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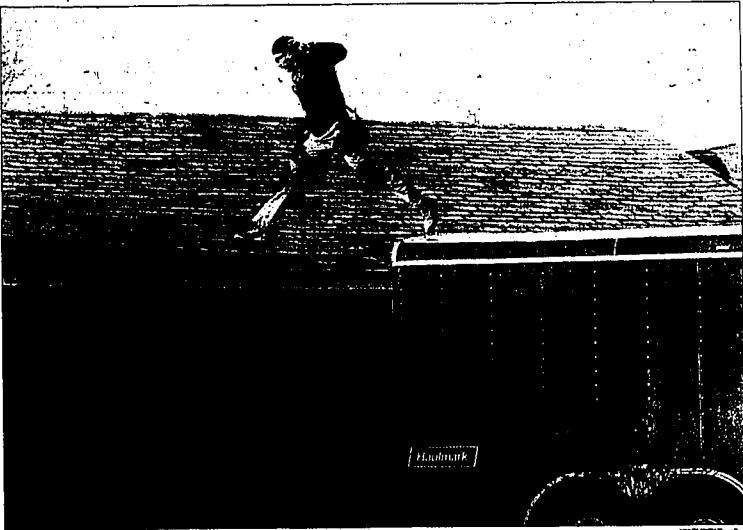
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Standoff ends in suicide



A Twin Falls Police Department SWAT team member jumps onto the roof of the El Rancho Motel Wednesday afternoon on Addison Avenue West.

Twin Falls man kills self after 11 hours

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An 11-hour standoff ended around 7 p.m. Wednesday when Joshua Barnes, 18, of Twin Falls killed himself at the RV Barn, 412 Addison Ave. W.

"Joshua Barnes took his own life before he could be taken into custody," Twin Falls Police Capt. Brian Pike said. "Right now we have an investigation taking place into the entire matter."

Twin Falls Police and Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department SWAT teams surrounded the RV Barn throughout the day. Police said Barnes, who was charged with aggravated bat-

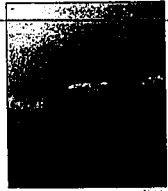
Watch a Video of the Twin Falls SWAT team's standoff with Josh Barnes at the RV Barn in Twin Falls.

tery, had barricaded himself inside the business. He was accused of stabbing his girlfriend, Whitney Lynn Richardson, 18, Tuesday night in his bedroom at his parents' 1098 Cypress Way home.

"Around 8 a.m. today they learned (the RV Barn) was where he was at," Staff Sgt. Dennis Pullin said. "They had

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IRAQ



A U.S. Army CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter flies over Baghdad Wednesday. A Sea Knight helicopter went down northwest of Baghdad Wednesday, the U.S. military said, the fifth helicopter lost in Iraq in just over two weeks.

Helicopter crash kills seven Marines

By Ernesto Londono and Joshua Parflow
The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — On the day the U.S. military announced that American and Iraqi forces had begun implementing their long-awaited security plan, a U.S. Marine transport helicopter crashed northwest of Baghdad, the fifth deadly loss of an American helicopter in Iraq in less than three weeks.

Military officials said all seven crew members and passengers were killed in the crash of the CH-46 Sea Knight on Wednesday in al-Ambar province. The cause remains under investigation, but officials said the aircraft was having mechanical problems before it went down. The four other helicopters in recent crashes were shot down, the military acknowledged this week.

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Panel shelves community college plan

Twin Falls legislator sponsors Otter's plan

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

HOISE — The fiscally conservative House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Wednesday killed Gov. Butch "C.L." Otter's plan to lower the majority needed for voters to form a community college district.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, would have reduced the majority needed to create a district from 66 2/3 percent to 60 percent on general elections. It died on a 10-8 vote.

Coincidentally, it was the second proposal in two days from Otter that the committee had rejected. On Tuesday, it killed his grocery tax-credit plan for low-income Idahoans in favor of a bill that benefits all residents.

Smith told the committee his bill would serve as a "tool" for voters to decide on creating a community college. He said that the majority should be lowered given the current "climate" on property taxes, referring to the homeowner's exemption and last summer's special session of the Legislature that cut property taxes.

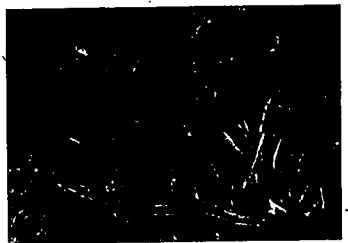


Additionally, he said the legislation would maintain local control for the state's two existing community colleges, Falls and North Idaho College in Coeur D'Alene, and essentially eliminate chances of a statewide system. "It is going to keep the two community colleges in place," he said.

But skeptical lawmakers, including

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ETERNAL LOVERS



This photo provided by the Archaeological Society SAP in Mantua in northern Italy on Wednesday shows a pair of human skeletons found Monday at a construction site outside Mantua.

Archaeologists find prehistoric couple locked in embrace

By Ariel David
Associated Press writer

ROME — They died young and, by the looks of it, in love. Two 5,000-year-old skeletons found locked in an embrace near the city where Shakespeare set the star-crossed tale "Romeo and Juliet" have sparked theories the remains of a far more ancient love story have been found.

Archaeologists unearthed the skeletons dating back to the late Neolithic period outside Mantua, 25 miles south of Verona, the city of Shakespeare's story of doomed love. Buried between 5,000 and 6,000 years ago, the prehistoric pair are believed to have been a man and a woman and are thought to have died young, because their teeth were found intact, said

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Changing winds

Idaho Power releases study on impact of small wind farms

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It takes energy to maintain energy from small wind farms.

That was the conclusion of Idaho Power's study on the impact of wind power which was released Wednesday.

Among other findings, the Operational Impact report said that small wind farms — those which produce 10 megawatts or fewer — require the assistance of hydroelectric power to compensate for generating fluctuations caused by changes in wind speed.

Second time is a charm for Intermountain Power proposal.

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Idaho Power uses its hydroelectric sources to provide additional energy when small wind farms are unable to stay at predetermined power levels.

The report estimates that it costs Idaho Power \$107.2

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Today: Mostly cloudy skies and isolated to widely scattered showers. Highs middle 40s.

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

EVENTS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 26th annual pancake and German sausage supper, lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and dinner: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., 1301 North Davis, Jerome, free-will donation, 324-2842.

GOVERNMENT

Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake, 837-9131. Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, 775-755-2356.

HEALTH

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

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by email at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548.

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Tense situation

Twin Falls SWAT surrounds a building where a teenager accused of stabbing his girlfriend is held up.



Niwak's path to space, jail.

OPINION

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Demand demands a higher tag price

Ten bucks for a wolf tag? Idaho supposedly has a huge posse ready to hunt the 650-plus wolf population, and yet we're pricing it like a blue-jean special.

Want to submit a Mini Editorial for publication on this page? Send it by e-mail to mini@magicvalley.com.

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Triumph, tragedy at the top of the world

The 5 1/2-mile-tall mountain peak called K2 towers over the Pakistani-Chinese border, testing the climbing skills and luck of the world's most daring mountaineers.

INSIDE TODAY'S PAPER



100 voices, lifted in song Saturday at CSI

The Magichords — and a few friends, together nearly 100 strong — will sing the national anthem at the College of Southern Idaho basketball game on Saturday.

INSIDE TODAY'S PAPER

ISDB chief's departure raises questions

GOODING — Larry Iyer, interim superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, has resigned. Teachers at ISDB would not comment on the announcement.

INSIDE TODAY'S PAPER

Animal test results bill withdrawn, for now

BOISE — A controversial House bill regarding the disclosure of animal test results has been withdrawn, but will be revised and re-introduced Thursday as new legislation, said Agricultural Affairs Committee Chairman Tom Trull, R-Moscow.

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On 'Fifth District Court Judge Hohnhorst dead at 55': Sean Coletti: Judge Hohnhorst was a wonderful friend and mentor to me. I will really miss him.

IDAHO LOTTERY

Table with lottery results for Wednesday, Feb. 7. Includes Power Play #3, Wild Card, Pick 3, Pick 4, Pick 5, Pick 6, Pick 7, Pick 8, Pick 9.

IN TOMORROW'S EDITION

Lack of snow creates ideal conditions for exploring Idaho's backcountry. FRIDAY IN OUTDOORS



IDAHO/WEST

Aspiring comic, 11, banned from club

BOISE — To 11-year-old Trevor Houtledge, it's not funny. The aspiring comic, whose routine has drawn the attention of late night funnymen, has been banned from a comedy club because he's a minor.

Mistrial declared in Ft. Lewis court martial

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — The judge overseeing the court martial of an Army lieutenant who refused to deploy to Iraq declared a mistrial Wednesday, saying the soldier did not fully understand a document he signed admitting to elements of the charges.

Hispanic community 'young and involved'

BOISE — Idaho's Hispanic community is youthful, growing and voting in ever larger numbers, according to a new report that says the state's biggest minority group could play a larger role in Gem State affairs in years to come.

Middleton High kids return to burned school

MIDDLETON — Middleton High School students returned to their school's burned campus for classes Wednesday, less than a week after a massive fire burned 70 percent of their school building.

Elk shot outside park found to carry disease

BILLINGS, Mont. — An elk shot by a hunter outside Yellowstone National Park last fall carried a potentially debilitating tapeworm disease that can be transmitted by wolves, a state wildlife official said Wednesday.

NATION/WORLD

NASA to review tests after astronaut arrest

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA said Wednesday it would review its psychological screening process in light of an astronaut's arrest on charges he believed to murder a woman she tried to shove her rival for a space shuttle pilot's affections.

Officers, contractor indicted in Iraq scam

WASHINGTON — Three U.S. Army Reserve officers were indicted Wednesday, accused of taking part in a bid-rigging scam that steered millions of dollars for Iraq reconstruction projects to a contractor in exchange for cash, luxury cars and jewelry.

Foli: Most Americans want ties with Cuba

WASHINGTON — In nearly equal measure, Americans say they don't like Cuban President Fidel Castro but do want the United States to re-establish regular diplomatic relations with the communist island nation after 46 years of estrangement.

Four major employers join health care drive

WASHINGTON — Executives from Wal-Mart and three other major U.S. employers joined union leaders in calling for universal health care coverage by 2012 and urged the government to get involved.

Larry leads Boise. State past Idaho

BOISE — Reggie Larry scored 19 points and grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds Wednesday night as Boise State defeated Idaho 86-63 in a Western Athletic Conference game. Matt Nelson added 14 points and eight rebounds for the Broncos (12-10, 6-5 WAC), who lead Idaho for the 12th consecutive time dating back to 2001.

SPORTS



CSI baseball opens 2007 season tonight

TWIN FALLS — One way or another, the 2007 College of Southern Idaho baseball season will get off to a hot start. With today's forecast in Phoenix calling for a sunny high of 80 degrees, the Golden Eagles will gladly shed a few beads of sweat if it also means shedding their windbreakers for tonight's season opener at Phoenix College.

Declu upsets Kimberly

TWIN FALLS — Declu knew going into the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament second-place game against Kimberly that it had to either stop freshman Alex Pfeiffer or stop junior Kayla Hutcheson. Declu coach Val Christensen's game plan was to put senior Emily Ramsey on Pfeiffer and zone the rest. That plan turned out to be the right one, as Ramsey held the Bulldogs' leading scorer Pfeiffer to a single goal in a 59-50 win over Kimberly at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium on Wednesday.

Bruins' Heidenreich picks Western Oregon

TWIN FALLS — Go west, young man. Or, more precisely, Western Oregon. Jivin' Falls senior Ben Heidenreich has signed to play football for the Division II Western Oregon Wolves, where he expects to play tight end or defensive end. The Bruins tight end said the reason he got the opportunity is because the Wolves coaching staff sees the same potential in him as they did their exiting standout tight end, Kevin Boss.

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CORRECTION

This is Jeff Hutton

The wrong photograph was published with a short biography of Jeff Hutton in the 2007 College of Southern Idaho baseball roster page in Wednesday's edition. The Times-News regrets the error.



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Standoff

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 been looking for (him) since Tuesday night."
 Barnes appeared to be alone in the building, police said. By evening, Idaho Power had cut off electricity, and police had deployed a robot to help secure the building.
 Monica Soils, manager of the nearby Dairy Queen at 379-Adams Ave. W., said Barnes' friends entered the restaurant about 11 a.m., asking for a phone book.
 "They were scared," Soils said. "Afterwards the cops showed up everywhere."
 Barnes was sentenced Jan. 9 to probation, after pleading guilty to stabbing his mother with a kitchen knife in August, when he was 17. His mother told police he was upset with his girlfriend.
 After his sentencing, Twin Falls County Juvenile Prosecutor Julie Sturgill said

Barnes had a long history of alcoholism and violence.
 "He had hurt (his mother) before," Sturgill said. "But not like this."
 His parents, Don and Kathy Barnes, told police the stabbing Tuesday night occurred in their son's bedroom.
 Richardson, who was treated and released at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, told police that a bowl of tomato soup spilled on the carpet, according to an affidavit.
 Barnes began arguing with his mother as she cleaned the soup from the carpet. Richardson went to the bathroom and Barnes followed her, hit her, kicked her in the head, and then ran upstairs, according to the affidavit.
 When Joshua returned, Ms. Richardson said she had gone back into the bedroom and Joshua stabbed her in the right

hip and left breast," police said in the affidavit. "Ms. Richardson said she attempted to protect herself and grab the knife and in so doing received lacerations to her left hand."
 Photos taken by police show stab wounds as Richardson described them.
 When Barnes pleaded guilty to stabbing his mother he was sentenced as a juvenile to probation. But on Wednesday, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rosemary Emory charged him as an adult.
 "When Barnes, Sturgill said Barnes needed to be in a treatment program. "He has a terrible addiction and doesn't have the skills yet to fully address it."
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Colleges

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 three members of the House leadership, said, lowering the majority would ultimately raise property taxes — and could cause other unknown proposals to find their way on to ballots.
 They also said that new, appointed trustees would determine tax rates, and that the figures should be available when voters head to the polls.
 But the legislators' criticism — which committee chairman Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, did not mention when summing up the bill's "well-intent" — was that the legislation was premature.
 "We don't even know if there's a problem yet. There hasn't even been a vote," said House Majority Leader Mike Hoyle, R-Slat, who represents part of the Treasure Valley.
 Counties lacking a community college district — such as Ada and Canyon counties — still have the option of holding a general or primary election and generating the 2/3 percent majority. Hoyle said residents will have opportunities in the next two years to petition bond votes.
 But what remains unclear is whether Idaho's community colleges will incorporate into statewide community college district. Following the vote, Smith said that because his bill died there is "no doubt" legislation will be introduced again.
 The committee's decision came despite supportive testimony from Sen. John Goedde, R-Coeur D'Alene, who co-chaired the Legislature's inter-community college committee. He said legislation is being prepared to reduce the cap on property taxes in such scenarios.
 Goedde also said Smith's bill would eliminate the possibility of holding a vote during a primary election when voter turnout is typically low.
 Additional testimony came from a handful of business

lobbyists, including representatives of the Idaho Chamber of Commerce and Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, who said an additional community college would be an economic boost.
 CSI President Jerry Beck said he was disappointed that the bill was killed, but hopeful of something new.
 "We felt the bar was set too high and this just keeps the bar at the level that it's at," he told the Times-News. "If that's how the Legislature feels, then we will just have to move forward."
 State Board of Education President Laird Stone, a Twin Falls attorney, said there has been and will continue to be interest in establishing a community college district in the Treasure Valley and that something could appear on the ballot by fall elections.
 "I don't see it as a major set-

back," he said. "No one on that committee denied the need of a community college for the Treasure Valley."
 Otter — who had promised \$5 million to whomsoever formed the first district — remained optimistic.
 "We do hope that what the governor proposes will not surface and that it is still very much alive and ultimately lawmakers will come around," said Jon Hanian, his spokesman.
 Such a scenario is unlikely, lawmakers said after the decision. House Education Committee Chairman Rep. Bob Nomin, R-Coeur D'Alene — whose committee originally received the bill before it was transferred to the tax panel — assured him that the bill would have been approved had it not been moved to the Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Power

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 put megawatt hour to offset such fluctuations. The utility wants wind farm operators to pay that expense.
 Wind farm developers are paid an average of \$64 per megawatt hour for farms built in the area.
 Jeff Beaman, director of corporate communications for Idaho Power, said the cost is an average of what it costs Idaho Power to adjust flows at dams for backup energy.
 "If dams are already being fully utilized to produce energy for the benefit of customers," Beaman said, "This firming (backup) requirement places another demand on the hydro system."
 According to the report, hydroelectric generation is near capacity in Idaho. If addi-



Early capable full output during 85 percent of the month.

tional wind farms are added to the system, the state would have to consider alternative options, such as coal-fired power plants in order to provide backup electricity to wind farms.
 Beaman said the report is the first in what will be a lengthy discussion.
 "This is the beginning of a continued learning process of how wind will be integrated into an energy generating system," Beaman said. "Idaho Power recommends that the Utilities Commission sanction a workshop where all the interested parties put this study under the microscope and work through it together."
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The rollout of the security plan comes amid bombings and other acts of violence driven by sectarian fighting.
 "We are in a tough, tough situation," Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih said in an interview Wednesday. He said the full implementation of the plan will take time because it involves "the mobilization of a lot of resources and assets and the hope is that it will lead to a noticeable change in the security in Baghdad."
 On Wednesday, Foreign Minister Ishaq Zehari said investigators were questioning four members of the Iraqi armed forces detained Sunday after other members of their group kidnaped an Iranian diplomat in Baghdad. He said the government is pursuing "strong leads" in the abduction.
 "There is confusion as to their affiliation" within the armed forces, the minister said. Iraqi officials have said the U.S. government was responsible for the kidnapping, a charge U.S. officials deny.
 There has been no further information on the fate of the diplomat.

Iraq

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 Two U.S. military officials familiar with the latest helicopter crash investigation said the CH-46 Sea Knight apparently experienced equipment malfunction before crashing Wednesday morning. The reported crash was on a routine mission, the officials said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is underway.
 A ship owner who works near the crash site in Ganima, a rural area of orchards in al-Anbar province, said machine-gunning insurgents drove by his store at approximately 10:30 a.m., claiming to have downed the aircraft.
 The U.S. military's chief spokesman in Iraq said Wednesday that U.S. and Iraqi forces had begun a joint effort to secure Baghdad and troubled al-Anbar province.
 "The plan is being fully implemented as we speak," Maj. Gen. William Caldwell told reporters after being asked when the plan would start. "Not all aspects are in place at this point."
 "The plan is being led by Iraqi

officials and is designed to stop violence in the capital's volatile neighborhoods, Caldwell said. Officials have established nine new security districts in Baghdad and are creating dozens of security stations that Iraqi police and military officials will share with U.S. military personnel.
 "The key difference is, this time, it's an Iraqi-led plan," Caldwell said. "Not only are they planning it, they are leading it."
 The announcement was something of a surprise, because officials had lately issued contradictory and vague messages about the scope and timing of the plan. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told Tuesday urged his generals to move more quickly to get the plan off the ground.
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Couple

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 Elena Menotti, the archaeologist who led the dig.
 "As far as we know, it's unique," Menotti told The Associated Press by telephone from Milan. "Double burials from the Neolithic are unheard of, and these are even hugging."
 Archaeologists digging in the region have found some 300 burial sites, all single, as well as the remains of prosperous villages filled with artifacts made of flint, pottery and horns.
 Although the Mantua pair strike an unusual and touching pose, archaeologists have found other prehistoric burials in which the dead held hands or other contact, said Luca Bondioli, an anthropologist at Rome's National Prehistoric and Ethnographic Museum.

Bondioli, who was not involved in the Mantua dig, said the find has "more of an emotional than, a scientific value." But it does highlight how the relationship people have with each other and with death has not changed much from the period in which humanity first settled in villages, learning to farm the land and tame animals, he said.
 Menotti said the burial was "a ritual, but we have to find out what it means."
 Experts might never determine the exact nature of the pair's relationship, but Menotti said she had little doubt it was born of a deep sentiment.
 "It was a very emotional discovery," she said. "From thousands of years ago we feel the strength of this love. Yes, we must call it love."

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Who's impersonating whom?

Music Comes Alive as local personalities impersonate national celebrities to benefit the youth of Magic Valley.

Acts include: Dick Clark, Carrie Underwood, Garth Brooks, The Everly Brothers, Mariah Carey, Roy Rogers, Patsy Cline, Lee Greenwood, The Supremes, Al Jolson, Melina Dion, Merle Haggard, Anne Murray and Shirley Temple.

Performers include: Randy Hansen, Camille Cox, Summer Brander, The McBride Brothers, Gale Cartwright, Jack Van Buren, Debbie Kindred, Kody Reinster, Ethan Kulhanek, Carolyn Anderson, Brian Cole, Brandon Severe, Luke West, The Golden Moments, Camera Man, Burt Huish, Bob Hanchey and more.

