board members, housing staff and the residents — to try to ensure that everyone gets along.

"And we're looking at their faces as we're saying, 'You have to get along,'" says Molly Smith, the vice chair and CEO of Chase. "It's not an easy place to live. It's just so small, and it's not for people who don't like women and there are women who don't like women."

The waiting list is long. So yes, the residents tell them-



Betty Weaver kisses her best friend Helen Sützel goodbye at Heartlands Assisted Living in D.C. after a visit to her former Chase-Lloyd House housemate. "It hasn't been the same since you left," Betty says.

selves, they feel lucky. But they can also feel displaced, and isolated, and sad.

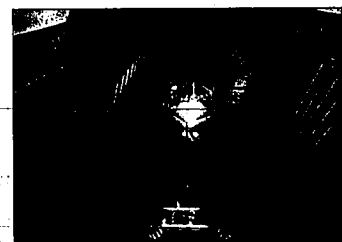
Like Regina Freil, who is 67 and has white, swirling hair and a breathless ardor to her speech, "I was an artist," she says, "but now I have Parkinson's." A couple of strokes have deprived her of her hearing and sight, which makes the dining room "difficult for me," she says, "because they say they can't repeat." She shrugs unhelpfully. "They don't bother with me much."

"It's like high school," says one of the women who staff the house. "They can be very cliquish."

Ellen Spies came from Florida to live near her daughter. She is 86 years old, a Colonial history buff, and her daughter sold her on Chase as a chance "to live in a fantasy." One afternoon in her room, she writes, apologetically, "I talk too much. I'm lonesome. I guess."

Lorraine Thomason is 83 and grew up on a farm in Gaithersburg, Md. She is the Chase Home's most recent arrival, has lived there only a few months, and already she misses baking pumpkin breads and pecan cream cheese pies in her own kitchen. Every weekday after breakfast, she excuses herself from the table and spends the rest of the day at the nearby senior center.

Madge came not quite two years ago. Her husband was a cryptographer during World War II, "and the other things he did," she says, "we don't talk about." She is rumored to know the truth about Marilyn Monroe's death and who "really" killed JFK. (Well, "I signed the Official Secrets Act," says Madge. "I opened my mouth, I got shot.") Madge helped found Annapolis' first shelter for battered women.



Lorraine Thomason, the newest arrival at the Annapolis, Md., mansion Chase-Lloyd House, heads downstairs for breakfast. The mansion, built in 1769 by a signer of the Declaration of Independence, is also a retirement home for eight ladies.

Betty has lived at Chase for nearly eight years, longer than any of them. In 1999 she left a small cottage in Maine to be closer to her daughter, in Upper Marlboro, Md. It was the 30th move of her life as a Navy wife. Her husband is buried at Arlington, Va., and his portrait and ribbons she has hung over her bed. She has a quiet, watchful demeanor and wears the



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Regina Freil, Madge Chamberlin and Ellen Spies, from left, eat breakfast in style at the historic Chase-Lloyd House in Annapolis, where they live. "It's not an easy place to live," says Molly Smith, CEO of the mansion. "It's just so small, and ... it's not for people who don't like women. And there are women who don't like women."

There's nothing to do. There's no one to talk to."

For years, Betty staved off the loneliness with her best friend, Helen Sützel, who lived across the hall.

They arrived at Chase just a few months apart and became inseparable, celebrating their February birthdays together, doing laundry together every Monday. Each morning, Betty would magnify the crossword puzzle on her computer so Helen could read it, too, and they would solve it together.

A couple of years ago, Helen, who is 92, became ill and had to leave for a nursing home.

"After she moved out," Betty says, "I kind of fell by the wayside. I don't know. I just didn't find anyone that — I wouldn't say compatible, but — we just, we were very alike." She hesitates. "It's hard. I guess everyone finds it hard."

For several of the women at Chase, the biggest worry isn't necessarily that they will die here, surrounded by people they don't always like.

The biggest worry is that they'll decline, and that wherever they're headed next

is running late. She looks pertified. House manager Toni Feuer offers Betty some tea.

"I'm really not hungry," Betty tells her.

"I like your hair," Toni says. "Did you have it done yesterday?"

Betty nods.

Toni tries again, cheerfully asking, "Are you coming back — meaning will she be back for supper, or will she be spending more time with her daughter? But Betty sees in the question something much more ominous. Her face opens wide with alarm.

"I hope so!" she says quickly. "Everybody keeps asking me that."

In the day and a half before Betty is to visit her old friend Helen, at the Heartlands Assisted Living facility where she now lives, Helen phones three times to double-check that Betty is, indeed, still coming.

And at 2:30 p.m., on a breezy Friday, Betty walks through the front doors and sees her friend, slouched over her walker in a posture Helen calls the "Heartlands hump." Betty greets, and the two greet each other with delicate hugs and "how are you?" Helen left Chase a couple of years ago. It's been a long while since they've seen each other.

"It hasn't been the same since you left," Betty says.

"Nothing ever is," Helen answers.

She asks about everyone at Chase, then looks around the first-floor sitting area where she and Betty have taken seats and she wrinkles her nose. "This is an old people's home."