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Report: Idaho Hispanic community is youthful, growing and involved

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Idaho's Hispanic community is youthful, growing and registered to vote in ever-larger numbers, according to a new report that indicates the state's largest minority group could play a larger role in public affairs in years to come.

The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs will introduce the report today at the Capitol, marking the second time it has collected the data from sources including the U.S. Census. The first was in 2005.

Over the past four years, the state's Hispanic population has increased by 22,000 people, or 22 percent, compared with a 6.5 percent rise in the non-Hispanic population. Hispanics now number more than 121,000 in the state, or nearly 9 percent of the population.

Nearly 43 percent of Idaho Hispanics are younger than 19, and their median age is 23, compared with 35 for whites.

The number of Hispanic registered voters increased to 19,000 in 2004, the latest year available, from 14,000 in 2002. Hundreds of thousands of Latino and Hispanic people across America, including in Idaho, marched last April in support of a federal overhaul of America's immigration poli-

Data on state's Hispanics

GROWING NUMBERS: Hispanics in 2005 made up 7.9 percent of Idaho's population, according to the first Hispanic Profile Project released that year. Two years later, the group numbers more than 121,000, or nearly 9 percent of Idaho's 1.4 million population, according to an updated report to be released Thursday.

YOUTH ON THEIR SIDE: The median age for Idaho's Hispanic community is just 23 — 12 years younger than whites, for whom the median age is 35.

WORKING: Just 6 percent of the Hispanic civilian workforce over the age of 16 is unemployed, compared with 4 percent of whites in that group.

ACCIDENT VICTIMS: Motor vehicle deaths account for almost four-fifths of total accidental deaths of Hispanics. The motor-vehicle death rate per 100,000 for Hispanics was 30.2, compared with 15.9 per 100,000 for non-Hispanics.

LANGUAGE BARRIER: Sixty-eight percent of Hispanic Spanish speakers 5 years and older speak English well, or very well; 32 percent spoke English not well.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER: 85 percent of Hispanics in Idaho are from Mexico.

GET OUT THE VOTE: Estimated registered Hispanic voters increased to 19,000 in 2004 from 14,000 in 2002. Seventy-four percent of registered Hispanic voters went to the polls in 2004's presidential election, up from 57 percent in the non-presidential 2002 election.

Leaders here say the activism shows the group carries the potential of shaping itself — and eventually yielding significant influence — in matters of public policy.

"One of our goals has been really trying to support the Latino vote," commission Director Margie Gonzalez said Wednesday. "We want to educate people on the importance of their voice being heard. The more we can get people edu-

ated, the stronger voice they are going to have at the public policy level."

Last week, for instance, Hispanic community leaders testified before the Senate State Affairs Committee in favor of a proposal calling for campaign reforms that they said would open politics to more minorities. The measure failed, but the speakers said they'll be back.

And last September,

Gonzalez's agency, in cooperation with other groups, held a candidate forum at the Nampa Civic Center, gathering four candidates or their representatives for governor and two for Idaho superintendent of schools.

"It was the first time a minority group (in Idaho) had become organized prior to elections," Gonzalez told The Associated Press, adding her group will now focus on getting Hispanic residents who registered to vote in 2006 to actually go to the polls in larger numbers.

Despite gains made in 2006, Hispanics, Gonzalez said, still face troubling inequalities remain.

For instance, nearly a third of Hispanics live below the federal poverty line, compared with just 12 percent of whites. The median household income for Hispanics was just \$27,292 — two-thirds the level of their white counterparts who, on average, make nearly \$41,000.

And although Hispanic people make up about 9 percent of Idaho's total 1.4 million population, they represent nearly 16 percent of those behind bars on crimes including drug dealing.

They lag white peers in schools, where those in the 3rd and 10th grades trail their non-Hispanic counterparts in reading, language and math.

Elk shot in Paradise Valley had disease often carried by wolves

The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — An elk shot by a hunter outside Yellowstone National Park last fall carried a potentially debilitating tapeworm disease that can be transmitted by wolves, a state wildlife official said Wednesday.

State officials are investigating whether the elk contracted the disease from a wolf, or if it came from a coyote or dog, which also carry the tapeworm, said Mel Frost, spokeswoman for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The tapeworm, *goussia*, causes large, debilitating cysts to grow on the internal organs of elk, cattle and other hoofed animals.

Granulosis can be dangerous to humans, with symptoms ranging from coughing to brain impairment, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But Frost said her agency is not concerned about transmission to the public because the disease is difficult to contract and does not spread between humans.

Regarding wildlife and livestock, she said there was no concern of a widespread outbreak.

Granulosis is found throughout the world, according to the CDC. It has been several years since Montana's last documented case, involving a moose in the northwestern part of the state, Frost said.

"A group that wants wolf numbers drastically reduced outside Yellowstone seized on the incident as evidence of the danger wolves pose to humans, livestock and other wildlife. The group, Friends of the Northern Yellowstone Elk Herd, has asked the Montana legislature to fund a lawsuit to force the federal government to take wolves off the endangered species list. The government announced a delisting plan two weeks ago, but anticipated lawsuits from conservation groups could delay its implementation.

Yellowstone wolf biologist Doug Smith refuted the suggestion that the diseased elk points to flaws in existing wolf management.

"It's just one of many wildlife diseases. There's hundreds of them. And it doesn't cause particularly excessive mortality in the wolves or the prey," he said.

Japan resumes U.S. potato imports, but not from Idaho

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan lifted a ban on fresh U.S. potatoes Wednesday on conditions that the U.S. side conduct soil tests, thoroughly wash off all dirt before shipping and exclude Idaho from a list of exporters, the Agriculture Ministry said.

Earlier last year, Japan allowed foreign potatoes into the country for the first time, confirming that quarantine measures to be taken by the

United States were adequate.

But Japan reimposed the ban on U.S. potato imports in April 2006 following the discovery of a potato root-eating pest in Idaho.

The microscopic worm, called the potato cyst nematode, feeds at the roots of potato plants and can reduce crop production by 80 percent. Officials say the pest is not harmful to humans and doesn't have any effect on the potatoes themselves.

On top of the current requirements — to brush off

brush or wash off all dirt from U.S. potatoes before they are exported to Japan, send them in sealed containers, and limit their use to processed potato chip snacks, Japan decided Wednesday it will allow imports of U.S. potatoes if the four new conditions will be taken by the U.S. side, the Agriculture Ministry said on its Web site.

The four conditions will be: to exclude Idaho from a list of export permissible states, to thoroughly check soil to confirm it is free from pest, the Ministry said. Potatoes will be produced other than those of seed tubers of Idaho used — a step taken until its efficiency of washing for Idaho-milled potatoes is confirmed.

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Arrested astronaut 'suffered a lot of mental anguish,' friend says, as NASA plans review

HOUSTON: (AP) — Lisa Novak chose a juggling act of dauntingly high difficulty: to be an astronaut and a mother of three.

Her background — high school valedictorian, Naval Academy graduate, test pilot — seemed to equip her for the challenge. Yet as she and some of her acquaintances acknowledged, the stresses on her and her family were extraordinarily intense.

On Wednesday, transformed from space hero to criminal suspect, Novak returned to Houston for a medical assessment, a day after she was charged in Florida with attempted murder and attempted kidnapping in what police depicted as a love triangle involving a fellow astronaut.

The woman viewed as a role model by the schoolchildren she often addressed was met on the tarmac by police and escorted into a waiting squad car after her release on bail. Her head was covered by a jacket. She faced a medical exam at Johnson Space Center.

NASA, at a loss to explain what went wrong, sought and retained its psychological screening process in light of Novak's arrest. The review will look at how astronauts are screened for psychological problems and whether Novak's



NASA astronaut Lisa Marie Novak is shown at left in a March 2005 photo provided by NASA, and at right in a Feb. 2007 photo provided by the Orange County, Fla., Sheriff's Department.

dealings with co-workers signaled complications.

Novak's children were with her husband, Richard, who works for a NASA contractor. She was being replaced as a ground communicator for the next space shuttle mission in March, a job in which she would talk to the astronauts from Houston during their flight.

Some part of any breakdown may have a rational explanation, but those who know Novak and NASA could sense the stress she was under.

Dr. Jon Clark, a former NASA flight surgeon who lost his wife, astronaut Laurel Clark, in

the 2003 Columbia disaster, said Novak provided invaluable support to his family then, at the cost of losing time with her own family.

"She was the epitome of making a very hectic career, making sacrifices to accommodate her family," Clark said in a telephone interview. "All those stresses can conspire to be overwhelming." Clearly she suffered a lot of mental anguish.

"There is a lot of marital stress in the astronaut corps in general — a huge amount," Clark said. "It's not unheard of for things to change into relationships that are

beyond professional." Clark also said there can be extra pressure on NASA's female astronauts — and the men, like himself, who marry them.

"They made more sacrifices than the 'Right Stuff' guys," he said, comparing women astronauts to the original all-male astronaut corps. "They have to balance two careers — to be a mom and wife and an astronaut. You don't come home at night, like most of the male astronauts, and have everything ready for you."

Clark expressed empathy with Richard Novak, who separated from his wife a few weeks ago after 19 years of marriage.

"He was a real low-key go-with-the-flow, unobtrusive person," Clark said. "You almost have to be to survive in the realm. It was hard on our minds to have my wife gone all the time, and eventually have her career surpass mine."

Lisa Novak grew up in Rockville, Md., where she was co-vice-president and member of the track team in high school. After graduating from the Naval Academy, she received a master's degree in aeronautical engineering, flew as a test pilot in the mid-1990s while caring for an infant son, and became a full-fledged astronaut in 1998.

Russert headlines for packed courthouse in CIA leak trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — NBC newsman Tim Russert drew the largest audience of Washington's hottest new courtroom reality drama Wednesday when he took the stand and testified against former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby.



Russert

The host of "Meet the Press" was to be the final government witness in a trial that for three weeks has provided a rare glimpse into the Bush administration and occasionally offered entertainment and gossip for news and political junkies.

Speaking before a packed courtroom, Russert said he never discussed a CIA operation during a July 2003 phone conversation with Libby. Libby has testified that, at the end of the call, Russert brought up war critic Joseph Wilson and mentioned that

Wilson's wife worked for the CIA. "That would be impossible," Russert testified Wednesday about such an exchange. "I didn't know who that person was until several days later."

Unlike previous witnesses who discussed the tense atmosphere inside the West Wing and revealed some of the administration's press strategies, Russert offered few fireworks. But the discrepancy between his account and Libby's is at the heart of the perjury and obstruction trial.

Libby is accused of lying to investigators about his conversations with reporters regarding Wilson's wife. CIA operative Valerie Plame was

During Libby's 2004 grand jury testimony, he said Russert told him "all the reporters know" that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA.

Novak acknowledges he had learned about Plame a month earlier from Cheney but says he had forgotten about it and learned it again from Russert as if new.

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FDA OKs first nonprescription sale of diet pill

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Dieters got a new tool Wednesday to help them take off the extra pounds — the first government-approved nonprescription diet pill.

The Food and Drug Administration said the fat-blocking weight-loss pill orlistat, which has been available by prescription, can be sold in a reduced-strength version over the counter.

The drug will be sold as "Alli" by GlaxoSmithKline PLC, London, the prescription version is made by Roche Holding AG.

The drug is intended for people 18 and older to use along with a reduced-calorie, low-fat diet and exercise.

Dr. Charles Ganley, FDA's director of nonprescription products, stressed that the drug is intended for use along with diet and exercise programs.

"Using this drug alone is unlikely to be beneficial," Ganley said at a telebriefing.

While some dietary supplements make weight-loss claims, Ganley said this is the first nonprescription drug approved by the agency for that purpose.

Ganley said in trials, for every five pounds people lost through diet and exercise, those using orlistat lost an additional two to three pounds.

Diet pill at a glance

OVER THE COUNTER: The Food and Drug Administration approved the first weight-loss pill to be sold in a reduced-strength version without a prescription.

EXERCISE CAUTION: Officials stressed that the pill, sold as "alli" and intended for people 18 and older, should be used in combination with a diet and exercise program.

FAT-BLOCKER: When taken with meals, the medication blocks the absorption of about one-quarter of any fat consumed.

consumed. That fat — about 150 to 200 calories worth — is passed out of the body in stools, which can be looser as a result. About half of patients in trials experienced gastrointestinal side effects.

The agency recommended users "take a multivitamin when using this drug."

The new drug would contain half the dose of nonprescription capsules. The price has not been set but is expected to run \$1 to \$2 a day, company officials said. The company estimated 5 million to 6 million Americans a year would buy the drug over the counter.

The Food and Drug Administration said the most common side effect of the product is a change in bowel

habits including loose stool and some oily spotting. Eating a low-fat diet will reduce the likelihood of this side effect.

FDA said people who have had organ transplants should not take OTC orlistat because of possible drug interactions. In addition, anyone taking blood-thinning medicines or being treated for diabetes or thyroid disease should consult a physician before using orlistat, the agency said.

GSK Consumer Healthcare, which will market the pill, said it chose the name alli to indicate a partnership with consumers in their weight-loss efforts.

"We know that being overweight has many adverse consequences, including an increase in the risk of heart

disease and type 2 diabetes," said Dr. Douglas Throckmorton, deputy director for the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

"OTC orlistat, along with diet and exercise, may aid overweight adults who seek to lose excess weight to improve their health," he said.

But Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe, director of Public Citizen's Health Research Group, called the approval "the height of recklessness." Wolfe said studies have associated the prescription version of the drug with precancerous lesions of the colon.

He has also called for withdrawal of the prescription version.

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EDITORIAL

Charges must stick to stop online predators

As admirable as it is for a law enforcement officer to go after online predators, starting the job is a lot easier than finishing it. Jerome County's dogged pursuit of online pedophiles may reaffirm that lesson to other counties in the future. From May 2004 to July 2006, Sheriff Jim Weaver and his deputies arrested 18 men, and charged them with sex offense crimes—a felony in Idaho.

But when the 18 cases went to prosecution, 17 of them had charges reduced, or were in the process of being reduced, to non-sex offenses. One case was dismissed by the judge.

Fortunately, more than half of those were guilty of felony injury to a child, meaning the felony will stay on their record for life. Others were pleaded down to misdemeanor charges.

But by pleading down to lesser non-sexual offense charges, the defendants can avoid monitoring by state agencies on the lifetime sex-offender registry.

If the sheriff's mission is to wipe out child predation on the Internet, those results aren't stacking up. The prosecution becomes a more rapid use of time and manpower if the charges don't lead to accountability that keeps the public safe.

It's uncertain whether the sheriff's probes culled strong evidence, or if former prosecutor Ion Nicholson III failed to prosecute the charges fully. Weaver claimed his evidence was compelling enough to stand up in court. Nicholson did not comment on the cases before stepping down on Jan. 31.

Local counties shouldn't give up the battle against online predators. But Jerome County's record obviously proves they have to be smarter in how they wage the fight. Whether Weaver should spend significant amounts of time chasing online sex offenders—some of them out of state—is a matter for the public to decide.

But one strategy that most improve is better coordination between the sheriff's office and the new county prosecutor, who will be picked in coming weeks by Jerome County commissioners.

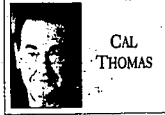
Twin Falls County's pursuit of online predators who seek sex with minors hasn't resulted in as many cases as Jerome County, but the final results show the charges can usually stick. Since late 2005, three of seven defendants charged with online enticement have been convicted. Two other cases are awaiting trial, and two others were convicted of attempted injury to a child.

A key component to that whole process is tighter collaboration between law enforcement officers and the county prosecutor. Twin Falls County prosecutor Grant Loeb and Twin Falls city police both participated in a 2005 training program in Washington D.C. to strengthen their efforts. Loeb said cases weren't prosecuted until all parties were properly trained.

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

Jerome County needs to seriously examine and follow that counsel. If county voters want online predators to be caught, convicted and stuck on a registry, they're not getting their money's worth.

Our view:
Jerome County must re-examine failed efforts to convict online predators with sex offenses. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



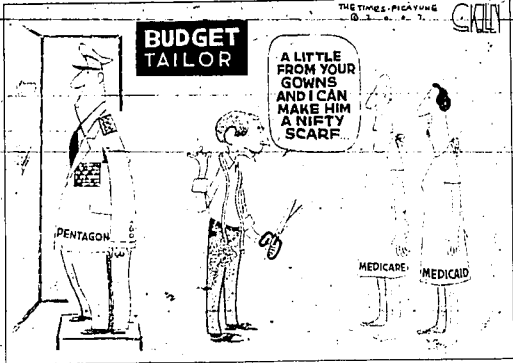
CAL THOMAS

Among the good is the president's proposal for eliminating money for 141 programs, saving \$12 billion over five years. While \$12 billion in a \$2.9 trillion budget is chump change, the elimination of outdated and unneeded government programs is a trend to be encouraged.

The president also wants to make the tax cuts permanent, but he'll be lucky if he just wins a brief extension of them. The tax cuts have had their desired effect. As Brian Riedel of The Heritage Foundation notes, current tax revenues following the rate cuts amount to 18.4 percent of GDP which is above the historical average. And 2006 tax revenues were \$47 billion above the level projected by the Congressional Budget Office before the 2003 tax cuts. "Supply-side economics," often derided by the Left, has again been proven to work. Less is more when it comes to taxes (less) and revenue (more).

Those awfully named "entitlements" are reduced in the president's budget proposal, saving \$9.5 billion over the next five years. Much of the

A 'spartan and skimpy' budget



Medicare would come from savings by slowing the growth of payments to hospitals and health-care providers and increasing premiums for those with higher incomes. That's called "means testing" and it has been needed for some time. Democrats, who believe in "soaking the rich," ought to favor this proposal, but they probably won't because, if they want to persuade people his is a "failed administration," they can't afford to allow the president to "win" anything. Both parties know that Medicare and especially Social Security need reform, but few want to do what is necessary for fear of being demagogued by the other party. As a result, little gets done and the coming disaster of the Medicare retirement of 77 million baby boomers draws ever closer.

The president again asks for a line-item veto he says will pass Supreme Court scrutiny and his request for money to continue the effort in Iraq is placed in the regular budget instead of hiding it in "emergency" spending bills, as has been done before. That's a major reason why the total

budget is so high. Bad things in the budget, as outlined by Citrus, Against Government Waste, include the failure to eliminate the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). Congress designed this monster to get at the super-rich who often managed to avoid paying any taxes, but the AMT hits a large share of the middle class every year. The proposed one-year "fix" of the AMT does not solve the problem it has inflicted on many middle-class taxpayers.

There is another ridiculous proposal for \$9 billion in loan guarantees for alternative energy sources and \$2.7 billion for advanced technologies. Haven't we been spending and pursuing such things for 30 years? This proposal will not bring us closer to energy independence, but it could raise prices and increase dependency on government handouts. Why not let the market and a political leadership that analyzes the country to change its behavior, decide such things?

The war aside (granted it's a pretty big aside), there is still too much in the budget that is

designed to meet public expectations. There are still too many people who believe they are owed something from the sweat of another's brow. These are people who are told from the earliest stages in life that they cannot make it without the help and money of others. Instead of being taught the life principles of those who have made it, they are taught the envy principles of those who have not.

That government has become a net cost for such people, instead of a last resort, grows the budget and expands the horizons of those who believe it is more blessed to receive than it is to give. Conservatives now praise a slowing of the rate of growth and social discipline, while liberals lament the "cuts in needed domestic programs."

Why can't government live within OIR means, instead of always having to live up to government's wants?

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Children of '80s quietly drift toward centrism

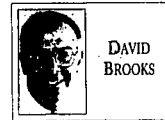
Last fall, I taught a political theory course at Duke University, as part of my lifelong quest to teach at every college I never could have gotten into out of high school. I asked my students to write a paper defining their political philosophy, because I thought it would be useful for them to organize their views into a coherent statement.

When I look back on those papers (which the students have given me permission to write about), I'm struck by the universal tone of post-boomer pragmatism.

Today's college students, remember, were born around 1987. They were 2 or 3 when the Berlin Wall fell. They have come into political consciousness under the impact of the jihad, polarization and Iraq. Many of them seem to have reacted to these hot-house clashes not by becoming embroiled in the zealotry but by quietly drifting away from that role politics made.

In general, their writing is calm, optimistic and ironical. Most students in my class showed an aversion to broad philosophical arguments and valued the readings that were concrete and even witty. Many wrote that they had moved lately toward the center.

Remington Kendall, for example, grew up on a struggling ranch in Idaho. His father



DAVID BROOKS

died when he was young, and his family was poor enough at times to qualify for welfare, though his mother refused it. Duke, with its affluence and its liberal attitudes, was a different universe.

Kendall arrived deeply conservative and remains offended by people who won't harden to support themselves. But he now finds himself, as he says, cursed by centrism—trapped between the Pat Robertsons on the right and the Democratic elites on the left, many of whom he finds personally distasteful.