The women chat, then lapse into long comfortable silences, and for the first time in many weeks Betty has a heavy eye. A tiny kid — like a light inside is glowing again. She stays for about an hour, then starts getting ready to leave. Her daughter is picking her up this evening for a pre-Thanksgiving weekend, and Betty is anxious about getting back. Helen pulls a purple schedule from the bag; ket on her walker and reads, "Music by Greg Lipton at 3:30. I don't know who Greg Lipton is."

"I guess you're going to find out," Betty says brightly.

"You don't have to rush," Helen continues. The visit feels like it's just begun. "The music's going to start in a minute."

"I'm coming to," Betty tells her. "Kim's going to pick me up." "They're gathering out there," Helen peers toward the middle of the lobby. "I don't know what you have to run away. The music's usually pretty good."

But Betty's already walking toward the front door. Seeing Helen is terrific, but it's not the same. Nothing ever is. They say goodbye and promise to call soon, and by 4:55, Betty is back in her suite at Chase, her bags piled in the corner by her daughter. She is waiting for her daughter to arrive.

Her clock ticks as loudly as heavy footsteps in an empty hall. The hands read 5:30. Then 5:40. Then 6 o'clock. She waits alone in her room, here in this mansion whose grandeur she no longer sees.

"It's just a house," she said one morning after being told of the tourists' stunned admiration of where she lives. "It's hard to imagine that anyone thinks this place is beautiful."

will be worse.

In the bottom of Betty's computer, she has posted a yellow sticky bearing one word: "ANNEURISM."

She's had one before. It's why she came to Chase. After Betty underwent heart surgery, her daughter Kim decided she should no longer live alone so far from any of her four children. Reluctantly, Betty agreed, even though, she says, "I never wanted to leave my house in Maine." She still regrets giving up her car.

That first aneurysm changed everything about her life. Now another has appeared, and she worries about what this one might change.

In two hours, her daughter will pick her up and take her to "the nice aneurysm doctor," as Betty calls him, at Johns Hopkins. She advises the doctor. She reads the visit.

At 12:30, she comes back downstairs and waits at a green velvet chair at the edge of the dining room. Her daughter



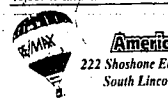
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# Old-fashioned police work

By **Leif Smith**  
The Washington Post

A hundred years ago, before police officers had patrol cars, radar guns and the help of the Internet, how did they catch bad guys?

Alexandria, Va., Police Department spokeswoman Amy Bertsch has been researching this question. Here is some of what she learned.

You probably have seen a police officer giving someone a speeding ticket (hopefully not one of your parents). Odds are the officer used a high-tech radar gun to figure out how fast the driver was going.

In the early 1900s, Alexandria's policemen (they were all men in those days) didn't have fancy technology, and people didn't have cars. They rode trains, horses and bicycles. But mostly they walked.

So when cars first appeared on the city's roads in 1910, officers had to adjust, even though they were still patrolling on foot.

Police relied on pocket watches and some creative thinking. By stationing officers on the corner of several city blocks, they timed how long it took a vehicle to travel around them. Then, if a car or motorcycle went too fast — traveling two blocks in less than 25 seconds — they would know it.

Once police figured out who was breaking the law, they used hand signals or waved at officers down the road in an attempt to stop the speeding motorist.

"Usually it worked. "But it sure wasn't easy," Bertsch said.

In many cases, the motorist was asked to drive to the local police station to be issued a \$10 ticket. It was a real test of the honor system.

Alexandria's police force didn't get cars until 1920.

It wasn't any easier for Alexandria

police to catch really bad guys a century ago. Back then, officers relied on a person's facial measurements to make an identification.

Later, when police began using fingerprints, the only tool experts had was their eyes: They looked at a suspect's fingerprints and compared them with fingerprint records kept on cards.

The cards were stored in many locations, however, so they had to be collected before the identification process could begin. Matching two sets of prints often took months.

Today, thanks to computers, a match can be made in less than two hours, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI has kept the nation's fingerprint records since 1924. Currently, the prints of more than 47 million people are stored in its electronic Criminal Master File.

Finding wanted suspects also was more difficult 100 years ago. Posting a notice on the Internet or sending



an e-mail wasn't possible, of course.

Instead, police departments mailed each other letters (the kind that need postage stamps) or sent telegrams. For example, if officers in Alexandria were looking for a suspect in a bank robbery, they might write to police departments across Virginia. The letters would include a description of the suspect and a question: Is there anyone fitting this description in your jail?

The system worked, although it could take weeks to get an answer.

"It's hard to imagine it now, isn't it?" said Bertsch.

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In the early 1900s, crime fighters didn't have high-tech tools. Police used to communicate by telegram. This 1935 message gave Alexandria, Va., officers information about a man who was being sought for questioning.

A hundred years ago, police officers relied on a person's facial measurements to make an identification. Later, when police began using fingerprints, the only tool experts had was their eyes. They looked at a suspect's fingerprints and compared them with fingerprint records kept on cards. Matching two sets of prints often took months.