He has come to admire the prairie pragmatists, like Montana's Lon Tester and Brian Schweitzer. In a long conversation with his brother Sage, who works on the ranch, Kendall decided that what the country needs is a party led by "entrepreneurial cowboy politicians" with a global perspective.

Jared Mueller grew up in a liberal enclave in Portland, Ore., and like Kendall is able to afford Duke thanks to financial aid.

He came to Duke with many conventional liberal attitudes, but he'd seen the failures of the schools in his neighborhood, where many of his smartest friends never made it to college. He's a big fan of school vouchers and now considers himself a moderate Democrat: "I'm a Democrat because I think the Democratic Party is a better vehicle for the issues I care about: balancing the budget, checking President Bush's foreign policy and curbing global warming. However, I'll switch to the Republicans in a heartbeat if I believe my ideas are better received in the GOP."

For many students, the mix of axis of their politics is not between left and right but between idealism and realism. They have developed a suspicion of sweepingly idealistic political ventures, and are now a fascinating mixture of youthful idealism and anti-utopian modesty.

They've been affected by the failures in Iraq (though interestingly, not a single one of them wrote about Iraq explicitly, or even wanted to grapple with the Middle East or Islamic extremism). But they've also seen government fail to deliver at home. A number wrote about the mediocrity of their local public schools. Several gave the back of their hand to the politics of

multicultural grievance. Many showed a visceral distaste for people who are overly certain or unable to see some truth in the other side. One student, Meng Zhou, quoted one of our readings from Heinrich Heine: "A too confident sense of justice always leads to injustice." Another, Kevin Troy, cited a passage from Max Weber's essay "Politics as a Vocation."

"Politics means slow, powerful drilling through hard boards, with a sense of passion and sense of proportion."

If Duke students are representative, then the United States is about to see a generation that is practical, anti-ideological, modest and centrist (in the fullest sense).

That's probably good news for presidential candidates like Rudy Giuliani and Hillary Clinton, whose main selling point is their nuts-and-bolts ability to get things done. But overall it's bad news for Republicans. While the GOP was once thought of as the practical, businesslike party—now most of my students see the Republicans as the impractical, ideological party with an interest in science issues as well as foreign and domestic policy.

That's not the way to win the children of polarization.

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LETTERS

Children with good grades should get right to vote

I think children 10-plus should be allowed to vote. I am an 11-year-old boy who thinks that decisions that the government makes now will affect every child's life when he or she is no longer a minor. Also, as a citizen of America, everyone has the right to vote.

A decision such as an act of war makes children of today have a chance of getting unwillingly sent to war. I also think that only a child with a B-plus grade average should obtain the right to vote. That would show a higher level of thought.

Children should be taught current events in school because it is important that every child knows what their heads of state are doing.

CALIB MARSHALL
Buhl

The poorest of the poor see small grocery credit

Out of the four grocery tax plans, it seems the most popular is the tax credit for every person who files a state income tax form.

My question is: What about the poor, elderly and disabled who live on incomes that are not taxed, do not file income taxes—do they get the break that the governor says is primary for the poor?

If you paid no wage taxes or you only have untaxed Social Security, you are left out and have no way to receive your credit.

Being single and disabled, I spend about \$200 per month on food. That's about \$144 per year in taxes. The \$90 credit is a little shot and better than nothing. I just wish I would have a way to apply for it.

MARK GRAMMER
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Give working Idahoans a chance with wages

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ROY D. CARR
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Fashion show sent a valuable message

I wish to take this opportunity to offer my kudos to the organizers of the Project

ModestWay Initiative (Times-News, Sunday, Feb. 4)

A great worthy project subsidized by "Those (models) were covered with fashion-conscious clothing and by personalities that showed everything by revealing nothing."

The bigger lesson is that our young women do not have to emulate Britney or Paris to better understand themselves

and justify their appearance.

I hope this effort by the women of the 7th Ward Young Women's group will gain a life of its own and continue to demonstrate the worthiness of modesty and class.

DR. RICHARD J. HILL
(Editor's note: Dr. Richard Hill is the superintendent of the Buhl School District.)

Solutions evade us on global warming

You could be excused for thinking that well soon do something serious about global warming. Last Friday, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) — an international group of scientists — concluded that, to a 90 percent probability, human activity is warming the Earth. Earlier, Democratic congressional leaders made global warming legislation a top priority, and 10 big U.S. companies (including General Electric and DuPont) endorsed federal regulation. Strong action seems at hand.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

tempt. These pronouncements (to take your pick) naive, self-interested, misinformed, stupid or dishonest. Politicians mainly want to be seen as reducing global warming when they're not. Companies want to polish their images and exploit markets created by new environmental regulations.

Anyone who honestly examines global energy trends must reach these harsh conclusions. In 2004, world emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂, the main greenhouse gas) totaled 26 billion metric tons. Under plausible economic and population assumptions, they'll grow to 40 billion tons by 2030, projects the International Energy Agency in Paris. About three-quarters of the increase comes from developing countries, two-fifths from China alone.

In 2005, the IEA expects China to pass the United States, as the largest source of CO₂.

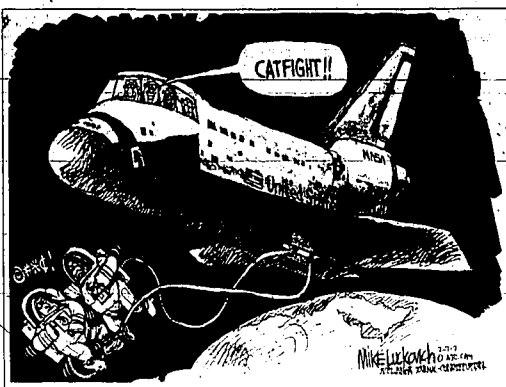
Poor countries won't sacrifice economic growth — low-

ering poverty, fostering political stability — to placate the rich world's global warming fears. Why should they? On a per person basis, their CO₂ emissions are only about one-fifth the level of rich countries. In Africa, less than 40 percent of the population even has electricity.

Nor will existing technologies, aggressively deployed, rescue us. The IEA did an "alternative scenario" that simulates a world where 1,400 policies to reduce fossil fuel use; for example, fuel economy for new U.S. vehicles was assumed to increase 30 percent by 2030. The result? By 2030, annual CO₂ emissions would rise 41 percent instead of 55 percent.

Since 1850, global temperatures have increased almost 1 degree Celsius. Sea level has risen about 7 inches. So far, global warming has been a change, not a calamity. The IPCC projects wide ranges for the next century: temperature increases anywhere from 1.1 degrees Celsius to 6.1 degrees; sea level rises anywhere from 7 inches to almost 2 feet. People might easily adapt, or there might be only a few deaths. (See flooding of coastal cities resulting from melting polar ice caps.)

I do not say we should do



nothing; but we should not delude ourselves.

In the United States, the favored remedy is "cap and trade." It's environmental grandstanding — politicians pretending they're doing something.

Companies would receive or buy quotas ("caps") to emit CO₂. To exceed the limits, they'd acquire some other company's unused quotas ("trade"). How simple. Just order companies to cut emissions. Businesses absorb all the costs.

But in practice, no plausible "cap and trade" program would significantly curb global warming. To do that, quotas would have to be set so low as to shut down the economy. Or the cost of scarce quotas would skyrocket — and be

passed along to consumers through much higher energy prices. Neither outcome seems likely. The program would be a regulatory burden with little benefit. It would be a bonanza for lobbyists and lawyers, as industries and localities besieged Washington for exceptions and special treatment.

What we really need is a more urgent program of research and development, focusing on nuclear power, electric batteries, alternative fuels and the capture of CO₂. Naturally, there's no guarantee that socially acceptable and cost-effective new technologies will result. But without them, global warming is more or less on automatic pilot.

Meanwhile, we could tem-

per our energy appetite. I've argued before for a high oil tax to prod Americans to buy more fuel-efficient vehicles. The main aim would be to limit in-scarce oil imports; but it would also check CO₂ emissions. Similarly, we might be better off shifting some of the tax burden from wages and profits to a broader tax on energy or carbon. That would favor more fuel-efficient light bulbs, appliances and industrial processes.

It's a debate we ought to have — but probably won't. Any realistic response would be costly, uncertain and no doubt unpopular. That's one truth too inconvenient for almost anyone to admit.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

For Mitt Romney, to flip is to flop — or not

In a world wary of flip-floppery, it is nearly impossible for a politician to change his mind without appearing unprincipled.

Just ask Republican Mitt Romney. Who says, Romney was pro-choice before he was pro-life.

A YouTube video shows Romney during a 1994 debate with Sen. Ted Kennedy in which he supports abortion and gay rights. After being elected governor of Massachusetts in 2002,

Romney opposed same-sex marriage and became a pro-life champion, notably by opposing cloning and embryo farming.

The debate, at least as edited for YouTube, is painful to watch if only because Romney says, in so sure a confident, precise, eager-to-please. A grayer Romney today displays equal certitude, even as he seems to reverse himself.

Did Romney change his tune for political gain? Or did he risk his political future by changing his mind?

In fact, Romney has never supported same-sex marriage, which wasn't even on the table in 1994 when he said he supported "full equality" for gays. In the context of the times, equality generally meant protecting gays from overt hostilities. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling to allow same-sex marriage wasn't until Nov. 18, 2003.

On life issues, Romney isn't the first person to change his mind and elude serious critics. Technological advances have



KATHLEEN PARKER

forever changed the abortion debate, allowing us to see what we weren't able to see before and making ethical decisions all the more challenging. Knowledge may be power, but it's also a pain in the neck sometimes.

Embryonic stem cell research, on the other hand, is so abstract and complex that most Americans probably can't explain what it is exactly. They just know that pro-lifers, generally associated with the

religious right, are against it; and Michael J. Fox is for it. In a popularity contest, Fox wins over Michael.

Romney found the stem cell debate so complicated that he called in the nation's top scientists for a private tutorial. What many Americans may not know about is Romney's that he's a nerd. A Harvard-educated work.

After studying the data, Romney decided that life begins at conception.

Explaining his position on cloning in a March 2005 opinion piece for The Boston Globe, he wrote:

"Once cloning occurs, a human life is set in motion. Calling this process 'somatic cell nuclear transfer' or conveniently dismissing the embryo as a mere 'clump of

cells,' cannot disguise the reality of what occurs."

From that position, all other life decisions flow. If you believe that life begins when an embryo forms, then you can no longer support abortion or research that destroys embryos.

All of which is to say that Romney did the nerd-work thing he studied, he listened, he changed his mind.

Unfortunately, the flip-flop factor has shifted focus from other issues of greater concern both to Romney and most Americans, including

the war in Iraq and terrorism. You have to be not dead before you can enjoy the luxury of defining life.

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Drive-by shooting bill clears Idaho Senate panel

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — An anti-gang bill aimed at boosting punishment of drive-by shooters passed the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee Wednesday. The measure would raise the

maximum prison term for a drive-by shooting at an occupied house or vehicle to 15 years, from five years now. It will now be debated by the full Senate.

Heather Reilly, a lobbyist with the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association, said the

bill grew out of the fatal shooting of 14-year-old April Buenrostro, a Meridian high-school student who died last April when a man fired an estimated 10 shots into a crowded apartment in west Boise. Three other people were injured.

Several anti-gang laws were

passed by the 2006 Legislature, including making gang recruiting and providing gangs with firearms illegal. Last year's measures also extended sentences for gang-related crimes.

After the girl's death in April, however, prosecutors felt additional measures were needed.

Reilly said. "That was the catalyst for us to attempt to address this issue," Reilly told The Associated Press.

Kenneth E. "Fico" Elcock, 26, initially charged with first-degree murder in that case, pleaded guilty in October in 4th

District Court in Boise to second-degree murder, as well as three counts of aggravated battery and one of aggravated assault.

Gang-related drive-by shootings aren't uncommon in southwestern Idaho, in particular in Nampa and Caldwell.

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Agriculture lab tests bill to be revised

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — A controversial House bill regarding the disclosure of animal test results has been withdrawn, a committee chairman said Tuesday.

House Bill 59, which would seal test results from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, will be revised and re-introduced Thursday as new legislation, said Agriculture Affairs Committee Chairman Tom Trull, R-Moscow.

The bill will be rewritten following controversy and feedback from lobbyists and environmentalists who said the proposal's intentions were vague.

Sill, under the new bill — expected to be sponsored by Rep. Dan Holz, R-Caldwell — agriculture department test results will remain confidential, said John Chaburn, deputy administrator in the IDA's division of animal industries.

"There was a lot of misunderstanding about what the bill said," Chaburn said. "It doesn't involve environmental stuff. It never did."

Chaburn said the revision changes the wording in the proposal from "records" to "test results from the Department of Agriculture."

The bill is designed to encourage people to participate in voluntary disease control for animal, human and plant health, Chaburn said, and because businesses in the seed industry did not think it was appropriate for the records to be made public.

The agency has said it sends tests involving environmental issues to non-IDA labs, and those test results would remain public.

Sen. Tom Cannon, R-Boise, said Wednesday that he does not support the bill as originally written.

"They probably need to rethink it," he said. Cannon said part of the problem is that the records would be "raw data" and need to be "synthesized." But the test results ultimately should be publicized, he said.

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IDAHO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND Interim superintendent quits

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

GOODING — His departure is raising questions.

Haye Lyster, interim superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, has resigned. Laird Stone, president of the state Board of Education, made the announcement Wednesday.

Stone told ISDB staff that Mary Dunne, an employee of the school and its Outreach programs for 35 years, would replace Lyster, effective immediately.

Teachers at ISDB would not comment on the announcement, some citing fear of dis-

ciplinary action. But many said they were left with several unanswered questions.

Neither Lyster nor the state board would comment on the reasons behind the sudden resignation. Stone was not available for comment as of press time.

The state board said Lyster submitted his resignation on Tuesday, but Lyster told the *Times-News* "the board had decided that it was time for a change in leadership."

Mark Browning, communications officer for the ISDB, said the board could not comment on details behind Lyster's resignation.

"The board would not talk

about it because it's a personal matter," he said. "But I'm sure that the board considered Dunne's three decades of knowledge and experience as a part of their decision."

Lyster has worked for ISDB for more than six years at both its Boise office and its main campus in Gooding. He has been in the forefront of significant changes, which include the reallocation of resources from the main campus to the school's Outreach programs throughout Idaho.

The changes have fueled the nearly decade-long debate about the future of the school.

More than three years ago, Lyster replaced Angel Ramos, a former superintendent of the ISDB who also resigned amid a controversy about how he was running the school. Ramos quit after receiving a \$150,000 settlement, and details of his separation from the state school were never released.

Employees at ISDB said they had mixed emotions about Lyster's departure.

"I wish I knew if he had plans after leaving the ISDB, Lyster said. "Not really, I have been here 3 1/2 years, and I think it's time for me to stop back and refocus on what I'm going to do next."

EXTRA EFFORT



Christine Locker, 18, shows Twin Falls Shriners Ambassador Wayne Moberg X-rays of her back after surgeons placed a rod on her spine to correct damage done by scoliosis. Locker, a Filer High School senior, took the opportunity to coordinate scoliosis screenings Wednesday for 50 Filer Elementary students.

Preventative maintenance

FHS Senior goes extra mile for graduation project

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Christine Locker, 18, decided in seventh grade to play basketball. She had been a member of the school's basketball team and had to undergo a brief physical before joining the team. During the routine checkup, Locker instantly knew the nurse was concerned.

"It was kind of weird because I had never played basketball before and I haven't wanted to since. As part of the exam the nurse said to bend over and touch my toes," Locker said. "When I did she gasped, 'Oh my.'"

Locker's family learned that she suffered from scoliosis, or curvature of the spine. It could have caused paralysis or even death if it had progressed unchecked.

During her sophomore year

she underwent back surgery, from which it took a year to fully recover.

As a high school senior Locker, like all potential graduates, has to complete a special project. This gave her the opportunity to coordinate with two area nurse practitioners to provide scoliosis screens Wednesday for Filer Elementary School students.

Anna Hawker, a nurse practitioner with Twin Falls Orthopedics said that it doesn't require much to see if a student's spine is curved.

"First we just look to check for body symmetry and then we have the student bend over and again check for symmetry," Hawker said. "It's usually pretty obvious because if the spine is bent it throws the whole body off."

Shauna Locker said that her daughter's symmetry was very off. "One shoulder was about three inches higher than the other one. She's doing so much better now."

Hawker and Nurse Practitioner Janice Carter with A to Z Family Care in Twin-Falls were on hand to

provide scoliosis screens to about 50 students.

"Two to four out of 100 people usually have scoliosis," Hawker said. "Although girls seem to exhibit more severe symptoms."

Scoliosis is easier to treat if it is caught early enough. Treatment, however, can be costly. A back brace can cost \$1,500 and surgery is usually out of reach for most families. In just one case a student was flagged with scoliosis. Wayne Moberg of Filer, ambassador with the Twin Falls Shriners, was on hand to explain to parents how their organization can help.

"If a student seems to have scoliosis we are going to try and get the parents down here right away," Moberg said. "We want to get an application filled out to see if the child qualifies for our help. There are no cash registers in a Shriners' hospital."

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Power agreement OK'd on second try

By Chip Thompson
For the Times-News

BURLEY — The second time was charmed for the Intermountain Power Project proposal.

Measures to provide affordable power to fuel expected growth passed Tuesday in both Burley and Hayburn.

In Burley, 360 votes were cast with 264 in favor and 96 opposed. The measure passed with a 73 percent majority.

In Hayburn, 176 ballots were marked, with 122 in favor and 54 opposed. This represents a 69 percent majority.

The measure required a

supermajority of 66.6 percent to pass.

The passage of the measure will allow each city council to enter into an agreement with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) to purchase power from a planned coal-fired plant to be built in Delta, Utah. The proposed plan is named Intermountain Power Project or IPP.

The agreement to purchase future power, at a favorable rate, will give UAMPS the ability to generate money for construction of the plant. Local money is not expected to be paid until power production begins, and then only to purchase power.



Pool workers, from left, Marzi Petli, Helen Haynes, Lois Dutton and Ruth Baker work their polling station at Burley City Hall during Tuesday's Intermountain Power Project election. The measure passed with a supermajority in both Burley and Hayburn.

IDAHO LEGISLATURE

Hearing on CAFO testimony bill scheduled for next week

BOISE — A hearing has been scheduled for next week on a bill that would allow testimony by people living farther than one mile from confined-animal feeding operations.

The hearing on Senate Bill 1056, sponsored by Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Keetchum, will be Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. in the Gold Room in the Statehouse.

Stennett has proposed allowing testimony on county confined-animal feeding operators by affected people from outside a one-mile radius from the proposed site.

Currently, state law permits testimony only from those whose primary residences are

within a mile of a proposed operation, unless a county chooses to expand that radius.

The bill has evolved into particular interest in the Magic Valley, where controversy has been aroused over a possible 18,555-animal operation in Jerome County near the Mindokla Internment National Monument. The application was withdrawn recently, but is expected to be modified and resubmitted.

Wolf delisting proposal to be announced today

BOISE — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will announce today its official proposal to

de-list gray wolves in Idaho, according to the governor's Office of Species Conservation.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission will allow 60 days and likely another 30-day extension for public comments, said James L. Caswell, administrator of the Office of Species Conservation.

Caswell on Wednesday told the House Business and Conservation Committee that the commission will unveil a wolf plan — including where they can be hunted and how many tags will be issued — in 10 to 12 months.

A bill proposed by Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, and Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, would

keep the price of tags for gray wolves at \$9.75, the same as for black bears and cougars. It is expected to have a hearing Feb. 14, said Senate Business and Environment Committee chairman Gary J. Schroeder earlier this week.

Businesses can lease state land up to 49 years

BOISE — The House Resources and Conservation Committee approved Wednesday a modified bill that allows businesses to lease state land for up to 49 years.

The bill, which was proposed on behalf of Blightline Energy, a wind turbine compa-

ny looking to expand its operations in southern Idaho, would permit commercial leases on state land for up to 49 years. Currently, only leases for use of stone, coal, oil, gas or other minerals can be longer than 10 years.

The amended bill extends 10-year leases for businesses involved with the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, a joint state and federal plan that aims to conserve water by paying farmers not to irrigate. In exchange for keeping land dry, farmers collect about \$130 per acre for 15 years, or about \$150,000 total.

Idaho Legislature 2007

Bowling for smoke

Lawmaker tries again for ban

By Jared Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — A Caldwell lawmaker will try again to ban smoking at bowling alleys, one of the few public places exempted from the Idaho Clean Indoor Air Act.

Similar efforts in the past have failed.

The House Health and Welfare Committee approved the proposal on Tuesday.

Rep. Robert Ring, R-Caldwell, said that although many bowling alleys voluntarily ban smoking, "legislation is needed because tobacco smoke in bowling alleys turns away families, schools and contributes to obesity in children."

He said that bowling alley owners have told him that without smoke, their businesses have turned more profitable and, although beer sales have declined, soda sales have increased and made up for such losses.