## BOOK REVIEWS

# 'Hattie Big Sky'

The Washington Post  
By **Kirby Larson**, for ages 12 and older

Hattie Inez Brooks has had a tough life: The 16-year-old orphan has been bounced among relatives' homes in Iowa. So when an uncle dies in 1917 and leaves her his homestead claim in faraway Montana, she is eager to start over on the frontier.

But nothing prepared her for challenges such as getting her hand frozen to the water pump, finding herself in the path of a wild-horse stampede or having to single-handedly fight off a wolf that is trying to take her only cow.

Still, Hattie finds her new life rewarding, thanks to good neighbors who teach her to adapt and show her the value of friendships and family.

This book is based in part on the adventures of the author's great-grandmother, who moved by herself to Montana as a teen-ager. The story paints a real picture of the hardships of prairie life.

Hattie finds it very tough going as she battles loneliness, harsh weather, disease and angry ranchers who don't want farmers fencing in the land. And she finds that even in the far reaches of Montana, the World War I echo and create trouble.

She also must figure out the true intentions of the handsome young rancher who appears to have a mysterious agenda. Is he really friend or foe?



# 'Lights, Camera, Amalee'

The Washington Post  
By **Dar Williams**, for ages 10 and older

Amalee Evely wants to make a movie about the environment. All she needs is money (to buy equipment), a specific topic and some idea of how to make it all work. That's a lot of obstacles for a 12-year-old.

Amalee doesn't realize it at the time, but her film project starts to come together when she is summoned by her grandmother, a woman she has not met before. Their talk helps Amalee start to understand her mother, who died soon after Amalee was born. Now if she could just figure how to handle the awkward crush she has on Kyle, an older boy who lives across the street.

This second Amalee book is presented in a clear and entertaining fashion. Author Dar Williams, also a singer, puts the same level of description into the novel's 300-plus pages that she packs into her four- and five-minute songs. There's so much going on, you might think you're watching a movie as you read about Amalee making one.



# 'Nobody Gonna Turn Me 'Round'

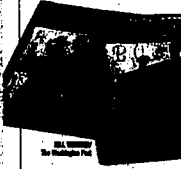
The Washington Post  
By **Doreen Rappaport**, for ages 9-12

Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks are civil rights legends of course, but few know in the long struggle for racial equality in this country are people such as Shyann Webb, an 8-year-old black girl who feared she would die on an Alabama bridge in 1965 when tear gas and police dogs were used against civil rights demonstrators.

Shyann's story is told in the third and final book in a series looking at the lives of African-Americans from the time of slavery to the present.

As in the earlier books — "No More" (about the slave resistance) and "Free at Last" (about emancipation, or the end of slavery) — the stories are based, where possible, on the words and writings of those being profiled. Thus we have Elizabeth Eckford's memory of being jeered at and spat upon in 1955 when she was among the first blacks at her Arkansas high school.

The stories are short, with eye-catching illustrations by Shane W. Evans. All three books include songs and poems that sustained the journey to freedom.





## Color, parades, dance, art and music are mainstay of February festivals that give nations a taste of...

### Brazilian Carnival a growing attraction

By Michael Astor  
Associated Press writer

SALVADOR, Brazil — Rhythm is king in this seaside city long known as the capital of Afro-Brazilian culture, or more simply as the Black Rome — and not only at carnival. Drums thunder from behind the colorful walls of colonial houses that line the winding cobblestone streets of the historic Pelourinho district. Passengers on passing buses thump out intricate poly-rhythms on the seat backs, floors and windows. Even the city's reputed 365 Catholic churches — one for each day of the year — percolate with the popcorn of rhythm, with samba groups often standing in for the choir to celebrate the saints' days. But when the throbbing rhythm gets under your skin and the rumbing won't leave you in peace, it can only mean one thing: Carnival is coming to Salvador da Bahia.

"Carnival is actually just the culmination of a series of festivals that make up our summer season, beginning in December," said Valter Oliveira Leite, president of the municipal carnival council.

The uninitiated could easily mistake the seemingly endless series of shows and festivals in the run-up to carnival for the actual event. But Carnival itself is unmistakable — with some 2.5 million people clogging the city's main avenues and dancing behind more than 200 bands that ply the city's streets on top of enormous sound trucks, night and day.

It's very different from Rio's more famous made-for-TV parade, with fans in grandstands evaluating the elaborate floats and costumes. But many Brazilians feel the real street-Carnival is the full contact sport of Salvador, some 750 miles northeast of Rio.

Salvador's carnival officially begins this year on Feb. 15, a day earlier than Rio's bash, and runs a day later. Feb. 29 is the date known in New Orleans as Mardi Gras here, many bands turn out for a last gasp the next day. Ash Wednesday, as well, despite protests from the Catholic Church.

In recent years, Salvador's carnival also has become a haven for black American tourists in search of their African roots in Brazil.

Salvador was Brazil's first capital and major stop for slave ships coming from Africa to the New World. Today the city is more than 70 percent black and is a center of the Afro-Brazilian religion Candomblé — similar to Santería and Vodou. It also is a nucleus of the martial art-dance form known as capoeira — as well as the birthplace of samba.

"It's all just religiously, spiritually inspired. It reminds me of New Orleans and some parts of South Carolina where I grew up," said George H. Smith, a 63-year-old black American primarkar from Washington D.C., who was on his



People dance during a rehearsal of carnival group Ile Aje in Salvador, Brazil, Jan. 6.



Carnival group Olodum plays drums during a show in Salvador, Brazil, Jan. 7. This city that was Brazil's first capital and major stop for slave ships coming from Africa is preparing for the carnival that officially begins on Feb. 15.

second visit to Brazil.

This year, U.S. producer Quincy Jones is expected to attend Carnival as a guest of Culture Minister and pop star Gilberto Gil, with an eye toward making a Buena Vista Social Club-style documentary about the proceedings. Plans to bring Janet Jackson and Oprah Winfrey, however, have fallen through, according to Gil's spokesman Gilka Matoso.

Anthropologists say in many ways slavery-era African culture is better preserved in Salvador than it is in Africa.

"We worry more about our African roots than they do in Africa. In Africa, they don't want to remember the past. Here we want to hold on to what we were torn away from," said Vera Lucinda, a retired history professor who now runs one of

Salvador's most popular carnival groups, Ara Ketê.

The biggest attraction of Salvador's carnival are the "trio elétrico," huge bands that play a calypso-inflected samba known as "Axé Bahia-SHEV" music from the top of the sound trucks.

Axe stars Bettye Sanguano and Daniela Mercury are famous across the nation and their songs can be heard on the radio all year around. Other bands like "The Ibofe Trio" and "Batom" are a hit in Bahia and at all season carnivals around Brazil during the rest of the year.

But many foreigners, especially black Americans, are more interested in the elaborately costumed "Bloco," or carnival groups like Olodum, which appeared on Paul Simon's "Rhythm of the Saints."

If you go ...

**CARNIVAL IN SALVADOR, BRAZIL:**  
<http://www.carnival.salvador.ba.gov.br/en/Portuguese/>, <http://www.carnival.com.br/en/English/>, <http://www.centralsabao.gov.br/fev/prat.asp>. Carnival celebrations begin these Feb. 15.

album. On the "Mooves" club to SLAVES like Lilias de Ghandi, who pound out Candomblé rhythms on percussion instruments, roam the streets in white turbans and will happily pour perfume on you for the asking.

There even been efforts to include rock, hip hop and reggae in the celebrations. Last year, the first rock band DJ attended the festivities, though plans to have the band to play on top of a sound truck reportedly were canceled because of security concerns.

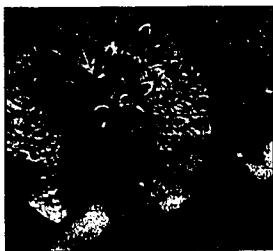
"The first night we let our tourists watch from the stands, and then next night it's up to them whether they think they can handle it down below," said Camer P'Sollitan, who works with Brazil Sais tours, which specializes in cultural tours and student groups.

To celebrate Salvador's street carnival, you can spend anywhere from \$10 to \$40 for an "alôôô," usually a T-shirt and head scarf with all colors levels to reflect a band around for three days and nights separated from the general population by a thick cord, held in place by thongs of bulky men.

Some 10,000 "condoms," or rope holders, are employed each year just to separate the crowds.



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TRAVEL

# Mardi Gras is many parties for many people

By Mary Foster  
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Roger Evans knows there are local residents who plan to leave town during Mardi Gras. But he does just the opposite. He stays in town and takes vacation time to be sure he doesn't miss a minute of the big party.

"I like to see everybody walk the street and having a good time. We've been going to the same spot on the parade route for 34 years. Even if I don't see someone the rest of the year, they know where they can find us on Mardi Gras day," he said.

For Evans, Fat Tuesday, the final day of Carnival before Lent, is a combination of party, reunion and tradition. The date this year will be Feb. 26.

"I watch for Zulu, then go to my friend's house, eat a little grub, have a little drink, and head out to find the Indians," Evans said, referring to two of the traditional parades.

For others, it's a day spent camped out along a parade route, catching gaudy beads thrown from maskers on floats. The meal of the day varies from hamburgers and hot dogs to red beans and crawfish. And, of course, beer.

Although the raucous party in the French Quarter, with revelers trading flashes of flesh for strings of beads, has become well known, it is only one of the many faces of Mardi Gras.

Families show up early along St. Charles Avenue, staking out choice viewing spots on the streetcar tracks. Many bring tents, coats, chairs, coolers and grills. By the time the Krewe of Zulu parade rolls on the morning of Fat Tuesday, revelers are elbow to elbow.

Last year the city staged a scaled-back Mardi Gras, stirring controversy about the propriety of holding the party after Hurricane Katrina. Another 80 percent of New Orleans and killed 1,800 people.

The scheduled celebration was supposed to show that New Orleans was on its way back. Certainly Mardi Gras is.

"This year things will be very close to normal, pre-Katrina status," said Arthur Hardy, publisher of the definitive guide to the season, the "Mardi Gras Guide."