"It sounds like you're daunted if you do and you're daunted if you don't do it," said Rep. Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain Home.

Ring said he has conferred with the Bowling Proprietors Association of America and the group rejected the proposal.

A hearing will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Compiled by staff writer Jared S. Hopkins. He can be reached at (208) 343-0901 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

Snowpack Levels

Location	Water	Ice	Peak
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Salmon	67%	45%	
Big Wood	62%	40%	
Little Wood	62%	40%	
Big Lost	61%	38%	
Little Lost	60%	43%	
Big Lost	59%	44%	
Upper Snake Basin	68%	45%	
Oakley	75%	52%	
Salmon Falls	69%	46%	

As of Feb. 7

* A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.

** An indicator of basin snowpack in the winter season, which peaks in



OBITUARIES

Howard Dale Schneider

BURLEY — Howard Dale Schneider, 76, of Burley passed away Feb. 6, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho, of complications of surgery.

He was born April 19, 1930, in Fremont, Neb., to Meta and Roy Schneider. He was a graduate of school in Rupert, Idaho. He then started driving for Orho McConell and then for Klopfer Concrete for 35 years, retiring from there in the fall of 1981. Howard was a member of the Elks for 33 years, where he was the winter several times at their father-son banquets for having the most sons. Howard loved to fish, camp and travel.

Troy H. Gudgell

TWIN FALLS — Troy H. Gudgell, 67, of Twin Falls, died suddenly from an accidental gunshot wound while ice fishing at Gray's Landing at Salmon Dam near Rogerson, Idaho.



Troy was born Aug. 9, 1960, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Calvin and Mary Ledbetter Gudgell. He grew up and attended school in Kimberly, graduating in 1980. Troy married Marsha Murray in 1983. They were later divorced. From this union, Martin Tyler Gudgell was born. Troy married Kristen Hansen in 1985. They were later divorced. From this union, Tyson and KC Gudgell were born. Troy worked for many years at the Traveler's Oasis before starting his own contracting business. He was a gifted and talented carpenter. He also worked side by side with Mary Lou in her personal business here in Twin Falls. Troy and Mary Lou attended Kimberly Christian Church in Kimberly.

Troy loved being in the outdoors. Whether it be fishing, hunting, hiking or camping, he was at home in the mountains or nearby lakes and streams. He embraced the saying, "I had my fishing, better than a good day of work." The fresh mountain air and clear blue skies, moonlight nights and star-studded skies would always give Troy the revitalization he needed to get back to "his life." He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He always had a smile

on his face and a twinkle in his eyes. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. We will miss you, Troy, and we will always love you.

Troy is survived by Mary Lou Webb of Twin Falls, his children, Tyson Gudgell of Kimberly, Tyler Gudgell of Floravista, NM; Ben (Bucky) Webb of Boise and Matt (Mindy) Webb of Mountain Home; his mother, Mary Gudgell of Kimberly; as well as three brothers, Ed (Kathy) Gudgell of Hansen; Robbie Gudgell of Nevada; and his twin brother, Roy (Terri) Gudgell of Twin Falls, and his two sisters, Freda (Rick) Beard of Tetonia, and Rita (Kent) Bates of Wendell. Also surviving are his two granddaughters, Mercedes and Hunter Webb; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He also had a close and special bond with Mary Lou's stepdaughter, Kristin Hansen. He is survived by his two grandsons who can express and only our hearts can bear this loss. We are blessed for the time we shared with Troy on this earth. He was preceded in death by his father, Calvin Gudgell, and sister, Millie Ann.

A celebration of Troy's life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2366 Johnson Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Stuehman, Rector of the Kimberly Christian Church officiating. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions to defray expenses be left with Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

at 2 p.m. Friday at the Heyburn LDS Ward Chapel, 530 Villa Drive; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel, 321 E. Main St.

Brain J. Schmidt of Filer, funeral at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Filer LDS Church, 841 W. Midway; friends and family may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Monastery, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Thomas J. O'Halloran of Dayton, Ky., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

Robert Dean Webster of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Paul United Methodist Church, 127 W. Clark St.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Dorothy E. Ratcliff Rose of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A (Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematory in Jerome).

Terrell Gene McCaskill of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall, 2628 Whispering Willows Drive in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Dorothy M. Cutler of Halley, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Wood River Chapel in Halley.

Nikolay M. Ozernaya of Meridian, burial at 10 a.m. today at the Meridian Cemetery (Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City).

James "Jim" Christ of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

Elmer L. Meyer of Gooding, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Friday at the Gooding United Methodist Church; viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Demary's Funeral Chapel.

Robert J. Barnes of Hagerman, graveside service and interment at 11 a.m. Friday at the Joplin Cemetery, 4700 E. Children in Meridian (Sundberg-Ohlin Mortuary in Orem, Utah).

Marion Tennant Hugenboller of Orem, Utah, funeral at noon Friday at the Sharon park LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 310 N. 100 E. in Orem, Utah; friends may call one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be at noon Saturday at the Rupert Cemetery.

Timothy Darren Buster of Twin Falls, service will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Demary's Funeral Chapel in Gooding (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

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Gary Neal Masoner, funeral

Judge John Charles Hohmhorst

TWIN FALLS — Fifth District Judge John Charles Hohmhorst, 77, of Twin Falls passed away Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, in Salt Lake City.



Surviving are his wife, Marilyn, three children, Larry Schneider, Kathie (Rick) Brown and Kevin Schuler, all of Burley. Kerry (Brenda) Schneider of Ogden, Utah, Kim (Karen) Schneider of West Haven, Utah, Therese Watkins of Pocatello, Idaho, Doree (Ellen) Watkins of Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Mike (Janie) Watkins of Norman, Okla.; his 16 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. His parents, Robert Ralph and sister, Joyce, preceded him in death.

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He made two trips to Puerto Rico, two trips to Italy and several trips to Florida, Oklahoma and Texas to visit family.

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He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. Throughout his life, he remained a loyal member of the organization. In August 1978, he entered the private practice of law with the Twin Falls firm of Hopworth, Mangestor & Felton, and was made a partner in 1981. He maintained a busy and successful civil litigation practice for 23 years and was very proud of what he was able to accomplish for his clients. He particularly excelled in appellate advocacy. During these years, he served as president and secretary of the Idaho State Bar, as president of the 5th District Bar, and as a member of the University of Idaho College of Law Advisory Committee. He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, and a member of the Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, the American Bar Association, the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the American Agricultural Law Association.

Hohmhorst was appointed to the 5th District Bench by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in 2001, where he has served with distinction. While the intellectual challenge of his cases always energized him, it was his ability to make positive contributions to his community that most satisfied him.

He served on many Supreme Court committees and was a

leader amongst his peers. As a judge, he was respected for his legal knowledge, work ethic and commitment to justice.

Hohmhorst married the late Casper of Idaho Falls on Dec. 29, 1973. They are the parents of three children, Jennifer, Rachel and John, all of Burley. He is also survived by a brother, Charles Hohmhorst of Jerome, mother-in-law, June Casper, Twin Falls; sisters-in-law, Mauna (Rocky) Eller of Twin Falls and Juneal (David) Kerrick of Caldwell; brother-in-law, George (Shar) Casper of Pocatello; nephews, Tom Hohmhorst, Sam Eller, and Ryan Eller, residing locally; plus numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister-in-law, Marge Hohmhorst.

John and his family were most appreciative during his illness for the consideration and assistance given by his fellow 5th District judges, 5th District Trial Court Administrator Linda Wright, the Twin Falls County Court House staff, and the legal community. He attended school in Downey and Montpelier, Idaho, where he graduated in 1938. He was very active in music and acting productions. He also carried a varsity letter in wrestling, boxing, track and basketball. In 1940, he attended Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho, where he met his future bride, Alice Randall. He moved to Ogden, Utah, while he trained for the law and attended law school at the Utah State Bar School as an aircraft mechanic and worked at Hill Field Army Air Base.

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Emmett Guy Whitaker

BOISE — Emmett Guy Whitaker, 86, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, holding the hand he loved most, his wife Alice.



Emmett was born on Sept. 24, 1920, in a farm house in Downey, Idaho, to Guy T. Whitaker and Elva W. Alice Whitaker. Ira died before Emmett's third birthday and he was raised by his grandparents, Thomas and Mary Ann Whitaker, and a very loving family of coppersmiths. His father remarried in 1927 to Myra Jensen, and they blessed him with siblings, Cloe (who died at the age of 2), Melvin and Marquette. Melvin and Marquette were a savvy letter in wrestling, boxing, track and basketball. In 1940, he attended Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho, where he met his future bride, Alice Randall. He moved to Ogden, Utah, while he trained for the law and attended law school at the Utah State Bar School as an aircraft mechanic and worked at Hill Field Army Air Base.

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work as head custodian of Meridian High School. Emmett enjoyed the kids and staff—and he was a great favorite with them. Emmett and Alice both retired in 1986 and continued their passion for camping and fishing and spending time in the mountains. They spent eight great summers as campground hosts for the U.S. Forest Service at Alturas Lake in the Stanley Basin area. They met many interesting people while hosting at Alturas and many of these remained their family of friends. Family members and many friends have wonderful memories of camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, sitting around the campfire, and playing boisterous games on the picnic table.

Emmett loved being with his family and he will remain their hero. He is described by one niece as "grace under pressure." He had a delightful sense of humor. His children "will probably never know the real words to songs because they only heard the crazy words he sang. Grandpa often waited with delight to hear Grandpa's comments because they knew they would be treated to a bizarre twist of words and great puns. We all spent many happy hours around the campfire, singing, playing cards and other card games. His grandkids were not satisfied with a visit with grandpa without a game of cards. Emmett and Joan would spend hours struggling with crossword puzzles he had a command of the English language that allowed him to play loosely with many words and kept us all laughing. Emmett brought stability and joy to everything he did, even joking with his nephews. He was a man who lived with dignity. He lingered long enough to hear once more the voice of his wife, Alice. He then left his weary body for a new and whole body in which he walks freely on streets of gold.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Alice Randall Whitaker; two children, a son, Steven Whitaker (wife, Cynthia); and a daughter, Joan Kauffman (husband, John). Emmett had three grandchildren, Jeff Kaufman (Leanne), Joe Kaufman and Stephanie (Whitaker) McCordell (Jake); and six great-grandchildren, Desiree, Brendon, Sierra, Joshua, Ashton and Rylee. He is also survived by his brother, Melvin Whitaker (James) of Brigham City, Utah; and his sister, Marquette Tolman (Dr. Frank) of Honeyville, Utah; and other loving family members.

A memorial celebration of Emmett's life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Boise First Congregational Church, 2201 Woodlawn Ave. in Boise, Idaho. Memorials may be sent to Mount Kinport Lodge No. 95, AF and AM, 535 N. Arthur, Pocatello, ID 83204, or a charity of your choice.

Col. Phillip N. McGaha, Ph.D.

TWIN FALLS — Col. Phillip N. McGaha, Ph.D., went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at his home with his wife, Margaret, by his side after an almost six-year valiant battle with cancer.



He was born August 23, 1939, to two boys on Nov. 19, 1933, in Brevard, N.C., to Phillip Samuel and Mary Henderson McGaha. He and his brother were raised on a small farm, learning how to maintain the farm animals and raise corn and hay. Their father taught them how to hunt, and they were able to provide ample game for the family.

In 1952, Phillip graduated from the University of North Carolina. He attended Warren Wilson College, graduating with an AA degree in 1954. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in the Army Engineers and, upon completion of his training, served in Germany for three years, primarily in France and Germany. After his discharge, he was in the Army Reserves, but after his unit was activated, he entered the U.S. Air Force, where he served for 17 years at various posts, including Panama, N.Y., and at NORAD in Colorado Springs, Colo. While in the Air Force, he was an air crew member, weapons and radar specialist and was involved in military intelligence operations from 1953 through the Air Force while serving at the Pentagon.

After completion of his active duty, he again served in the reserves where he achieved the rank of colonel. He started Civil Construction in Colorado Springs, later worked for Lockheed Aircraft Corp. in Saudi Arabia, working with the Saudi Air Force, and later worked as a senior systems engineer with SAC in Italy, Saudi Navy and in the U.S. Intelligence arena. After his retirement, he lived in the

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Bush budget stresses money for border fence, enforcement

By Jennifer Talbain
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush's budget proposal released this week would expand — but not finish — the sections of border fence under construction in Arizona and add 3,000 new Border Patrol agents.

The wish list sent to Congress on Monday requests an additional \$1 billion to build more of the fence at the border with Mexico and to expand the "virtual fence" of lights, cameras and surveillance equipment.

The additional Border Patrol agents would enable Bush to almost reach his goal of doubling the size of the Border Patrol's 20,000 numbers, bringing the force to 17,819. He also would add 950 new beds for detaining illegal immigrants until they can be returned across the border.

But advocates on both sides of the immigration debate

said — Wednesday — that the numbers were virtually meaningless.

Those who want tougher border security pointed out that the Democratic-controlled Congress will write the 2008 budget, and the Democrats are unlikely to heed Bush's request.

"If he wanted this kind of attention focused on the border, he should have given it to us when we were in control," said Carlos Espinosa, a spokesman for the Colorado Republican Rep. Tom Tancredo, long a critic of Bush for being soft on immigration.

"This is just for show." Backers of a guest worker program for foreigners said fences won't stop the hundreds of thousands of immigrants pouring over the border for better jobs each year.

"We need a comprehensive immigration reform bill if we're going to solve the problem. We also need to improve our relations with Mexico,"

said Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, an Arizona Democrat whose district borders Mexico. "There're just too many people (trying to cross). It's not possible to catch everybody."

Bush also supports overhauling the nation's broken immigration policy with a bill that would create a guest worker program and provide a path to citizenship for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the country already.

But his proposal is a nod to a bill approved last year by the Republican-controlled Congress, which demanded a 700-mile border fence. His \$1.5 billion request adds to the \$1.5 billion Congress approved for 2005 and 2007.

Arizona wants to complete 370 miles related to the freeze have come from Tulare County, said Victoria Bradshaw, the governor's labor secretary. "This is an economic disaster for California," Bradshaw said. "It's important that there be a federal component because the state and the communities don't have the resources to handle it."

Though the state aims to reach out to all affected workers regardless of their immigration status, there are some programs that require documentation, she said. Growers may not discover the freeze's long-term effects on their crops until next season, said Kerry Whitson, a Tulare County farmer.

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The bill, sponsored by the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, would give the local boards authority to change their by-laws or adopt a resolution, said Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, who will sponsor the bill.

The bill is not expected to have any financial impact on the state.

Compiled by Statehouse reporter Jared S. Hopkins.

Colo. House committee votes to abolish death penalty

By Steven K. Paulson
Associated Press writer

DENVER — A House committee voted Wednesday to abolish the death penalty and use the savings from prosecuting and defending death penalty cases to look at old unsolved cases after witnesses said they wanted police to catch the people who killed their loved ones.

Rep. Paul Weissmann, D-Louisville, said the money spent defending and prosecuting death penalty cases could be better used to resolve 1,200 unsolved murders since 1970.

Weissmann, a Democrat from Louisville, said the state could save about \$2 million a year that is spent prosecuting and defending death penalty cases. He said only one person has been executed in Colorado since 1967.

"To me, that's a terrible bang for the buck," Weissmann said.

The House Judiciary Committee approved the measure on a 7-4 vote and sent it to the House

Appropriations Committee.

The legislation (House Bill 1094) would use the savings to help finance the forensic unit, the chemistry laboratory case until in the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. It would also allow local law enforcement agencies and relatives of victims to request help solving old cases.

Adams County District Attorney Don Quick said lawmakers were making a mistake tying funding for cold case files to the death penalty. He said they were separate issues and lawmakers were taking away a valuable tool for crime prevention.

Relatives of victims testified, some in tears, that police were not doing enough to solve old cases.

Cynthia Renkel told lawmakers she believes the 1990 slaying of her sister, Mary Vidpando, 24, who was beaten to death in Colorado Springs, is a case that could benefit from the renewed focus.

"This is a case that can be solved," the told lawmakers.

New bills would provide more than \$1.2 billion to California growers and workers affected by freeze

By Ofria Munoz
Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Federal lawmakers announced bills Wednesday to provide more than \$1.2 billion in grants, low-interest loans and assistance to growers and workers affected by a recent crop freeze, last year's heat wave and flooding.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., introduced a bill Wednesday that would provide help to communities that lost an estimated \$1.2 billion last month in oranges, tangerines, avocados and other crops ripped by the cold.

Rep. Jim Costa, D-Fresno, and Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Fresno, planned to introduce a similar bill Friday.

"We have communities that are now experiencing, as a result of the freeze, in excess of 50, 70, 70 percent unemployment," Costa said.

The bills would help growers and workers in 22 counties declared disaster areas by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

said Bob Sanders, a Costa spokesman. State officials have urged President Bush to declare a disaster in several counties and extend federal money to help workers with unemployment assistance and food stamps.

The bills propose raising disaster payouts to farmers to \$125,000. Typically, disaster aid bills limit farmers to \$80,000 each. Lawmakers also proposed providing food stamps, housing assistance and grants to farmworkers, Costa said.

Schwarzenegger called the Boxer bill a "giant step" toward helping the agricultural industry and those left hungry and jobless by the freeze.

"It will provide much-needed assistance to help Californians recover from this disaster," he said in a statement Wednesday.

More than 20,000 field and packing house workers lost their jobs and rural communities in the San Joaquin Valley's citrus belt have strug-

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California officials sign off on plan for stemming E. coli outbreaks

By Lisa Leff
Associated Press writer

SAN FRANCISCO — State agriculture officials gave California lettuce and spinach processors the go-ahead Wednesday to move forward with a voluntary inspection program that would allow participants to put a food safety seal of approval on their products.

The Department of Food and Agriculture approved the plan after 24 handlers that wash, package and ship about 70 percent of the leafy greens processed in the state agreed to take part. The program was put forward by the produce industry after the spinach-related E. coli scare that sickened people coast to coast last year.

"We have enough participating companies to accomplish what it set out to accomplish," said Dave Kratz, an agriculture department spokesman.

The plan creates a marketing agreement among produce shippers and handlers that agree to buy only from growers who can show they protected crops against E. coli and other contamination by building fences to keep stray animals away from crops, routinely testing irrigation water for bacteria and meeting other requirements.

The program is designed to reassure consumers who buy lettuce and other leafy greens carrying a Food and Agriculture Department seal that the products were produced in accordance with set food safety standards, Kratz said.

Industry groups such as the

California Farm Bureau and the Produce Marketing Association now plan to come up with the detailed guidelines that participating companies must follow. A board appointed by the state's agriculture secretary would be responsible for overseeing inspections of participating processing plants to gauge adherence to the guidelines.

The 24 companies that have signed up so far came out of a pool of about 130 leafy green handlers in the state, but represent about 70 percent of the product because they included most of the largest processors, Kratz said.

A separate program is in the

works to cover lettuce and spinach growers that get their products to market without working through a go-between. The plan would require State Sen. Dean Florez, D-Shafter, who has introduced a bill that would set more stringent, mandatory production standards for leafy greens and put the responsibility for overseeing California-grown produce under the state health department.

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"This is a win-win-win-win situation," said Rep. Dell Rayburn, R-Rexburg, who will sponsor the bill.

The proposal allows for decisions over public-land leases to be made on a case-by-case basis by the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners, which consists of Gov. Butch Otter, State Controller Donna N. Jones, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, Secretary of State Ben

Yoursa, Attorney General Lawrence J. Wasden and Secretary to the Board George Bacon.

Bill allows people to serve on water boards outside their districts

BOISE — The House Resources and Conservation Committee approved a bill Wednesday to allow people who live up to 15 miles outside their water irrigation

Orville V. Freeman

BURLEY — Orville Valentine "Vic" Freeman, 82, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Park United Methodist Church, 605 11 St., with the Rev. Jerry Steele officiating. Urn placement will follow at the Rupert Cemetery, where his military rites will be conducted by the Mini-Cassia Veterans Funeral arrangements and

cremation have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Lillian P. Johnson

RUPERT — Lillian P. Johnson, 86, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at the Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Viewing for family and friends will be from 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapter, 710 Sixth St. Burial will

follow in the Rupert Cemetery

William W. Estes

BURLEY — William Woodson "Woody" Estes, 80, of Burley, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Highland Estates. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Margo E. Sears

WENDELL — Margo E. Sears, 47, of Wendell, died

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Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Denary's Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

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Aspiring comic, 11, banned from bar

BOISE (AP) — To 11-year-old Trevor Hattabaugh, it's not funny. The aspiring comic, whose routine has drawn the attention of late night funnymen, has been banned from a comedy club because he's a minor. The Idaho State Police's Alcohol/Beverage Control division recently informed managers of the Funny Bone Comedy Club that, with the exception of server staff, nobody under 21 years old is allowed inside a bar. Servers can be 19.