In New Orleans that means parades must have a minimum of 14 floats and seven bands.

Parading begins more than a month before Mardi Gras. There are also boat parades, children's parades and even a parade for dogs — the Krewe of Beaus — and their owners in costume.

The less public side of Carnival is the masked balls, at which the city's elite and dilettante-evening reign as figures of fun. It's the society debut of young men and women.

Though a couple of parading organizations, known as krewes, have canceled parades this year, another 53 are scheduled. New Orleans and neighboring parishes before the party comes to an end at midnight on Feb. 20.

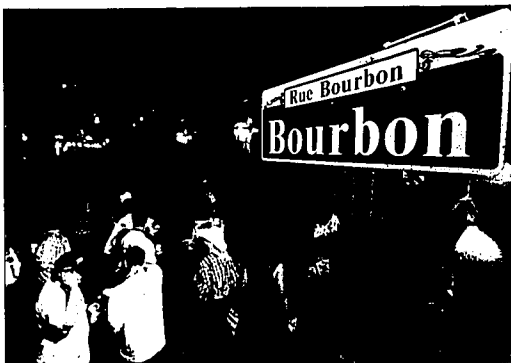
American idol winner Taylor Hicks will reign as the Krewe of Endymion's grand marshal for the 2007 Carnival season. Induction will move down historic St. Charles Avenue on Feb. 17, one of 18 parades scheduled to roll in New Orleans between Feb. 16 and 20.

"That's also when the revelry in the French Quarter gets up with people staking out balconies along Bourbon Street and clubs running 24 hours a day.

"I'd advise people to give some thought to what kind of Mardi Gras they're interested in," Hardy said. "If they're bringing the family they should go to St. Charles Avenue or out



The Cabildo and St. Louis Cathedral are framed by a Live Oak tree at Jackson Square in the French Quarter of New Orleans Jan. 17.



Revelers party on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter during Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans on Fat Tuesday.



Michelle Levine dances during Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans, in this Feb. 28, 2006, photo.

to Jefferson Parish. Those are both going to have family atmospheres."

In the French Quarter, the atmosphere is risqué and after dark can be downright raucous.

"On Fat Tuesday, it's worth a trip to the Quarter to see the costumes, which range from elaborate to almost non-existent. The Fort-third Annual Bourbon Street Awards Show, billed as the ultimate costume contest, will be held on Mardi Gras Day at noon at the corner of St. Ann and Bourbon streets. The costumes are eye-popping, both for their workmanship and for the gender-bending involved.

Costuming has been declining for years, but this year Mardi Gras bulls still show along the parade routes on Fat Tuesday in costume. The outfits don't have to be intricate. Simple costumes adorn whole families or groups, making both an attraction and bonding play and an easy way to spot members who wander off.

This year there are more floats coming into New Orleans, although the airport's Feb. 26 arrivals, president of the Greater Hotel and Lodging Association, said. "But even all things pick up quickly. That final weekend really closes out fast."

Hotels are expected to be over 90 percent full, Sawyer said.

Restaurants open and even extend their hours during Carnival, according to Wendy Warren, director of communications for the Louisiana Restaurant Association.

"Some offer special menus," Warren said.

Reservations fill fast, she said.

Some restaurants along the parade route, as well as restaurants and bars in the French Quarter, offer deals that allow patrons to have unlimited access to the food, food, drink and just as important — a bathroom.

This year's Zagat Survey of New Orleans — the first of the city since Katrina — includes reviews of leading hotels, night clubs, bars and other attractions. It includes 390 restaurants, down from the last survey two years ago, which had more than 500 restaurants.

Businesses that have reopened since Katrina primarily are in the French Quarter, downtown and the Garden District — all parts of New Orleans tourists know and love, Zagat said.

In addition to Mardi Gras on the street, there is a multimedia exhibit, "Carnival," at the New Orleans Museum of Art and the Louisiana Children's Museum explores carnival traditions throughout the world.

The Mardi Gras Indians, black carnival groups that make extravagant costumes and stage "muck" battles throughout the city on Fat Tuesday, can be difficult to find. Their parade routes are apt to change quickly, but the Wild Magnolia Indians will give a free outdoor concert at the Riverwalk near the French Quarter, 4 day of live music and food is capped at 6 p.m. when a Coast Guard cutter delivers Rex, King of Carnival to take over the city.

"Mardi Gras is nothing but me," celebrity chef Leah Chase said. She's been watching parades in New Orleans since the 1930s. "I don't care how

depressed you are, it will get you out of it. Then the next day we go to church and pray."

St. Louis Cathedral in Jackson Square will offer Ash Wednesday Mass. Many of those attending are still draped with beads.

## If you go ...

**MARDI GRAS IN NEW ORLEANS:** Feb. 20. Parade schedule, hotel booking at <http://www.mardi-grasneworleans.com/>. Other Web sites include <http://www.mardi-grasneworleans.com/author/> and <http://www.mardi-grasneworleans.com/>.  
**NEW ORLEANS TOURISM:** New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, <http://www.neworleanscvb.com> or 504-566-5903.



Thousands gather on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter during Mardi Gras celebrations in New Orleans on Fat Tuesday.

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# Trinidad and Tobago:

## A flashy taste of Carnival in the Caribbean

By Lystra Lashley  
Special to The Washington Post

While Mardi Gras in New Orleans and Carnival in Rio are among the world's best-known pre-Lenten festivals, Trinidad and Tobago's Carnival is in a class all its own. Its taste of "honey" is how many have described the event, an explosion of color, creativity, dance, art and music.

While many of the towns in this twin-island nation get into the season, the main bash takes place in Port of Spain. In this city where rum, dance and singing flow freely 365 nights a year, Carnival draws by far the biggest and most raucous throngs of revelers, including locals and visitors from throughout the Caribbean and elsewhere.

**WHEN:** Feb. 19-20  
**WHY GO:** Visitors learn firsthand what makes this celebration the "Greatest Show on Earth," as it's known, when watching thousands of costumed "masqueraders" dance through the streets of Port of Spain — and all of it accompanied by the music of steel pan and brass bands. While the costume presentations provide an exciting introduction to the island's vibrant culture, mostly it's a way to cut loose.

And once the two-day celebration is over and the Catholic season of Lent begins, many visitors stay to take the flora- and fauna-rich coastline in Trinidad. Others head for Tobago, where the beaches, an pristine and tranquility is in abundance.

**GETTING THERE:** American, Continental and Delta airlines offer service from the Washington area to Port of Spain. Round-trip fares, with restrictions, start at about \$800 in the week's leading up to the celebration.

Once there, taxis and minibuses are the most convenient transport, from under a dollar per trip, depending on distance. On Carnival Monday and Tuesday, there are restrictions for all vehicles coming into the center of Port of Spain.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** If you get to the island before the big two-day celebration, don't miss the crowning of the king and queen of the masquerade bands at the Diamond Jubilee Show, which takes place on Feb. 18 at the Jean Pierre Complex (Washington Road, Port of Spain). Also check out the Children's Carnival, which also flows all through Port of Spain on Feb. 17.

On Feb. 19, the fun starts early. Visitors can participate in J'ouvert, a torch run that means "the opening of day." It begins before dawn, around 1 a.m., and lasts until 11 that morning. Parties take off through Port of Spain and other parts of the nation in



Photo courtesy of Trinidad Development Company Limited (TDC) and Tobago

Trinidad and Tobago's Carnival is in a class all its own.

remember to look for the food hawker's license.

**WHERE TO STAY:** During Carnival season, a room at the Hilton, Marriott and other major hotels in central Port of Spain costs about \$300 to \$500 per night. Most hotels book early, but last-minute travelers hoping to jump into the action this year may be able to snag a basic room in a guesthouse for \$200 to \$300.

**INFORMATION:** Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Development Corp., 888-675-7034, www.tdc.com

times are even more flamboyant. Skills learning Caribbean lingo, soft drinks and more potent refreshments line the streets.

At midnight, the masqueraders disperse, and the stars return to their camps, and preparations begin for next year's Carnival.

**TIPS:**  
• Visitors are advised not to travel with valuables, including jewelry and to venture out in groups only. Stay away from dark and isolated places.  
• Wear comfortable shoes. There is a lot of walking involved at Carnival time.  
• Carry ID with you, including your address, while in Trinidad and Tobago.  
• If the local embassy on the roadside vendors, just

# FEARLESS TRAVELER

## Planning a polar excursion

By Andrea Sachs  
The Washington Post

Q: I'm looking for info on expeditions to Antarctica, including season, transportation, expense and precautions.

A: Travel to Antarctica has changed a lot since Ernest Shackleton's time. These days, travelers need little more than fleece, sturdy sea legs and a yen for penguins. "This trip is right for everyone," says Chris Betteencourt, an art director at Mountain Travel Sobek (888-687-6235, www.mtsobek.com) who visited Antarctica last year with the California-adventure group. "There are so many reasons to go: natural history, wildlife."

Compared with other wildlife destinations, Antarctica's travel season is

short — mid-November to early March. The penguins come out in droves during the continent's spring and early summer, and February has warmer temperatures. However, even with "milder" temps, the seas can be rocky, with strong gusts and crashing waves. You don't need to be an athlete to visit Antarctica. Mainly, you must feel comfortable climbing in and out of small boats and hiking on unmanicured terrain. In the truck, wear beret boots with good ankle support and tread; they'll improve your trudge to pristine colonies, scientific stations, etc.

Choose a ship according to your seaworthiness. Some smaller vessels might ask passengers to chip in with onboard responsibilities, but most are hefty cruise ships or

research vessels refitted as tourist buses. And though the ships might not have the comforts of the Q12, passengers will receive hot meals and substantial conversation with onboard experts.

Q: We're taking a transatlantic cruise to Southampton, England. Can we leave the ship in Ireland?

A: Depending on the port, you probably can leave before your final destination; however, don't jump ship without notifying the cruise line.

Between booking and paying a deposit, travelers should inform the agent that they want to leave a certain port. The passengers would then fax an itinerary to the "dispatch" department, which would report back to the cruiser on the details, including whether the fare would reflect the shortened trip.