Unless state lawmakers consider an exception for the 4-foot comedian, who tells jokes about recess and playgrounds, he's got a decade of waiting ahead.

"The Funny Bone is a bar," Alcohol Beverage Control Sgt. Gregory Harris said, "and there are two ways you can tell Hattabaugh who has performed at the Comedy Store in Los Angeles and has an LA-based agent, isn't alone. The high-school age Foul Puppies comedy troupe also was banned from the Funny Bone after seven years of monthly performances.

Funny Bone manager and comedian Pat Mac said he wasn't aware that the club was violating any laws by allowing Hattabaugh and the Foul Puppies to tell jokes.

Minors were allowed into the club when the Puppies performed, but no alcohol was served and it was locked behind a gate. Hattabaugh performed mostly for adults, and liquor was served.

However, Hattabaugh was accompanied by his parents. He wasn't allowed into the performance area until he went on stage.

Harris said he understands how some nightclub managers might mistakenly think it's OK to have kids in a bar, particularly when the booze is locked up.

"I think some alcohol laws could be maybe changed to allow stuff," Harris said. "But, currently, my point is, there is nothing in the code to say today we're no-alcohol, tomorrow we're back to a bar. You're either a bar or you're not."

Trevor's mother, Sam Sandmir, said she was surprised by the disappointing turn of events. She said her son has been contacted by representatives for Jay Leno and David Letterman, and has been encouraged to practice.

"I just think it's a shame," she said, "because that's where Trevor hones his career."

Sandmir wants Idaho lawmakers to consider an amendment that would make an exception for underage performers.

Judge declares mistrial in court-martial of soldier

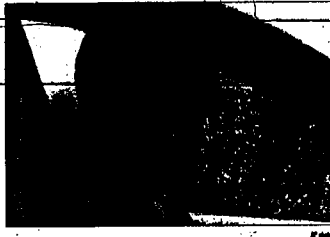
By Melinda Mitchell
Associated Press writer

PORT LEWIS, Wash. — A judge declared a mistrial Wednesday in the court-martial of an Army lieutenant who refused to deploy to Iraq, saying the soldier did not fully understand a document he signed in which he admitted to elements of the charges.

Prosecutors said 1st Lt. Ehren Watada admitted in the document that he had a duty to go to Iraq with his fellow soldiers.

But Watada, under questioning with the military jury absent, said he had intended to admit only that he had not gone to Iraq, not that he was duty-bound to deploy to Iraq with his unit.

Military Judge Lt. Col. John Head set a March 19 date for a new trial and dismissed the



Army 1st Lt. Ehren Watada is shown in a car after dropping off his mother at the Guesthouse Inn in Dupont, Wash., Wednesday. A judge declared a mistrial Wednesday in the court-martial of Watada, who refused to deploy to Iraq, saying the soldier did not fully understand a document he signed.

jurors. Watada's lawyer objected to the mistrial and said a second one would amount to double jeopardy — more than

one prosecution for the same alleged crime.

Watada, 28, of Honolulu, had been expected to testify in

his own defense Wednesday. He is the first commissioned officer to be court-martialed for refusing to go to Iraq, said Eugene Fidell, president of the National Institute of Military Justice in Washington, D.C.

In the 12-page stipulation of fact he signed last month, Watada acknowledged that he refused to deploy last June with the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, and that he made public statements criticizing the Iraq war. Watada has said he refused to go to Iraq because he believes the war is illegal.

In exchange, prosecutors dropped two charges of conduct unbecoming an officer against him. He remains charged with missing movement — for his refusal to deploy — and two other allegations of conduct unbecoming an officer for comments made

about the case. He could receive 10 years in prison and a dishonorable discharge if convicted.

When the disagreement over Watada's admission surfaced, the judge indicated he was unsure whether he could accept the document. Since much of the Army's evidence was laid out in it, prosecutors requested the mistrial. Watada's attorney, Eric Seitz, opposed the request.

After the mistrial was declared, Seitz said he didn't think his client could be tried again because it would be the equivalent of double jeopardy.

Should the Army proceed with a second trial, Seitz said he would seek dismissal of the charges with prejudice so they could not be retried.

If that request is not granted, he will appeal, he said.

Middleton High students return after fire

MIDDLETON (AP) — Middleton High School students returned to their still-scorched campus for classes Wednesday less than a week after a massive fire burned through 70 percent of their school building.

Classes were taught in the eight remaining classrooms that weren't destroyed by the fire, as well as at a nearby church and at the middle school, which shares the campus. Middleton School District Superintendent Rich Bauscher said.

In the middle school classrooms, some instructors were "team teaching" combined middle school and high school classes.

The fire, which was started by a broken electrical fan,

burned through the roof of the 42-year-old high school last Thursday, gutting an old gymnasium, computer lab, library and classrooms, as well as administrative offices.

The blaze displaced more than 1,000 students at the high school and middle school. Damages were estimated at \$10 million.

Although school officials have already met with architects who will build a replacement high school, that won't be complete until August 2008, Bauscher said.

For now, the 725 high school students will be learning in the makeshift classrooms until at least the end of the

school year, and will spend the 2008 school year in portable classroom trailers.

At an assembly Wednesday morning, school officials told students that high school seniors would still graduate on time, and that their prom would still be in April, as planned.

They also said workers had been able to recover an "amazing number" of student records.

School workers spent Wednesday taking stock of how many textbooks and other supplies need to be replaced.

Bauscher said school officials had considered arrang-

ing the schedule so that middle school students attended classes in the morning and high school students attended classes in the evening, or even sending the students to different districts, but ultimately decided against it.

"We could have sent 350 of them one way and 350 the other way, but we didn't think that was good for the children," he said.

But Bauscher also said he believes the students were pleased to be back in school.

"Tomorrow at this time, this fire's going to be behind them and education is going to be on the front burner," Bauscher said.

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CSI BASEBALL: 2007 SEASON PREVIEW



College of Southern Idaho pitchers, from left, James Wallace, Angel Chapa, Jordan Latham and Adam Umberg will be a strength for the Golden Eagles in 2007.

CSI baseball

Opening weekend

Today
CSI at Phoenix College, 7 p.m.
Friday
CSI at Glendale CC, DH, 1 p.m.
Saturday
CSI at Scottsdale CC, DH, 1 p.m.

CSI opens season in Phoenix

Golden Eagles to play five games in three-day stretch

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One way or another, the 2007 College of Southern Idaho baseball season will get off to a hot start.

With today's forecast in Phoenix calling for a sunny high of 80 degrees, the Golden Eagles will gladly shed a few beads of sweat if it also means shedding their windbreakers for tonight's season opener at Phoenix College.

After a pre-season worth of windblown practices at Skip Walker Field in Twin Falls, CSI is ready to take its first steps toward improving on last year's 41-19 record and final No. 14 national ranking.

While CSI head coach Boomer Walker was happy to begin last year with a 4-0 road swing to Arizona, the expectations are a little higher this time around.

"Last year I felt like we really needed to win," Walker said. "Because I don't know if guys knew if we could be good. This year, I want us to just win."

"Last year I didn't care how we played. We just needed to win early to get some confidence. This year we need to be satisfied with how we play."

Of course, part of Walker being satisfied with how his team plays will be measured in wins. Against three NCAA Division II teams that finished in the middle of the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference pack, the Golden Eagles will be expected to win.

The first task will come against a Phoenix College squad that finished 18-34 in 2006. The Bears will be led at the plate by sophomore Matt Fox, who hit .305 with three home runs and 17 RBIs as a freshman. The Bears pitchers struggled last year, posting a team ERA of 6.14, led by now sophomore right-hander Travis Stapp's 3-7 record and 4.08 ERA in 14 appearances. Phoenix hit just .266 as a team last year.

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Pitching staff again a strength for CSI

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Just saying it's a little like walking off the field and putting cleat marks on the first-base line.

In a game guided as much by its superstitions as its rulebook, saying just how good the College of Southern Idaho's pitching staff is seems a breach of baseball etiquette nearly as severe as mentioning a no-hitter midway through the top of the sixth. Surely, the baseball gods will not be pleased with such arrogance.

But even the gods must admire a pitching staff that features five sophomores already selected in the Major League Baseball Draft. Even the most humble souls can, and maybe even should, puff their chests about last year's 2.41 team ERA and 41-19 record.

Yeah, these guys are very, very good. Just don't expect anyone on the Golden Eagles to say it too loudly.

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— CSI sophomore catcher Grant Vickers

"I don't want to jinx it or anything, but I think we'll have the best pitching staff in the league," CSI sophomore catcher Grant Vickers said. "We're all pretty excited."

The main reason for that excitement is the return of three arms already battle-tested by the rigors of a 40-game scenic West Athletic Conference schedule.

Sophomores Adam Umberg, Jordan Latham and James Wallace all played key roles in CSI's success last year and will be anchors of the 2007 CSI staff. Sophomore transfers Mike McClaren from the Community College of Southern Nevada and Angel Chapa from

Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.) have also proven themselves at the junior college level. Add in a selection of six talented freshmen, and CSI head coach Boomer Walker has reason to believe his staff can put in a repeat performance of 2006.

"I think collectively as a group, we should be about that same thing," Walker said. "I really do."

Everything starts with Umberg, as it did last year. The sophomore from Atwater, Calif., was CSI's Game 1 starter as a freshman. He posted an 8-4 record and 2.01 ERA in 17 appearances. He struck out 75 batters over a team-high 60 2/3

innings pitched and easily could have finished with a 12-0 record. Over his four losses, Umberg was given a total of three runs of support.

"He's a kid who has that type of talent and is an ace in this league," Walker said. "He's going to be very tough to beat. I think it gives us a great opportunity every time he's on the mound."

Latham established himself as a top closer in the SWAC last season, finishing with a 2-2 record and seven saves with a 2.17 ERA as a freshman. The right-hander from Boise will be given the chance to start as a sophomore, as will Wallace, who put together a 3-2 record and 2.35 ERA as a long reliever and occasional starter last season. Walker's trio of returnees will be expected to pitch the bulk of CSI's innings, while Chapa, McClaren and freshman Josh Darnewood are expected to vie for starting roles.

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Heidenreich headed for Western Oregon

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Go west, young man. Or, more precisely, Western Oregon.

Twin Falls senior Ben Heidenreich has decided to play football for the Division II Western Oregon Wolves, where he expects to play tight end or defensive end. The Bruins tight end said the reason he got the opportunity is because the Wolves coaching staff sees the same potential in him as they did their exiting standout tight end, Kevin Boss.

"They know how to use their tight ends," Heidenreich said. "The coach (Arne Ferguson) has the program on the up, and I think this next season they'll be a strong contender for the national championship."

What he likes most about the Wolves' system is finding mismatches at the corners. "They'll spread out the tight

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ends. If they can get some mismatches against a 5-foot-9 corner, you'll get the ball," he said.

For Heidenreich, it was a go-from-the-gut decision. While he is also looking into Carroll College in Montana where his sister Hannah plays basketball, he said Monmouth was the best fit for him.

Despite a tough senior season with the Bruins, the 6-foot-5 Heidenreich wasn't deterred from following a boyhood dream of playing college football. Please see WESTERN, Page C4



Twin Falls High School senior Ben Heidenreich sits in the bleachers at Bruin Stadium this week. Heidenreich signed a letter of intent to play college football at Western Oregon in Monmouth, Ore.

Minico's Mallory, Jones sign with UM-Western

By Ryan Howe
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Minico High School seniors Trent Mallory and Brent Jones each signed a national letter of intent Wednesday to play college football at the University of Montana-Western.

Mallory, a 6-3, 215-pound defensive lineman, recorded 20 tackles, 14 assisted tackles and three forced fumbles for the 7-2 Spartans last season. He is the son of Brent and Tammy Mallory.

Jones played center for Minico, anchoring a Spartan offensive line that produced 1,651 yards of total offense last season. He will take on the long-snapping duties at Montana-Western. He is the son of Ron and Nancy Jones.

Mallory and Jones will enroll at Montana-Western in Dillon, Mont., in the fall. The Bulldogs

compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Frontier Conference. The NAIA football program is headed by sixth-year coach Tommy Lee.

"I really like the location, the coaches and the people already there," Jones said. "I like the way they have

their classes and their academics. Ever since Fox, who hit .305 with three home runs and 17 RBIs as a freshman. The Bears pitchers struggled last year, posting a team ERA of 6.14, led by now sophomore right-hander Travis Stapp's 3-7 record and 4.08 ERA in 14 appearances. Phoenix hit just .266 as a team last year.

"I like the town," said Mallory. "It's a small town, and I really like the football program. The coaches seem like nice guys and they seem like they want to make their football program as big as it can get."

Minico athletic director and football coach Tim Ferrigot

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SPORTS

Bruins spear Spartans for nonconference win



Twin Falls guard Ryan Simmons drives past Minico's R.J. Sali during the Bruins' 56-42 win at Minico High School Wednesday.

By Ryan Howe
For the Times-News

RUPERT — Wednesday's non-conference meeting between Twin Falls and Minico pitted two teams that have fallen short of expectations and potential this season. Each side showed glimpses of what its capable of as Twin Falls earned the 56-42 win.

"We've been struggling a bit during the season, but now is a perfect time to come together with (district) tournament starting next week," said Twin Falls guard Cory Cook.

The Bruins got balanced scoring, with seven players scoring five or more points. Bryant Ward led with 13 points while Ryan Simmons added 10.

The game contrasted the fast time these two teams met, which

"Half our team shows up one night, then half our team shows up the next night."

— Minico senior forward Chance Pebley

was a 56-48 Minico win on Jan. 5 at Twin Falls. This time around, Bruins coach Matt Harr said his team controlled the game from a tipoff to final buzzer.

"We liked the tempo we had," Harr said. "We knew that Minico would want to run a lot, and we just ran when we could and walked it up when we had to. I thought we were consistent with the tempo tonight."

A 9-0 run to start the game put Twin Falls in control early. Minico's R.J. Sali kept his team afloat by knocking down his first three 3-

point shots in the first quarter, but fell out in hopes of cooling off Sali and challenged his team to not give him any more of those 3-point shots.

"(Minico) could go 0-for-10 from the 3-point line, or they could go 10-for-12," Harr said. "Our focus tonight was to make sure Minico didn't get any streaks of 10- or 12-point runs."

Twin Falls outscored Minico in each quarter, except the fourth when the game was already out of reach. Chris Turney led the Spartans with 12 points.

"Half our team shows up one

night, then half our team shows up the next night," said Minico's Chance Pebley. "We've had a hard time getting focused for games lately. It comes down to dedication and playing with some heart. We're just trying to get everybody contributing."

Twin Falls (8-11, 2-6 Region Four-Five-5A) will wrap up its regular season at Jerome on Tuesday.

Minico (6-14) travels to Idaho Falls Friday for its final regular season game before it opens the district tournament at Jerome on Tuesday.

Team	W	L	Region
Twin Falls	8	11	2-6
Minico	6	14	5-11



The Declo High School bench celebrates during the final seconds of their victory over top-seeded Kimberly High School Wednesday night during the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference second-place game at the College of Southern Idaho.

Declo wins trip to state with upset

Hornets end season for top-seeded Kimberly

By Diana Philbin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Declo knew going into the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament second-place game against Kimberly that it had to make a choice — either stop freshman Alex Pfeiffer or stop junior Kayla Hutcherson.

The decision was made and Declo coach Val Christensen's game plan was to put senior Emily Ramsey on Pfeiffer and zone the rest. That plan turned out to be the correct one as Ramsey held the Bulldogs' leading scorer Pfeiffer to only a single goal.

Ramsey and her Declo teammates are now on their way to the Class 3A state tournament after they defeated the Bulldogs 59-50 at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium on Wednesday.

"I'm just so excited," said Ramsey. "We had so much heart, and we really wanted it. We felt going into the game that we had an advantage because we were on a winning streak, and they had just lost."

"because she is their best." She felt the key was that she limited Pfeiffer's touches and the Hornets frustrated her because they tried to have a hand in her face at all times. Ramsey also was able to score 12 points, dish out five assists and come up with three steals.

"Overall we did what we wanted on defense, hit our free throws and hit the boards. We weathered the storm and had a couple of big possessions down the stretch. Ramsey did a great job on Pfeiffer — it was just a great team effort," said Christensen.

The Hornets had two other players in double digits. Junior McKell Webb registered a double-double scoring a team-high 17 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Senior Kendra Kaylie followed with 15 points and matched Ramsey with five assists and three steals.

A positive note for Kimberly was the play of Hutcherson who left it all on the court after scoring a game-high 22 points and seemed to be in the middle of every play on both ends of the court.

"Kayla played her heart out," said

Kimberly coach Rich Bishop. "We came in to the game with a good game plan wanting to hold them under 50 points and we didn't accomplish that. Our defense gave up too many second and third opportunities. Senior Jessica Turcotte stepped up and hit a couple of 3-pointers in the second quarter that were big."

Asked if he brought the loss to Filer in the championship game on Monday affected the team, Bishop said the girls came out ready to play like always and kept battling to stay in the game.

"No one can take away the 10 wins in a row. This loss will hurt for awhile. We still have a great group of kids coming back," said Bishop.

Kimberly ends their season at 19-2. Declo will play Marsh Valley at 8 p.m. in Middleton next Thursday.

Team	W	L	Region
Declo	11	2	5-10
Kimberly	19	2	5-10

Kimberly grapplers defeat Declo in dual

Times-News

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Bulldogs wrestling squad beat the Declo Hornets 43-28 on Wednesday for a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference regular-season shutout.

Conner Moody, Chris Moody, Tucker Mulberry, Allen Hunt, Eric Allen and Corey Zapata all picked up pins for the Bulldogs as they prepare for the SCIG district meet at Buhl next Wednesday.

"It went a lot better than I expected," Kimberly head coach Troy Palmer said. "We only gave up one pin. We knew going in that we needed key matches to get the win, and we got those."

The Bulldogs travel to Wendell today for a dual.

with a 54-39 win over the Raft River Trojans at the District IV tournament on Wednesday.

Richfield senior Cassie Wood led the Tigers with 18 points and nine rebounds and was closely followed by senior Angelen Kent with 17 points and five steals. Michelle Kent hit eight points and eight boards.

"Our two seniors had great games. We've finished second the past two seasons, so it's good for them to go out on top," Richfield head coach Steve Kent said.

Nicole Harper hit 14 points for the Trojans, who take the second area seed to state and will play the fourth seed from District III.

The 22-1 Tigers will face the fifth seed from District III during the first round of the state tournament next Wednesday.

Team	W	L	Region
Kimberly	43	28	28
Declo	28	43	28

Filer 48, Valley 35

HAZELTON — Kevin Mueller (160 pounds) and Nick Flecken (171) earned pins for Filer in a 48-35 dual win over Valley Wednesday. The Wildcats used a number of forfeits to aid in the win.

Filer got a pins-4 from Ryan Henry (189) and Jake Barnes (285).

"We're solid with the guys we got," said Valley coach Brian Ayers. "We just give up too many forfeits."

Valley is in action at the districts on Tuesday at Wendell, beginning at 3 p.m.

Team	W	L	Region
Filer	48	35	35
Valley	35	48	35

Girls basketball District IV tournament

Richfield 54, Raft River 39

District III — The Richfield Tigers earned the top area seed to next week's Class IA state girls basketball tournament

Hagerman 30, Shoshone 25

District III — With almonds hampering both lineups, Hagerman pulled out a 30-25 win over Shoshone in the Class IA District IV Tournament Wednesday.

"It was a battle of the sickles," said Hagerman coach Laamne Axelson.

With both squads struggling to hit from the field, the Pirates got the foul line and hit 14-of-16 shots to stretch out the victory. Chantawee Axelson led the way, going 13-for-15 at the stripe and totaling 15 points.

Shayne Gulliford kept the Indians close, scoring 14 points.

Both teams will play in next week's Class IA state tournament, which begins Wednesday in Nampa. Hagerman will take the third seed from District IV, while Shoshone is the No. 4 seed.

Team	W	L	Region
Hagerman	30	25	25
Shoshone	25	30	25

Boys Southside tournament up for grabs

By Bradley Gale
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Hagerman Pirates may have the No. 1 seed to the Magic Valley Southside tournament, but head coach Kevin Cato isn't counting his chickens before they hatch.

"Anybody could win the tournament," he said. "It's evolved into a pretty even conference."

Though Hagerman won the regular-season title, anything could happen. The No. 5 Raft River Trojans beat the Pirates at home last week, and No. 7 Oakley's huge fourth-quarter rally against No. 4 Murtagh Tuesday could put concern into the hearts of many coaches.

One thing that Cato and the Pirates can be sure of is their desire to make it back to state, where they took the consolation title last season.