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## New tram at Jackson Hole officially approved despite habitat concerns

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) Bridger-Teton National Forest has approved construction of a new tram at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, according to the *Jackson Hole News & Guide*.

The resort closed its fringed tram last fall after 40 years of service. Resort officials said they expected the tram to become too costly to maintain.

In August, resort owner Jay Kravitz announced plans to privately finance a new lift at a cost of \$25 million. Bridger-Teton Supervisor Kniffy Hamilton approved the tram plan last week.

Construction is expected to begin this spring and wrap up in time for the 2009-09 ski season. In the meantime, a temporary lift is being used to get skiers to the top of Tetoncreek Mountain.

The new tram cabins will have a maximum capacity of 100 passengers, compared to 55 passengers on the old lift. Also, the new tram will be able to carry 650 skiers per hour to

twice the capacity of the old tram.

The old tram will be removed after the new one is completed.

In approving the new tram, Bridger-Teton National Forest officials dismissed concerns about hirt hignora sheep habitat in Grand Teton National Park, the *News & Guide* said.

Both the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and Grand Teton National Park said in comments to the forest Service that the resulting increase in backcountry traffic could harm a small population of hignora sheep in Granite Canyon, the *News & Guide* said.

Bridger-Teton officials reported that while traffic on the tram is expected to increase, the backcountry would remain the same in the park.

"It is anticipated that this will result in a negligible change to the number of persons accessing backcountry areas," the forest Service

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# Mobile Mardi Gras may benefit again from Katrina, hit record

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MOBILE, Ala. — Mobile's Mardi Gras parades couldn't be staged without float builders like Stephen Mussell, who has built a career on the carnival's demand for rolling showpieces of splashy colors and lights.

This year-round work was seen by an apparent record number of Mobile Mardi Gras revelers last year, an uptick attributed partly to Hurricane Katrina. The port city, with more than 30 parades over the weeks culminating on Fat Tuesday, may benefit again this year as coastal Mississippi's festivities in Biloxi will remain cut back to one parade due to Katrina damage.

New Orleans, which has long enjoyed the nation's largest carnival, is also trying to revive its celebration and expects a parade schedule comparable to pre-Katrina levels.

Leon Maisel, president and CEO of the Mobile Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, said police estimated more than 1 million attended carnival here in 2006, an apparent record attributed to the Katrina damage to the Mississippi coast and New Orleans. Locals hope many of those visitors will return in February.

Whatever the numbers, Mussell's 10-member team is turning the floats — most averaging 35 feet in length — into pastel perches for the Mardi Gras organizations, known as krewees, whose members ride them and throw heaps of trinkets, candy, beads, Moon Pies and stuffed animals to thousands lining the streets for two weeks of the day.

Mobile's parades began Feb. 2 and run through Mardi Gras Day, Feb. 26, giving businesses an economic bonanza. Many reap an entire year's profit during carnival — if the weather is good.

Historians say the carnival was born in Mobile among the French colonists in the 1700s, but it didn't really catch on until 1830, when a group of cowboys hit the streets with rattles and rakes taken from Spanish ranches. They called themselves the Cavalliers de Blatin Society.

Mobile has about a half-dozen float builders and designers. Like Mussell, whose teams visit chicken wire, iron, drapes, tigers, spiky characters and scenery. Each float has a lightboard theme.

"To do five parades takes all year," Mussell said, wearing a paint-splattered sweatshirt while putting the decorative touches on 11 floats parked in a huge warehouse near Mobile's waterfront.

Mussell, who has been building floats for 29 years, buys gallons of latex house paint, then tints it to "kick it up" before it's sprayed on. The electrical lighting comes last and is needed because some parades roll at night.

The 22-year-old son, Nathan Mussell, is part of the team. With a history degree from Auburn University, the younger Mussell leaves in June for the Peace Corps. But when he's home, he's float-building, a family obsession.

"I was born on Mardi Gras Day in 1984," he said.

High school French teacher Will Edmond has worked part-time with Mussell on the floats during holidays and school breaks for the last eight years.

"I remember the first parade," said Edmond, 33, who says his family has attended Mardi Gras events for 30 years — standing at the same spot to view parades.

Another Mussell worker, 17-year-old Greg Thornton, said he works on the Mardi Gras floats "so I can be around it all year long."

After Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005, Mobile advertised its "family-oriented" carnival in markets within a 150-mile radius, including Jackson, Miss., Hattiesburg, Miss., Baton Rouge, La., Birmingham and Montgomery, to counter reports about damages. Mobile was largely unscathed by Katrina.

Neighboring Biloxi, Miss., will have only one parade on the afternoon of Feb. 20, said Nancy Rogers, a spokeswoman



Spectators line Royal Street as the 'Mississippi State' float in the Knights of Revelry parade passes on Feb. 28, 2006, in downtown Mobile, Ala.



A reveler from the Mystic Strippers Society loses beads to the crowd along South Claiborne Street on Feb. 23, 2006.