Class 1A District IV boys tournaments

Magic Valley Southside Conference
At Murtagh High School Thursday, Feb. 8
Game 1: No. 1 Hagerman vs. No. 8 Magic Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Game 2: No. 4 Murtagh vs. No. 5 Raft River, 6 p.m.
Game 3: No. 3 Hansen vs. No. 6 Lighthouse Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Game 4: No. 2 Castelford vs. No. 7 Oakley, 9 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 9
Game 5: W1 vs. W2, 4:30 p.m.
Game 6: W3 vs. W4, 6 p.m.
Game 7: L1 vs. L2, 7:30 p.m.
Game 8: L3 vs. L4, 9 p.m.

Shoshone, 6:30 p.m.
Game 3: No. 2 Richfield vs. No. 7 Camas County, 8 p.m.
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Game 4: No. 1 Carey vs. W1, 5 p.m.
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Game 6: L2 vs. L3, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10
Game 7: L1 vs. L5, 8 p.m.
Game 8: L4 vs. W6, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 12
Game 9: W5 vs. W7, 6 p.m.
Game 10: Championship, W4 vs. W5, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 13
Game 11: Second place, W9 vs. L10, 7 p.m.

Magic Valley Northside Conference
At Shoshone High School Thursday, Feb. 8
Game 1: No. 4 Dietrich vs. No. 5 The Community School, 5 p.m.
Game 2: No. 3 Blits vs. No. 6

Valley Northside Conference regular-season title in the bag. The No. 1 Carey Panthers have to do to defend the tournament title and capture a berth to the Class IA state tournament.

"There's a lot of rivalry in the Northside," Carey head coach Dick Simpson said. "Everybody wants to beat us, and if they

taking on Magic Valley Christian, which was winless in 14 conference games.

Three more games follow today at Murtagh High School.

Carey, Richfield could battle for Northside title
TWIN FALLS — With a Magic

Carry and Richfield anything on that (conference record), but we've got to prove ourselves," Simpson said.

Ward added that the team can execute on defense and play as a team to do well. Simpson said the key is consistent shooting and defense.

"All of them have the capability to make the title game, he said.

The tournament begins at Shoshone High School today.



SPORTS

Florida adds top recruiting title to national crown

NEW YORK (AP) — Florida won the recruiting crown in nearly as dominating fashion as the national championship.

The Gators capitalized on Ohio State's national title win over last season and down years from Sunshine State rivals Florida State and Miami to bring in the top recruiting class in the nation Wednesday.

"No one is even that close to them," recruiting analyst Tom Lemming of CSTV said. "They got them everywhere. In the past 10 years this has to rank right at the top in recruiting classes. Every position is absolutely loaded."

The Gators also were picked as the top class by SuperPrep. Rivals.com and National Blue Chips, beating out Southern California, SEC rivals Tennessee and LSU, and Texas.

The Trojans closed strong, adding top running backs Joe McKnight from Louisiana and Broderick Green from Arkansas on Wednesday to a class that already included another top back in Marc Tyler; defensive end Everson Griffen; SuperPrep's No. 1 overall player, the nation's No. 1 receiver, Ronald Johnson from

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Michigan; and blue chip linebacker Chris Galippo from Anaheim, Calif.

"USC continues to be the place that a lot of skill-position players look to first," said analyst Bobby Burton of Rivals.com. "That doesn't mean (the guys they get on defense aren't) special. It just means they have the pick of the litter when it comes to offensive skill players."

But the Gators' class was best of all, signing nine of the top 16 players in talent-rich Florida and the 11 players from South Carolina, Indiana, Maryland and New England, according to Rivals.com.

A coaching change at Miami and another down year for Florida State played a key part in the Gators' success.

"They play an exciting brand of ball on offense and defense and a lot of kids want to be in that situation," said Allen Wallace, the national recruiting

editor for Scout.com and publisher of SuperPrep magazine. "There's no question they've moved into the catbird seat in Florida. They have taken advantage of tough times for both the Hurricanes and Seminoles."

Florida's class includes Rivals' third-best pro-style quarterback in John Brantley, the nation's top guard in James Wilson, top weakside defensive end in Carlos Dunlap, second-best defensive tackle in Torrey Davis and top safeties in Jeremy Finch and Major Wright.

Two recruits from last year's stellar class, quarterback Tim Tebow and receiver Percy Harvin, played key roles in the 41-14 win over Ohio State in the BCS title game, and coach Urban Meyer is hoping for similar production from some of the players in this year's class.

"We have taken a new attitude toward recruiting this year that every freshman in my opinion will play next year," Meyer said. "Obviously, that won't be true for every player but we are taking that approach. It used to be, 'Boy, I'd be able to save this guy.' But that's over."

Florida's haul was part of a banner recruiting year for the SEC, where



Florida football coach Urban Meyer talks about his recruiting class at a news conference Wednesday in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville, Fla.

Tennessee, LSU, South Carolina, Auburn, Georgia and Alabama all recruited at least one top-10 ranking.

"The SEC is loaded," Burton said. "They are in and year out the most talented conference. But even this is unusual."

Jimmy Clausen, the top-ranked player by Rivals and CSTV headlines a top-10 class in Notre Dame and could be ready to step in next season as Brady Quinn's replacement at quarterback. Clausen is one of many

players who already have started college, giving him a leg up because he can take part in spring practice.

Clausen made a high-profile commitment to the Irish last April, appearing at his news conference in Illinois and predicting four national titles for Notre Dame.

"He heaped pressure on himself, with the way he announced he was going to Notre Dame," Wallace said. "His demonstrated that the added pressure has not affected him at all. If you play quarterback, especially at Notre Dame, you have to be able to handle that pressure. He could be perfectly suited for the situation."

Notre Dame's overall ranking was hurt by some late defections. Atlanta Grace Line switched at the last minute to North Carolina and offensive lineman Chris Little decommitted and signed with Georgia. The Irish earlier lost a commitment from defensive end Justin Trammitt from New Jersey, who decided to go to Florida.

The biggest surprise was at South Carolina, where Steve Spurrier brought in a top-10 class to a school that normally struggles to attract blue chip players.

Boise State's football success carries over to recruiting class

BOISE (AP) — Boise State coach Chris Peterson — reaping the rewards of an undefeated season and a Fiesta Bowl victory — said he has hoped 90 percent of the football recruits he landed to get for the Broncos.

"There's no question it was by far as efficient a process as we've had since I've been here," said Peterson, now in his second season as head coach after spending the previous five as offensive coordinator. "It's been a little bit like the football season — I think it's been a remarkable recruiting year, too."

The team announced Wednesday that 25 players had signed with the Broncos, and listed four more "gray-shirts" among this year's recruiting class. Gray-shirt players actually signed the previous year but delayed their college careers until the spring semester to get more football experience.

Despite last season's 13-0 record and a No. 5 ranking in the final Associated Press poll, Peterson said he didn't try to leverage that success with big-name players so much as he simply tried to land the type of player who made that record possible.

Those types of players, he said, are the kind who believe they have something to prove and can handle the hard work he expects from them.

"I think that that formula has been proven pretty well around here so we don't want to get away from it," Peterson said. "We need a certain type of guy and I know these guys are good football players. I want to make sure they've got all these intangible characteristics that all of these other kids had that have won us all these games for us."

One of the signees is Matt Kaiserman, a 5-foot-11 running back from Nampa, about 10 miles west of Boise.

"He is such a Boise State guy," said Peterson. "If that guy doesn't have Boise State stamped on his forehead, I don't know who does."

Of the recruits, 14 are from California, six from Idaho, two from Washington State, and one each from Texas, Colorado, Florida, Oregon, Arizona and Nevada.

One player is from Amsterdam in the Netherlands. Cedric Febis, a 6-3, 188-pound corner-

Boise State University football recruits

BOISE — Boise State University football recruits: Chris Galippo, 6-1, 265, Anaheim (Calif.) HS; Mitch Burroughs, 5-10, 185, Meridian (Idaho) HS; Thomas Byrd, 6-0, 290, McChond HS, San Pablo, Calif.; Ben Chandler, 6-3, 220, Del Oro HS, Redding, Calif.; Garcia Day, 6-0, 190, Temecula Valley HS, Temecula, Calif.; Kyle Elzer, 6-2, 225, Capital HS, Boise, Idaho; Jalen Moore, 6-0, 180, Prosser (Wash.) HS; Cedric Febis, 6-3, 188, Bishop Kelly (Idaho) HS, Amsterdam, Netherlands; D.J. Harner, 5-10, 185, Cypress (Texas) HS; Chuck Hayes, 6-3, 245, Eggers HS, Aurora, Colo.; Matt Kaiserman, 6-3, 215, Silverton HS, Home, Idaho; Doug Martin, 6-0, 190, Saint Mary's HS, Stockton, Calif.; Mike McClinton, 6-4, 220, Marsling HS, Caldwell, Idaho; Jalen Moore, 6-0, 180, Prosser (Wash.) HS; Anton Murray, 6-1, 190, Killebrew HS, Lakeland, Fla.; Jarrell Root, 6-2, 220, Lutheran HS, Anaheim, Calif.; Dan Paul, 6-0, 225, Sam Barlow HS, Boring, Ore.; Garrett Pendergast, 6-3, 275, Service HS, Whittier, Calif.; Austin Pettis, 6-3, 190, Cuyler HS, Anaheim, Calif.; Ryan Pette, 6-4, 265, Timmerline HS, Boise, Idaho; Jarrell Root, 6-2, 220, Lutheran HS, Anaheim, Calif.; John Terle, 6-3, 215, Canyon Del Oro HS, Redding, Idaho; Zach Thompson, 6-5, 160, Franklin HS, Elk Grove, Calif.; Johnny Dyer, 6-0, 235, Paramount (Calif.) HS; Brady Walker, 6-5, 280, Franklin HS, Elk Grove, Calif.; Hunter White, 6-1, 210, Edison HS, Huntington Beach, Calif.; Bill Wynn, 6-4, 270, Las Vegas (Nev.) HS; Tim Young, 6-1, 170, University HS, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cory Yrizarre, 6-1, 290, Oaks Christian HS, Palmdale, Calif.

back, played his senior year at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise.

As is typical of a Boise State recruiting class, Peterson said the Broncos paid little attention to player ratings by various recruiting organizations.

"Those experts have a much different opinion than we have," Peterson said. "I think (the recruits) are all good players. I think there are a bunch of players who are completely underrated."

The Broncos did go for size on the offensive line, with 6-foot-6, 285-pound Nate Potter; 6-5, 280-pound Zach Walker; 6-0, 290-pound center Thomas Byrd; and 6-3, 275-pound Garrett Pendergast.

The six defensive linemen range between 6-0 and 6-4, and 230 to 295 pounds.

The Broncos signed one quarterback — 6-1, 180-pound Kellen Moore. He's a prolific passer, having thrown for 11,367 yards and 173 touchdowns during his career at Prosser, Wash., High School.

The Broncos signed three wide receivers, including 6-3, 190-pound Austin Pettis; 5-10, 195-pound Mitch Burroughs; and 5-11, 170-pound Titus Young.

Despite short schedule, Idaho coach inks recruits

MOSCOW (AP) — Idaho coach Robb Akey didn't have the luxury of time when he set out on the recruiting road.

Appointed head coach in December after former coach Dennis Erickson was hired at Arizona State, Akey said Wednesday he had three weeks to do what everybody else had a full year on.

The recruits didn't disappoint. "I'd be lying to you if I didn't say I was excited about this group," Akey said in a teleconference.

Once again the Vandals announced high school and junior college prospects who signed letters of intent. "I think we did pretty well."

Akey said the 19 signings announced Wednesday will help increase the size of offensive and defensive fronts and increase team speed. "We liked the athleticism these guys brought to the table," he said.

The Vandals signed four players from Texas, three from Las Vegas and another from Hawaii, all locations where the Vandals hope to establish a recruiting presence, Akey said.

Missing from the list are players from Idaho.

Akey said he is disappointed that no state prospects were signed. Of seven Idaho players who signed with Division I schools, six went to schools out of state, he said.

The top prep prospects include running back Corey White, a 5-foot-9, 199-pound running back from Bishop Gorman High in Las Vegas and in-state recruit Eric Ferguson, from East Valley High in Redlands, Calif. Akey signed only four junior college

Idaho recruits

MOSCOW — Recruits who signed letters of intent to attend Idaho announced Wednesday: Justin Allen, 6-5, 207, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Quinn Ashley, 6-0, 5-11, Paris (Texas) HS; Matt Cleveland, 6-4, 207, Kenwood HS, Kent, Wash.; Michael Cosgrove, 6-4, 250, Desert Pines HS, Las Vegas, Nev.; Joseph Patten, 6-3, 202, Baldwin HS, Walling, Wash.; Andre Ferguson, 6-3, 205, East Valley HS, Redlands, Calif.; Eric Greenwood, 6-6, 196, Edmonds-Woodway HS, Edmonds, Wash.; Dewey Hale, 6-0, 173, Paris (Texas) HS; Bilal Higgins, 6-2, 249, Lakes HS, Lakewood, Wash.; Tyrone Norwalk, 6-7, 206, Curlew (Wash.) HS; Kenneth Patton, 6-5, 172, Crenshaw HS, Los Angeles, Calif.; Fomunmi Shana, 6-2, 293, Leuzinger HS, Landville, Calif.; Maurice Shaw, 6-2, 188, Colony HS, Ontario, Calif.; Jerry Toomer, 6-3, 210, Shadow Ridge HS, Las Vegas, Nev.; Corey White, 6-5, 199, Bishop Gorman HS, Las Vegas, Nev.; Jim Rubin, 6-3, 254, Tyler JC/Piano (Texas) HS; Kevin Small, 6-3, 261, Palomar CC/Economidio JC, Torrey, Calif.; 5-11, 187, Diablo Valley CC/Sydney HS, Sausalito, Wash.; Brian Williams, 6-2, 210, Fullerton CC/Muir HS, Pasadena, Calif.; Corey Rhoads, 6-5, 202, Fullerton College/Western HS, Anaheim, Calif.; Corey Rhoads, 6-5, 202, Central College/Cabr HS, Centria, Calif.

players, but two who are expected to produce immediate results are tight end Jim Reuber, from Tyler, Texas, and receiver Cory Rhoads, from Cerritos Junior College in Norwalk, Calif.

"Going into this, we were trying to build a program here and that's what we want to get done," Akey said. "The younger players are going to be with us longer."

"I'd be lying to you if I didn't say I was excited about this group. I think we did pretty well." — New Idaho head football coach Robb Akey on the Vandals' 19 recruits



Front row, from left: Tammy Mallory, Trent Mallory, Rhett Jones and Tammy Jones. Top row: Minico principal Dan Rogers, Brent Mallory, Ron Jones and Minico football coach Tim Perrigot. Trent Mallory and Rhett Jones signed national letters of intent Wednesday to play football for the University of Montana-Western.

Idaho State signs 20 football players

Idaho State recruits

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho State University announced the signing of 20 football players on Wednesday, including six from Idaho and another eight from California.

"We have some players that will contribute early and often," said new Bengals coach John Zamberlin, who has already made signing players from Idaho a priority. "We have the kind of kids that are going to do well on the field and in the classroom."

Zamberlin, the former coach at Central Washington, was hired Dec. 15 to replace Larry Lewis. Idaho State fired Lewis and his entire staff following a 2-9 season, the worst since the 1988 team went 0-11.

BOISE (AP) — Idaho State University football recruits: J.T. Albert, 6-0, 255, Graham-Kapowsin HS, Tacoma, Wash.; Scot Allen, 6-0, 200, Christian HS, El Cajon, Calif.; Ryan Anchetta-Majors, 6-3, 180, Graham-Kapowsin HS, Tacoma, Wash.; Travis Anderson, 6-1, 210, Bellevue (Wash.) HS; Adam Chadwick, 6-4, 285, Cougar of Alamo (Idaho) HS; Mike Davenport, 6-5, 185, Highland HS, Coconino, Idaho; Taylor Duncan, 6-6, 310, Sierra JC, Shingler Springs, Calif.; James Francis, 6-0, 205, Diablo Valley JC, Pittsburg, Calif.; Keith Gales, 6-0, 195, Bloomington (Calif.) HS; Mike Jablonicky, 6-2, 250, Fullerton JC, Yorba Linda, Calif.; Parker Jolly, 6-2, 260, Centennial HS, Boise, Idaho; Mike Kosloski, 6-3, 220, Collierville HS, Memphis, Tenn.; Angelo Magee, 6-2, 190, Centennial HS, Corona, Calif.; Kevin Miller, 6-0, 232, Lakes HS, Lakewood, Wash.; Mike Moschetti, 6-3, 220, Collierville HS, Memphis, Tenn.; Parker Johnson, 6-2, 280, Snake River HS, Piquette, Idaho; Brad Rind, 6-2, 230, Saddleback JC, Irvine, Calif.; Harry Simons, 6-3, 290, Shafter (Idaho) HS; David Tyler, 6-3, 265, Puyallup (Wash.) HS; Lionel Valmonega, 6-3, 250, Mt. San Antonio College, Corona, Calif.

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said Wednesday's signing was not only a landmark day for Jones and Mallory, but for the Minico Spartan football program as well.

"We feel like it's great for our program when kids get the opportunity to go on and play at the next level," Perrigot said.

Jones' father, Ron, saw early potential for his son to be a long snapper in college. They worked together for years perfecting his technique and Jones participated in a long snapping camp in Oklahoma last year.

"Rhett was an outstanding high school center," Perrigot said. "He had a wonderful year for us. He snapped for our special teams and our offense was in shogun

quite a bit this year, and he didn't have one bad snap all year."

Mallory's ability on the football field was a mystery until this past season, as he only saw limited action during his junior year due to an injured finger.

"We didn't know what kind of player he would end up being because we only saw him for the last two weeks of the season his junior year," Perrigot said. "His size makes him a big-time recruit. He had a fantastic year for us. He is always putting pressure on the quarterback and knocking down balls. I think what the Montana Western coaches liked about him was he never took a play off, he was always hustling and he was always around the ball."

Western

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football. Twin Falls head coach Brock Berryhill said it's up to Heidenreich to prove Western Oregon right in awarding a scholarship.

"He's got one element that you

can't coach — size," Berryhill said. "But it all depends on how hard he works when he gets there."

For the Bruins, Heidenreich recorded 278 receiving yards and three touchdowns on 20 recep-

"This is by far the largest and

best class that we have ever signed here," Ferguson said via press release. "We have made tremendous progress in the last few years, and this class helps us continue in that drive to be a national caliber program."

The independent Wolves fin-



Tar Heels rally past Duke



Ronald Steele drove the length of the court for a layup with 6.7 seconds left to give Alabama a victory over Mississippi State. Ben Hanford added a season-high 18 to help Kentucky beat South Carolina.

No. 20 Kentucky 95, South Carolina 89

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Ramel Bradley scored 21 points and Ben Hanford added a season-high 18 to help Kentucky beat South Carolina.

The Wildcats (18-5, 7-2 Southeastern Conference) handed the Gamecocks a 38-point thumping last month in Columbia. South Carolina's worst home loss since 1915. This one appeared headed that way too before the Gamecocks (12-10, 2-7) made a furious second-half run to make it close.

North Carolina coach Roy Williams yells at his team during action against Duke late in the second half in Durham, N.C., Wednesday.

East showed no signs of rust from a nine-day layoff and had no trouble scoring inside on the Mountaineers (18-5, 7-1), who were held to a season-low for points. West Virginia's previous low was 50 in a season-opening win over Mount St. Mary's.

No. 9 Kansas 97, Kansas State 70

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Brandon Rush scored 18 points and Kansas routed Kansas State in a rough and spirited revival of a long rivalry that had been enervated with the arrival of Bob Huggins.

It was the first trip into Allen Fieldhouse, for Huggins, who took over the long-worried Kansas State program this year, and the rancorous scuffle crowd of 16,300 gave him less than a warm welcome.

Kansas (20-4 overall, 7-2 Big 12) began the game with a 15-2 run and closed out the first half on a 14-5 spurt for a 47-35 lead over the Wildcats (17-7, 6-3).

No. 11 Marquette 67, Rutgers 47

MILWAUKEE — Ousmane Barro had 11 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 11 Marquette to a 67-47 win over Rutgers on Wednesday night.

The Golden Eagles (21-1, 8-2 Big East) opened the conference season with losses to Providence and Syracuse, but are unbeaten since, winning eight straight games.

No. 18 Alabama 80, Mississippi State 79

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. —

No. 21 S. Illinois 60, Bradley 50

CARBONDALE, Ill. — Tony Young scored 25 points to lift No. 21 Southern Illinois over late-charging Bradley and remain tied atop the Missouri Valley Conference.

Bandal Falker added 19 points and 12 rebounds for Southern Illinois (20-5, 11-3 Missouri Valley).

No. 22 Georgetown 73, Louisville 65

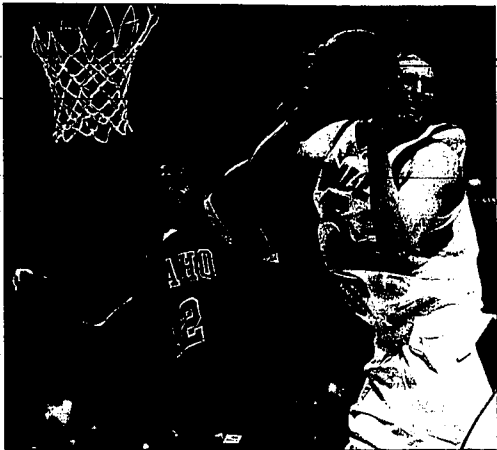
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Tony Hibbert scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Georgetown to a win over Louisville.

Jeff Green scored 16 points and Dajuan Summers added 13 as the surging Hoyas (17-5, 7-2 Big East).

Utah 82, Colorado State 77

SALT LAKE CITY — Luke Nevill scored 18 points and Johnnie Bryant added 17 — including a layup off a length-of-the-court pass with 1.7 seconds left — to lead the Utah Utes on an unusual second-half surge to beat Colorado State.

The Utes outscored the Rams 54-42 in the second half for their second straight win. — The Associated Press



Idaho forward Michael Crowell battles for a rebound with Boise State guard Coby Karl during a basketball game on Wednesday night at Taco Bell Arena in Boise.

Larry leads Broncos to 23-point rout of Vandals

Former CSI star has 19 points, 18 boards in win

BOISE (AP) — Reggie Larry scored 19 points and grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds Wednesday night as Boise State defeated Idaho 86-63 in a Western Athletic Conference game.

Matt Nelson added 14 points and eight rebounds for the Broncos (12-10, 6-5 WAC), who beat Idaho for the 12th consecutive time dating back to 2001.

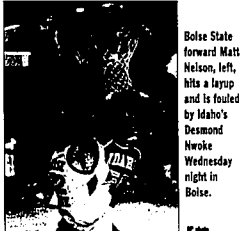
David Jackson scored 15 points for the over-matched Vandals (3-20, 1-10 WAC), who had the size but not the athleticism to match up with Boise State. Idaho lost its sixth in a row, and has now lost 10 of its last 11.

The Vandals appeared intent on making a game of it early and led for much of the first half, taking a 19-14 lead on Kenny Watson's 3-point shot with 10:05 left. Watson finished with 12 points.

But then Boise State rallied, and Seth Robinson weaved through the lane with some nifty fades that ended with a left-handed layup with 8:51 left in the half to give the Broncos a 21-19 lead.

They opened the flood gates.

After Idaho's G.J. Aswara made one of two free throws, Kenny Wilson responded with a dunk for the Broncos and Boise State outscored the Vandals 21-5 heading into the



Boise State forward Matt Nelson, left, hits a layup and is fouled by Idaho's Desmond Nwoke Wednesday night in Boise.

break for a 42-25 halftime lead.

Boise State opened the second half with a 14-0 run to quickly squash any comeback hopes Idaho might have had.

Idaho shot 33 percent in the first half compared to Boise State's 43 percent. For the game, Boise State made 45 percent of its shots compared to Idaho's 38 percent. The Broncos out-rebounded Idaho 55-26, mainly on Larry's athleticism around the basket.

No. 1 Florida 71, Georgia 61

ATHENS, Ga. — Corey Brewer scored 18 points. Al Horford added 17 and top-ranked Florida stretched its winning streak to 15 games Wednesday night, pulling away in the second half for a 71-61 victory over Georgia.

Florida (22-2, 9-0 Southeastern Conference) also extended its best start ever in the league by sweeping its season series with the Bulldogs. The Gators won 67-51 in Gainesville a month ago, dominating over the final 20 minutes after Georgia led at halftime.

No. 4 Wisconsin 71, Penn State 58

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Alando Tucker scored 24 points. Michael Flowers added 12 and Wisconsin pulled away after halftime to beat Penn State.

The Nittany Lions (10-12, 1-8 Big Ten) hung close for much of the game thanks to an active zone and energetic forward Janelle Corley, who finished with 20 points. The Bulldogs (23-2, 9-1) at times crowded the shot when they did find space.

No. 7 Pittsburgh 60, West Virginia 47

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Sam Young scored a career-high 21 points to help Pittsburgh lead West Virginia's first home loss of the season.

Pittsburgh (21-3, 9-1 Big

Wade, Heat hammer hapless Celtics

BOSTON — Dwyane Wade had 30 points and raine assists to lead the Miami Heat to their fifth consecutive victory, beating Boston 91-79 on Wednesday night and sending the Celtics to a franchise-record 16th loss in a row.

Boston led by as many as 12 in the first quarter before the Heat went on a 19-2 run to take the lead for good. Wade had six points and an assist during a 13-4 Miami spurt at the beginning of the third that made it 57-44. The Heat then started the fourth with a 14-3 run to blow it open.

Shaquille O'Neal scored nine points in 25 minutes as he recovers from knee surgery.

Ryan Gomes scored 15 points in 14 minutes, which hasn't won since beating Memphis on Jan. 5.

Nets 87, Hawks 85

ATLANTA — Vince Carter made the goal-line layup with 7.5 seconds remaining, grabbed a critical rebound on Atlanta's big man possession, and New Jersey stopped a four-game losing streak.

Carter led the Nets with 22 points and nine boards, while Mikki Moore added 19 points.

Josh Smith led Atlanta with 20 points, but exited midway through the fourth.

Raptors 113, Magic 103

TORONTO — Chris Bosh scored a career-high 41 points and outplayed Dwight Howard in a matchup of All-Star big men as the Raptors won their season-high fourth straight.

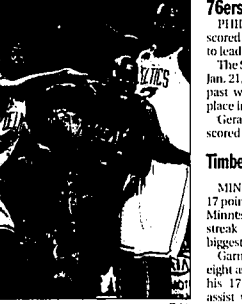
Bosh also had eight rebounds for the Atlantic Division-leading Raptors.

Howard had 32 points on 13-for-14 shooting for the Magic.

SuperSonics 103, Pacers 102

INDIANAPOLIS — Ray Allen scored 33 points and rookie Andre Brown made the go-ahead basket with 23 seconds remaining as Seattle snipped a 15-game road losing streak.

They Murphy scored 22 points for the Pacers, his most since he came in a trade with Golden State three weeks ago.



Miami Heat guard Gary Payton, center, drives to the basket through the arms of Boston Celtics defenders Gerald Green, left, and Al Jefferson, right in Boston, Wednesday.

Spurs 110, Wizards 83

WASHINGTON — Tony Parker and Tim Duncan scored 20 points apiece, and San Antonio pulled even on its rodeo road trip.

The Spurs never trailed, shot 62 percent in the first half and led by double digits for all but the first 4:05 of the game.

Gilbert Arenas scored 29 points but made only 10 of 24 shots for the Wizards.

Cavaliers 94, Clippers 77

CLEVELAND — Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 16 points with a season-high 16 rebounds, Larry Hughes scored 15 points and the Cavaliers hardly needed LeBron James in an easy victory.

James scored 11 points — three above his season low and 15 below his average — and spent the first half of the fourth quarter watching as the seething Cavaliers, who came in just 4-0 since Jan. 16, won their fifth straight at home against the Clippers.

Elton Brand led Los Angeles with 21 points and Shaun Livingston added 19.

76ers 92, Bobcats 83

PHILADELPHIA — Andre Iguodala scored 27 points, and Andre Miller had 13 to lead suddenly surging Philadelphia.

The Sixers were 19 games under .500 on Jan. 21, but have won seven of 11 to jump past awful Boston and get out of last place in the Atlantic Division.

Gerald Wallace and Eddy Okafor each scored 16 points for the Bobcats.

Timberwolves 121, Warriors 93

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett had 17 points, 15 rebounds and 10 assists, and Minnesota snapped a four-game losing streak by beating Golden State with its biggest margin of victory this season.

Garnett had 11 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists in the first half, then reached his 17th career triple-double with an assist with 3:05 remaining in the third quarter.

Ricky Davis scored 26 points on 10-for-11 shooting and Mark Blount added 22 for the Timberwolves.

Mavericks 113, Grizzlies 97

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 18 of his 38 points, including a putback at the overtime buzzer to give New Orleans a wild victory over Denver.

J.R. Smith, who shot only 3-of-13 against his former team, had tied it at 112 with a 3-pointer with 17 seconds left.

The Hornets ruined Allen Iverson's return from a four-game absence and won for the 13th time in their last 15 road games. David West and Devin Brown added 17 points apiece.

— The Associated Press

Amaechi to come out publicly as a gay man

NEW YORK (AP) — John Amaechi is gay, and now the first NBA player to come out publicly is ready to talk about it.

Amaechi, a center who spent five seasons with four teams, is scheduled to appear on ESPN's Outside the Lines on Sunday, and his autobiography "Man in the Middle" will be released Feb. 14.

"It is coming out of the closet as a gay man," Amaechi's publicist Howard Bragman said Wednesday.

NBA commissioner David Stern said a player's sexuality is not important.

"We have a very diverse league. The question at the NBA is always: Have you got game? That's it, end of inquiry," he said.

Three years after his playing career ended, Amaechi has become the sixth professional male athlete to come out.

Former NFL running back David Kopay came out in 1977, and offensive lineman Roy Simmons and defensive lineman Esera Dhanoo came out more recently. Glenn Burke, an outfielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Oakland A's in the 1970s, and Billy Bean, a utility player in the 1980s and 1990s, also have come out.

"What John did is amazing," Nbaol said. "He does not know how many young kids he has saved. He does not know how many lives he's saved by speaking the truth."

Martina Navratilova, perhaps the most famous openly gay athlete in the world, also praised Amaechi's courage and wondered why so few athletes



Former Utah Jazz center John Amaechi, of Great Britain, shoots against the Sacramento Kings on Dec. 14, 2002 in Salt Lake City.

have made the same decision.

"We are the most closeted of any profession, especially on the men's side. It's astonishing how few have come out, considering how many athletes there are."

She said. "It's all about education and making us tangible instead of a group you can say terrible things about."

In his book, Amaechi describes the challenge of being gay in a league where it is assumed that all players are heterosexual. He writes that while playing in Utah, coach Jerry Sloan used anti-gay innuendo to describe him.

Sloan said Wednesday that although his relationship with Amaechi was "shaky" because of the player's attitude, he didn't know Amaechi was gay. Sloan had no comment about Amaechi's contention that Sloan used anti-gay innuendo when referring to him.

COMICS

B.C. By Johnny Hart

WHY WEREN'T YOU AT THE PROCREATION SOCIETY MEETING LAST NIGHT?
I WAS, BUT THEY THREW ME OUT.
WHAT FOR?
I SHOWED UP EARLY.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

WHEN YOU SAY:
LET'S GO! WERE LATE!
THEY MUST HEAR:
EVERYBODY MOVE IN SLOW-MOTION!

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

BALDO, WHY ARE YOU DESIGNING THAT CHAT?
UM...
IT'S A LOT EASIER THAN PUSING IT.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

THEY WERE SAD WHEN THEY FOUND OUT THEIR WEALTHY GRANDFATHER HAD DIED IN AN EARTHQUAKE.
THEY WERE DEVASTATED WHEN THEY DISCOVERED HE HAD WRITTEN HIS WILL ON AN ETCH A SKETCH.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

WALLY, WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR?
MY GOAL IS TO REPLACE MY SOUL WITH COFFEE AND BECOME IMMORTAL.
I MEAN SOME- OH, I THOUGHT YOU SAID MY GOALS.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

ALL PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS ARE DEAD IN A MIST...
CAN'T YOU PLEASE CALL THE PRESIDENT AND ASK HIM TO PLEASE RECALL HIS MISTAKE?
I'M ALREADY PROMISED TO HOLD PRESSURE, TREAT, DESTROY AND CARRY. SOME DON'T BELIEVE ME.
BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY YOU SHOULD BELIEVE ME.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

ELDERPARK ARTS & CRAFTS ROOM.
'Make Your Own Valentine' class?
Come on, Boone! This could be fun!
Hello, General. What're you working on?
A heart. Evelyn.
Funny... it looks like it's made out of barbed wire...
It is! I'm playing hard to get!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

HOW'S YOUR COMING FINDER COMES ANIMAL THINGS MIGHT BE CAN HELP IT TO BECOME TO EXPAN- AND SHEER WORDS COME OUT!
IT'S A CURIOUS PART OF THE PROBABILITY OF LIFE.
THEY'VE OFFERED ME AN ADVANCED LIFE. I'VE TAKEN A BEST BELIEVE!
IT'S AN EMBROIDERED NOT NOTION! NOW!
HE WANTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMING. HE WANTS TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE.
I CAN READ YOUR MIND. I CAN READ YOUR MIND. I CAN READ YOUR MIND.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

BUG LOANS
WHAT ABOUT LATE FEES?

Luann By Greg Evans

WOOF (ANOTHER STROKE)
THAT'S MY BIG BOOTHEE!
YOU'RE LUNN!
LET ME HELP, LUANN. YOU HAVE A NICE CURVE. SO I'VE MADE THIS UP WITH A LITTLE...
ISN'T MY BROTHER SOMETHING?
SOMETHING WHEN S H'S OVER?

Mattard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

OVER AT HOWARD Dean's Office!
AHH!!
WALTER WILLIAMS WILL NEVER BE PRESIDENT!... HE HAS A DEEP DARK, SCANDALOUS SKELETON IN HIS CLOSET!
HORSE... HE SMOKES CIGARETTES!
WOAH! BET HE KILLED SOMEONE... OR MOBBED INTERVIEW!
WHAT IF HE CLAIMS HE DIDN'T INHALE?

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

THIS PAINTING REALLY SPEAKS TO ME.
WHY IS THAT?
BECAUSE HE'S A SAD, LONELY FOOL AND I PITY HIM.
AND YOU SHOULD HEAR THE FRAME

Pickles By Brian Crane

WAAAAH WAAA!
YOU LIKE PLAYING THE HARMONICA. DON'T YOU GRAMPA?
YUP, IT'S THE PERFECT INSTRUMENT. IT'S SMALL, EASY TO LEARN, EXPRESSIVE...
BUT THE BEST PART IS IT KEEPS THE CAT AWAY.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL, BUT I COULD NEVER JUSTIFY THE EXORBITANT PRICE!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD LET YOUR FEET DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO BUY THE BOOTS?
THEY SAID IT WOULDN'T BE FAR TO THE OTHER FEET IN THE FARM!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

JERRY HAS STARTED CALLING ME BY MY FIRST NAME!
I HEARD!
CUTE! YOU DON'T THINK SHE'D DO SOME THING ABOUT IT?
NO... JUST SMILE. IGNORE IT.
AND PARTY SOON WILL BE COMING UP WITH SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

HOW MUCH LONGER IS IT GOING TO TAKE TO FINISH THE 'P' TITLE SEARCH?
WIN THE DISCOVERY OF THE NEW WORLD TOOK LONGER THAN EXPECTED

Strang Brew By John Deering

WALLY FINALLY LOCATED THE ORIGINAL MUSIC OF HIS LIFE.

Shake off added responsibilities, Aries

IF FEB. 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, schedule a vacation or enroll in a health club in April, but keep your nose firmly to the grindstone in March and May. If you wish to achieve your ambitions, you will be required to work hard and avoid any key changes for the next seven months. The good news is that harmonious Neptune is moving into your spot of the heavens and will soothe your soul for many months to come. Look for a beneficial opportunity or a fortunate investment in late July or August. That is the best time to start a new job or begin a new venture as your judgment and ability to attract good luck are at a zenith.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Steady liveliness is always reliable. Have pleasant times, but don't get weighed down by extra responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There is light at the end of the tunnel. Some problems evaporate and a frank discussion might clear the air. Try a new outfit, a new haircut or another personal treat to lift your spirits.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Sweet dreams are made of this. Every word that falls from your lips is sure to be persuasive and utterly engaging. This might be

desires crop up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Creativity offers a pleasant escape. Find something to do that gives you a chance to exercise your inner genius. Judgment could be out of kilter, so don't risk your reputation on a new project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen with your heart as well as with your ears. Sometimes the words left unsaid make relationships thrive. Be as generous as possible with the ones who count the most.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money must remain fluid to be useful. Don't lock in a loan or make a credit card purchase that could take years to pay off. The things that money can't buy are most important.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sincere kindness attracts adoring glances. You may not be aware how much your efforts are valued. Those who sugarcoat the bad news might not have your best interests at heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The heart has its reasons. You may receive a whimsical gift or a pat on the back. Accept whatever comes your way with open arms.

HOROSCOPE Jeraldine Saunders

a good time to make phone calls, presentations or proposals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Give an inch and gain a mile. While it isn't wise to let your sympathies overcome your common sense, you can yield to reasonable requests. Hold off on taking major financial steps.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There is always a restful eye in the middle of a storm. Take time to understand what has been going on behind the scenes. Lend a sympathetic ear or a comforting shoulder to a favored friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Speak your mind. Whatever words you utter will fall on admiring ears. This is a good time to speak to a loved one, network for new business, or make a public speaking presentation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Glide on a cloud of optimism. Prosperity and contentment might be just around the corner. It is important to keep your eye fixed on major long-term goals even if new dreams and

COMICS

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

YOU'RE SELLING YOUR WATCH? — YEAH, I FOUND IT REALLY DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE. — HEY, BEETLE! WHAT TIME IS IT? — COSMO'S CORNER —

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

YOU LOOK TRED, HONEY — I JUST CATERED A PARTY FOR A BUNCH OF RETIRED CLONING — THAT MUST'VE BEEN KINDA FLURRY — THERE'S NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT DOOGING GREEN PIES AND SETTING WATER FOR THREE HOURS! —

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

YOU'RE GETTING TOO BIG FOR YOUR BRITISH, YOUNG LADY! HOW OLD ARE YOU? — I'M ALMOST TEN! — IN HOW MANY DAYS? — IN SEVENTEEN MONTHS! —

Garfield By Jim Davis

BONK! — U STINK — BEEDLE BEEDLE BEEDLE —

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

HAGAR SAID HE'D RETURN FROM ENGLAND WITH VICTORIES... — OR HIS NAME ISN'T HAGAR, IS IT HORRIBLE? — SAM? — ARNOLD? — WILLIAM? — JOHN? —

Hi and Lois By Chance Brown

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU GET BOILING MAD? — A CUP OF TEA HELPS SOMETIMES — WATCH IT, I'M BOILING CALM. —

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

I REMEMBER THIS ONE GIRL I WAS IN LOVE WITH A LONG TIME AGO. — HER FATHER BROKE UP OUR ROMANCE... HE SAID I NEVER AMOUNT TO ANYTHING — BOY, WAS HE WRONG! — WASN'T HE? —

The Wizard of Id By Brian Parker & Johnny Hart

CAN YOU SPARE A DOLLAR FOR SOME CHICKEN SOUP? — YOU POOR MAN — HERE'S A DOLLAR — THANKS, HERE'S YOUR SOUP —

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

"I'm better at playing 'throw' than I am at playing 'catch'."

The Wizard of Id By Brian Parker & Johnny Hart

Y'KNOW, JOEY... EVEN IF THIS DOOR IS LOCKED, GHOSTS CAN OZZIE IN UNDER IT."

Child driving golf cart is a recipe for disaster

DEAR ABBY: May I respond to the assertion that letting the 8-year-old drive a golf cart is unsafe? Dec. 31 I'm 63-years-old routinely — drive go-carts, motorcycles and the like recreationally. Most competitive leagues have divisions especially for them (pee-wee leagues). As long as they have the proper protective gear, this is in no way child endangerment.

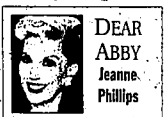
I drove a motorcycle and go-cart at the age of 8 and 31 years later, I attribute my spotless driving record to the early and consistent training. — **AL M.J. BOISE, IDAHO**

DEAR AL: The grandnother who wrote that letter ("Seriously Worried in Florida") stated that she felt the golf cart was too big and powerful for the safety of the grandchild. She also did not indicate that any safety gear was being provided for the little girl. I'm pleased your experience was a positive one, but read on:

DEAR ABBY: About 13 years ago, my nephew was allowed to drive a golf cart at the age of 8. He fatally injured his 6-year-old step-sister. He is still traumatized by it.

And if that isn't bad enough, last time my great-grandmother was driving a similar piece of equipment on his third birthday to gift from his paternal grandfather.

While the whole family watched, he overruined it as he drove off the road and into a



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEWILDERED GRAMMY IN MARYLAND

DEAR ABBY: I am a registered nurse who works with brain-injured adults. That grandmother has every right to be concerned. I recently cared for a gentleman who sustained a serious head injury falling out of a golf cart. He remains very confused and unable to care for himself. The lifelong consequences of head injuries can be devastating — not only to the victim, but also to their families. — **J.N. IN MILFORD, N.H.**

DEAR ABBY: A 6-year-old driving a golf cart is child endangerment, and a social worker has the right to remove that child to a foster home and ask questions later. The parents would then be under a microscope.