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### PARADES SCHEDULE:

- Feb. 8, Order of the Polka Dots, 6:15 p.m.
- Feb. 9, Order of the Inca Parade, <http://www.orderofinca.com>, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10, Mobile Mystics, <http://www.mobilemystics.com>, 2 p.m.; Maids of Mirth 6:30 p.m.; Order of Butterfly Maidens; Mobile Married Mystics, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 11, Neptune's Daughter, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12, Krewe of Mary Mates, 6:30 p.m.; Mystical Ladies, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 13, Order of LaShe, 6:30 p.m.; Order of Venus, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 15, Mystic Stripper, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16, Krewe of Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 17, Floral, noon; Knights of Mobile, 12:45 p.m.; Order of Angels, 1 p.m.; Mystics of Time, 6 p.m.; Coronation of King Felix III and Queen, Mobile Convention Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 18, Arrival of King Eleas I (at foot of Government Street) 2 p.m.; Joe Cain, 2:30 p.m.; Le Krewe de Bienville, 5 p.m.; Les Femmes Gassettes, 5:30 p.m.; Coronation of King Eleas I and Queen (Mobile Civic Center), 8:15 p.m.
- Feb. 19, Arrival of King Felix III (at foot of Government Street) noon; MLK Business and Civic Organization, 3 p.m.; Monday Mystics, 3:30 p.m.; Northside Merchants, 4 p.m.; Infant Mystics, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20, Order of Athena, 10:30 a.m.; Knights of Revelry, 12:30 p.m.; King Felix, 1 p.m.; Comic Cowboys, 1:30 p.m.; Mobile Area Mardi Gras Association, 3 p.m.; Order of Myths, 6:30 p.m.

for the Gulf Coast Carnival Association. Biloxi trimmed its parade schedule last year to one 2-hour parade because of Katrina damage. The I-15 Highway 90 bridge between Biloxi and Ocean Springs, damaged by the storm, still hasn't been repaired, so this year's plans weren't increased, Rogers said.

New Orleans, devastated by winds and flooding when Katrina struck on Aug. 29, 2005, has an Alabama connection to its carnival this year: American Idol winner Taylor Hicks of Birmingham, Ala., will reign as the Krewe of Endymion's grand marshal. Endymion will roll down New Orleans' historic St. Charles Avenue on Feb. 17, the Saturday before Fat Tuesday.

And New Orleans' officials are hopeful attendance will be strong.

"A number of factors, including weather, affect overall attendance, but we are hopeful that with the hotel room inventory continuing to come back and other tourism-related infrastructure in place, we will have strong visitation for Mardi Gras," marketing direc-

tor Ernest Collins said in a statement. The Louisiana city has about 30,000 of its 30,000 hotel rooms back in service.

Collins said attendance was "surprisingly strong last year given the inclement weather and the status of our recovery. With the absence of controversy regarding the appropriateness of the celebration, we expect that we'll have incremental improvement on attendance from 2006 to 2007."



## Celebrating 100 Years! Jerome Centennial 1907-2007

Established in 1907, Jerome appears to be the only town in Magic Valley that had a bank before the official town opening. Jerome State Bank, Ltd., Board of Directors met September 16, 1907 to get up the bank. These were W.S. Kuhn — President of the Twin Falls North Side Land & Water Co.; Fentriess Hill, Pennsylvania (Mr. Kuhn's brother-in-law); David MacWatters — W.P. & General Manager TFNSL&W; Jacob Van Wagoner — Treasurer TFNSL&W; Jessie S. Purdy; also from Pennsylvania; and I.B. Perrine, Jerome County resident and promoter, and property owner. Paul Kartzke, pioneer Jerome builder, rushed to complete the frame bank buildings on what was then a dirt trail through a town site still covered with sagebrush. The address later given to the location was 204 East Main Street. Across the path was the largest building in the new town, the two-story company building. In the September 20, 1907 issue of the *Twin Falls News* was an article announcing the arrival of the large 4,500 pound safe for the bank. Although the vault door had also been received and installed and other fixtures were on hand Sept. 30, Mr. Kartzke was unable to complete the structure enough so it could be occupied, forcing cashier Fred F. Cockburn and his assistants to handle the bank's business in a tent during the first week of the huge Second Segregation land opening. The *Shoshone Journal* headline on October 4, 1907 read "The Greatest Sale - Near 50,000 acres and \$150,000 in Town Lots Sold at the Jerome Land Opening." By December 23, 1907, the Jerome State Bank, Ltd. had a capital of \$10,000, and the 1908 financial statement revealed deposits of \$82,184.98 indicating a tremendous growth in the town and surrounding farms during the 12 months. The frame building was completed and occupied by this bank. Later the Great Shoshone and Twin Falls Water Power Co. occupied this building and then Idaho Power Co. until 1925 when Mr. Emmett Connor opened his Radio Shop. In 1969 Moore's Television and Appliance Store opened. In 2007 Gypsy Sun Bath & Body store occupies the building. (Excerpts from *Then And Now In Southern Idaho*, Virginia Ricketts.) From Jerome County Historical Society Newsletter, January 2007, Linda Helms, editor.

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