Because the grandparent knew about the situation and did not report it to the authorities, the grandparents would probably not be considered safe guardians for that child, and the child would be placed with strangers until the par-

ents finish court-ordered parenting classes.

Foster children are big business. It's a totally different climate than it was in the days when only severely neglected and abused children found their way into foster care.

I speak from 17 years of experience as a foster parent and 30 years as a psychiatric nurse who has seen what happens: families must jump through to get their children back once child protective services is involved. — **HEADER** IN FERRIS, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: An elderly lady here was killed in a hit-and-run golf cart accident while picking up her mail. The driver was a child. I hope this will serve as a wake-up call to the Florida child's irresponsible parents. — **JULIE S.** ANN ARBOR, MICH.

DEAR ABBY: My son was 6 when he drove a golf cart into a utility pole.

Because of the laws of inertia, his little body was not heavy enough to hold him to the seat of the vehicle. He was affixed to the trauma center for the life-threatening injuries he received to his spleen, liver and pancreas.

It was horrible. I nearly lost him. Please, Abby, urge those parents to move the kid out of the driver's seat. — **SARA IN** FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

Baby powder takes squeak out of floor

You can temporarily take the squeak out of a floorboard by sprinkling baby powder in the crack along its edges.

This day in history: Feb. 8, 1587, was a bad day for Mary Queen of Scots, because it was the day of her beheading. It was a bad day for her executioner, too. The nervous axe man took five swings to cut through her neck, eliciting groans from the VIPs in attendance. He finally had to finish the "bit" grinding at the remaining gristle with his blade. Things got worse. When he held her head up by the hair for all to see, Mary's wig slipped off in his hand and her head tumbled across the ground.

Capt. Matthew Webb was the first person to swim across the English Channel. The year was 1875; he swam the breaststroke.

Don't want to hammer your fingers? Hold a small nail with a hair comb, a large one with a clothespin.



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

DEAR ABBY: The power of marketing "Mohair" and "cashmere" both sound a lot better than "goat hair," don't they?

If you're thinking of staying at one of the two hotels made completely from ice each year, take note that the blocks of ice that make up Sweden's Icehotel are carved from the Torne River; those in Quebec's Icehotel are manufactured at an ice plant, regardless.

Regardless, pack your long johns — the temperature inside is just above freezing.

Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo can be reached at factmatters@mingo-barrett.com.

The J & J, Edgar Hoover

Man has chance for space ride after all

POWNY, Calif. — A man who gave up a free space ride because he couldn't afford the taxes on the contest prize may be going to the cosmos after all.

Brian Emmett, a 31-year-old software consultant from the San Francisco Bay area, has signed on to become a consultant to a space tourism upstart in exchange for a chance to experience weightlessness some 60 miles above Earth.

Emmett won a future spaceflight as part of a 2005 sweepstakes sponsored by software giant Oracle Corp. He forfeited the prize after calculating he would owe \$25,000 in taxes for the spaceflight valued at \$139,000.

Enter: Benson Space Co., a Pwony-based upstart funded by rocket entrepreneur Jim Benson, who is trying to break into the suborbital spaceflight business.

Benson, who dreamed of flying to space as a boy, sold his sympathized with Emmett and offered him a consulting position. "He had a dream, the dream got broken and we fixed it," Benson said.

As part of the agreement, the company will pay Emmett to serve as a "test passenger" allowing him to blith a free ride into space in late 2008 when the company hopes to send its first paying tourists, Benson said.



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Missing car case of mistaken identity

ATHENS, Ohio — Kate Anderson became an accidental car thief when she went to pick up her daughter's car near an Ohio University building last week.

Anderson spotted the nickel-gray Toyota Camry and used her daughter's key to unlock the car, start the engine and drive home — without realizing that the car wasn't her daughter's.

When student Charlie Vansant left class a short time later, he found only an empty parking spot. The first assumed

the car, made in the mid-1980s, had been towed, but when police couldn't find a record of it, they took a theft report.

"I thought it was very, very bizarre," he said. The morning after Anderson took the car, her daughter discovered the Camry in the driveway wasn't hers. Anderson said she was able to find Vansant's name on paperwork in the glove compartment.

According to a police report, the case was closed "because of mistaken car identity." Anderson wasn't charged. — **The Associated Press**

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies, a few rain showers and... Tomorrow: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and a chance of scattered late showers.

BURLEIGH RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies and isolated to widely scattered showers... Tomorrow: Cloudy skies and scattered late day and overnight showers.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, Hi Lo Precip. Lists weather for various cities.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, Moonrise and Moonset, U.V. INDEX, and Day Weather.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mountain snow showers are likely for today with a rain-snow mix possible in the valleys.

BOISE Scattered showers and cloudy to mostly cloudy skies for today. Mostly dry tonight with continuing mostly cloudy skies.

NORTHERN UTAH Light rain and snow is possible for today with a low shower continuing at times tonight and Saturday.



REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

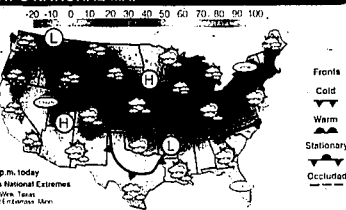
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for cities like Denver, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, etc.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for cities like London, Tokyo, Sydney, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CREDIT EXPRESS advertisement for car, truck, and van financing.

CANADIAN FORECAST table for cities like Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, etc.

CSI men rise to No. 7

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team made a clean sweep of the North Idaho College Cardinals last week and was rewarded in the latest NJCAA poll with a one-spot bump to No. 7.

Men's NJCAA Div. I Poll Through Feb. 6. Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, W, L.

CSI women drop one spot

TWIN FALLS — Last Friday's three-point home loss to North Idaho College didn't cost the College of Southern Idaho women much in the NJCAA Division I Poll.

NCAA Women's Div. I Poll Through Feb. 6. Table with 4 columns: Rank, Team, W, L.

Arizona

Despite preparing for the season with their cold-weather disadvantage, the Golden Eagles will look to jumpstart their season with a convincing win tonight.

Aces

Continued from page C1. One of the biggest questions of the year for the CSI staff will be just where everybody ends up toward the end of the season.

Golden Eagles' closer, though that may change if Walker finds he's more comfortable with Latham finishing games.

Under pitching coach Dave Carter. "He could be the key to our whole pitching staff," Walker said of Darnewood.

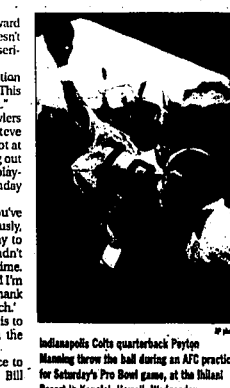
CSI wraps up its weekend with a Saturday series at Scottsdale Community College against the Fighting Artichokes.

Manning, other Colts get champs welcome at Pro Bowl

KAPOLEI, Hawaii (AP) — Peyton Manning always wanted to be at the Pro Bowl. He finally got the chance to make the dramatic entrance reserved for champions thanks to the four teammates with him in Hawaii and the other 48 who delivered a title to Indianapolis.

They found something to make the 4,240-mile fly, however: They watched the tape of Indianapolis' 29-17 win over Chicago for the first time.

AFC again after winning the MVP award in Hawaii two years ago, but doesn't plan to take this Pro Bowl quite as seriously as he did in previous years.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning threw the ball during an AFC practice for Saturday's Pro Bowl game, at the Hilton Resort in Kapolei, Hawaii, Wednesday.

INSIDE: Farmers scramble for bees to pollinate crops, D2



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INSIDE: Money, D2 | Stocks, D3 | Nation, D4



Orlando Garzon-Mejia, a special projects coordinator with the American Red Cross, will be working with the Hispanic community to generate more awareness for disaster preparedness in the Magic Valley.

USCIS proposes new immigration fees

Want more info or to comment?

The proposed fee structure will be available for public comment at www.regulations.gov. The proposed fee structure has been transmitted to the Federal Register and is needed to improve customer service, strengthen the security of our immigration system, and modernize its business infrastructure for the 21st century, agency leaders say.

WASHINGTON — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is seeking public comment on a proposal to adjust fees for immigration and naturalization benefit applications and petitions. The proposed fee structure has been transmitted to the Federal Register and is needed to improve customer service, strengthen the security of our immigration system, and modernize its business infrastructure for the 21st century, agency leaders say.

"As a fee-based agency, we must be able to recover the costs necessary to administer an efficient and secure immigration system that ultimately improves service delivery, prevents future backlogs, closes security gaps, and furthers our modernization efforts," said USCIS Director Emilio Gonzalez. "We're confident that this fee adjustment will enable the type of exceptional immigration service our nation expects and deserves."

The revenue from a new fee structure will, if implemented in full this summer, enable a 20 percent reduction in average application processing times by the end of fiscal year 2009, and it will cut processing times by the end of fiscal year 2008 for four key application types that represent a third of all applications filed.

These application types are: the I-90 (Renew/Replace Permanent Resident Card), I-140 (Immigration Petition for Alien Worker) and I-485 (Adjustment of Status).

Permanent Resident, which will improve from six to four months processing time, and the N-400 (Naturalization), which will improve from seven to five months processing time, the agency reported.

The proposal highlights an average increase for application and petition fees of approximately 60 percent. The increase in actual costs to

"As a fee-based agency, we must be able to recover the costs necessary to administer an efficient and secure immigration system

— Emilio Gonzalez
USCIS Director

applicants and petitioners will be only 66 percent, however, because applicants for adjustment of status will no longer be required to pay a fee to apply for interim benefits. This review found that the current fee structure does not allow USCIS to recover the full costs of providing services associated with the adjudication of millions of applications.

The last comprehensive fee adjustment occurred in 1998 when fees were increased by an average of 76 percent.

USCIS has periodically adjusted fees for inflation, most recently in October 2005 and prior to that in February 2002.

Hispanic Business and Professionals Network meet Monday in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — The Hispanic Business and Professionals Network will meet at noon Monday at the Aztlán restaurant off of Blue Lakes Boulevard North.



Noticias

Anyone is welcome to the no-host lunch. For more information, call Pat Marcantonio or Leticia Coronado at 733-9931.

Here to help

Man enjoys calling to assist others

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The minute that Orlando Garzon-Mejia walked in the door of the Red Cross office, he brought excitement with him.

"That excitement seemed to come from a desire to help others, and almost shines through his eyes and his voice whenever he talks.

"I kind of stumbled me," said Whitney Beem, the Magic Valley's district director of the Red Cross.

Garzon-Mejia, 62, is special events coordinator at the Twin Falls Red Cross office. He was placed there by experience.

Works, a public agency that puts older people to work. But Garzon-Mejia believes that God led him to Twin Falls.

Last year, he and his family traveled through the United States, going all the way to Canada to find a new place to live. They were residing in San Diego, but wanted to relocate. On their way back to California, they pulled their motor home off the highway at Twin Falls because of a coming storm. When the sun came out, they got a chance to look around and liked what they saw.

From Colombia to California

Garzon-Mejia was working in numerous jobs. He was in the military in Colombia, his native country. There, troops battled political guerrillas — the drug cartels had not yet become powerful. When he was young, guerrillas

To learn more ...
To reach Orlando Garzon-Mejia, call the Red Cross office at 1-800-853-2570, ext. 301, or Whitney Beem at ext. 302.

tried to recruit him and other boys.

"In those days, you have two choices. Either you join the guerrillas, the bad people, or the army. So I joined the army," Garzon-Mejia said.

After he left the military, "I didn't see a future in the civilian life," so he immigrated to New York, where he had friends. He worked in real estate, but didn't like the tactics of brokers. Then, he discovered an opportunity in Alaska where he worked on the pipeline, moving earth to make way for pipeline supports.

"There was big money there," he said. He began working at a chemical plant operator and later started his own jewelry store.

In the 1980s, illegal immigrants were seeking amnesty in the United States through the sweeping amnesty laws. He found people needed help, so he organized a group of volunteers to help them with the paperwork, said Garzon-Mejia, who had earlier obtained his citizenship.

"It was a calling to serve my community," Garzon-Mejia said.

He even traveled to Mexico with the aid of the Mexican Consulate to find birth certificates for 40 people.

That calling to help others took deeper root when he moved to California. There, he worked with a school district, and in the jewelry business, making and repairing and selling wholesale. In the late 1980s, he traveled to Zapata, Mexico, and helped set up a vocational center where people could learn sewing, jewelry making and other skills, he said.

"I got hooked on helping people."

In Mexico, he also met his second wife, Pearl.

After a car accident and heart attack in 2000, he slowed down and the family decided to look for a new place to live. That's when they landed in Twin Falls in August and retired for good in September.

"The Lord brought me here," he said.

Reaching out

Garzon-Mejia started working for the Red Cross in November. He is working on setting up first-aid and CPR courses in Spanish, and training as an instructor.

"He is also organizing a one-day seminar that will teach people what to do in a disaster.

"Because honestly, no one thinks about disaster until it happens," he said. "Are we ready? Are we prepared? I think that is a question on everybody's mind."

He says he wants to reach out to the Hispanic community through its leaders so more Hispanics can become volunteers and know where to go for help if they need it. Currently,

Red Cross mission more than responding to disasters

TWIN FALLS — In Idaho, the Red Cross responds to about one fire a day.

"We have the most disasters in the state are caused by fires. That's what Whitney Beem, the Magic Valley's district director of the Red Cross, told a recent meeting of the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network.

"We helped 120 people last year, and 56 of those were children," she said.

After a disaster or fire, the organization may put people up in hotels, as well as provide comfort kits that include per-

sonal necessities, such as toothbrushes.

"I always tell people we give people dignity after a disaster," she said.

While the familiar symbol of the Red Cross can be spotted at high-profile scenes of fires, floods, hurricanes and other disasters, the organization also serves behind the scenes by offering courses on safety, CPR, first aid and more.

With no federal funding, the organization has felt a budget squeeze. Beem had reported earlier. Some 80 percent of the

Magic Valley's district's disaster-relief budget for fiscal year 2007 had been spent helping others who had been burned out of homes.

This year, people will be able to donate to Red Cross by checking a box on their tax forms.

After 9/11 and the Katrina hurricanes, people responded generously. But sometimes, they forget to help their neighbor, Beem said. But that doesn't change the Red Cross mission to help.

"People don't know how much we do,"

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Dell Inc.	23.82	▲	1.14
Idacorp	37.49	▲	1.11
Lithia Motors	31.10	▲	68
Micron	12.97	▲	0.05
Supervalu	36.52	▼	0.09

Commodities

March Oil	57.71	▼	1.17
Live cattle	93.85	▲ <td>1.18</td>	1.18
March gold	654.4	▲ <td>1.4</td>	1.4

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2006 one of worst years for airline industry

By Martin Zimmerman
Los Angeles Times

A new report issued Wednesday confirms what many travelers already suspected — 2006 was a tough year to fly.

The performance of U.S. airlines in categories such as on-time arrivals, baggage handling and passenger bumping was the worst in years, according to the annual industry report card released by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Despite improvements in some areas — flight cancellations and overall consumer complaints actually fell compared to 2005 — some experts said the numbers bear out the feeling of many travelers that flying has become an ordeal.

"It sucks," said Dean Headley, an associate professor at Wichita State University and co-author of an annual survey of airline quality. After years of financial turmoil and cutbacks, "the airlines just can't provide the same kind of service experience that they did 10 years ago."

About 75 percent of domestic flights arrived on time last year, the lowest since 2000, according to the Department of Transportation report.

Bags were mishandled, lost or misdirected at a rate of 6.7 per 1,000 passengers, the highest since 1990 and up from 6 per 1,000 in 2005. Bumping — when passengers are involuntarily denied boarding because a flight is overbooked — rose to 1.01 per 10,000 passengers, up from 0.9 in 2005 and 0.8 in 2005. Over customer complaints to the government fell almost 5 percent from 2005.

The airline industry blames a series of severe weather events last year for much of the bad publicity. Winter storms in the Midwest and Colorado in December closed down major airline hubs, stranding thousands of passengers.

And a string of violent storms that hit the Dallas-Fort Worth area on Dec. 29 forced American Airlines to divert 121 flights to other airports, where some passengers sat on planes for eight hours before being allowed to disembark.

Real honey of a problem

Farmers scramble for dwindling number of bees to pollinate crops

By Ofria Munoz
Associated Press writer

FRESNO, Calif. — As the cold slowly loosens its grip on California's Central Valley, the pink and white flowers on fruit and nut trees are just beginning to blossom and growers are scrambling for a dwindling supply of bees to pollinate their fields.

Harsh weather across the country, pesticides and miles are blamed for killing off billions of bees needed to pollinate just about every crop throughout the year — oranges in Florida, apples in Washington, blueberries in Maine and California's \$1.1-billion-plus almond crop, according to some preliminary research by scientists with Pennsylvania State University and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"It's startling. We were just starting to get information through word-of-mouth from beekeepers in the east a couple months ago and we thought about what it was going to mean once it got time for them to travel to California," said Dennis vanEngelsdorp, a bee expert with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

The number of commercial honey bee colonies is less than half of what it was 25 years ago, said Maryann Frazier, a bee expert at Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences. A colony is defined as a queen bee and thousands of her workers.

Scientists were in California this week gathering bee samples to study what's killing them off.

"We came to California because, at this time of year, there are less than about 15 states represented here," vanEngelsdorp said.

At stake are crops, especially huge industries like California's almonds, which account for 80 percent of the world's almonds, according to the state Department of Food and Agriculture.

Soon, half of the commercial bees available nationwide will get busy in California, transporting pollen from flower to flower on their legs. The blossoming season that paints large squares of the valley in warm pastels lasts through mid-March.



A bee is seen on the blossom of an almond tree near Modesto, Calif., in February 2004. As the cold slowly loosens its grip on California's Central Valley, the pink and white flowers on fruit and nut trees are just beginning to blossom and growers are scrambling for a dwindling supply of bees to pollinate their fields.

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"I wish we had more answers than questions right now," said Jeff Pettis, a researcher at a USDA honey bee lab in Maryland who was in California this week. "This couldn't be happening at a worse time."

California farmers began to worry after a cold snap swept over the West earlier this year followed by plummeting tem-

peratures in the Midwest because it takes more energy for bees to stay alive in the cold, said Steve Park, a second generation beekeeper in Northern California.

The frigid temperatures were compounded by droughts, which meant less food for bees, vanEngelsdorp said.

"One thing, like weather, will not kill them," he said. "But if there's already one thing making them weak, then the added stress of a mite or a chemical makes life harder for them."

The already feeble bees may not be strong enough to handle a cross-country trek, though beekeepers have made the annual migration to California for at least 60 years, vanEngelsdorp said.

Meanwhile, farmers stand by hoping enough bees are available during the late winter window when pollination is possible.

"It's kind of wait-and-see right now," said farmer George Miller.

Indiana lawmakers considering bills that would restrict large livestock farms

By Rick Calabazas
Associated Press writer

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill that would prohibit large livestock farms within 2 miles of schools, cities and towns drew criticism from a state agricultural official and support from residents who said dust and odors from the farms make them sick.

More than a dozen speakers testified Tuesday before the state House of Representatives' agriculture and rural committee, which is considering two bills that would place limits on the state's growing number of large livestock farms, where thousands of hogs, dairy cows and poultry are raised in tight quarters.

One bill aims to address rural residents' concerns about the odors, dust and manure runoff coming from the farms, called called "feeding operations," by prohibiting their construction within 2 miles of a school, city or town.

It would permit only manure application by "incorporation or injection" below a field's surface and require the certification of farm workers who apply livestock waste to farmland as

fertilizer — the most common method of disposing the large amounts of manure the farms generate.

"It's a bill I think we may be able to get passed," said state Rep. Philip Pflum, who co-authored the bill. "Would I like to go further than this? Personally, yes. But this whole process is a compromise."

He said the bill was needed to get the state's 92 counties to operate according to the same standards.

Nellie Seal, one of several residents who testified before the panel, said she has lived in rural Hancock County for decades and never complained about nearby livestock farms until large hog farms opened nearby.

Seal said the farms' odors and manure-tainted dust blowing off nearby fields now make her husband, a grain farmer, nauseous and sometimes force her to stay indoors.

"This is an everyday fact that we live with," she said. Andy Miller, commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, said the agency opposes Pflum's bill, calling it a threat to

Why they're opposed

- Legislators want to get the state's 92 counties to operate according to the same standards.
- They feel large feedlots create quality of life issues.

the state's billion-dollar livestock industry. He said Indiana's hog and dairy industries grew 8 percent to 10 percent last year in response to consumers' growing demand for pork and milk products.

He said the state's livestock farms go to great lengths to protect the environment from damage from the animal waste the farms generate.

"Today's animal agriculture is the safest for the environment and most heavily regulated in history," he said. "Modern agriculture operates with the utmost care of our state's resources."

Even if Indiana attains its goal of doubling hog production in the coming years, Miller said, the state would still have fewer hogs than it did in 1980. Pflum said the House committee is expected to vote by

What bills propose

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next Tuesday on his bill and another that would prevent state officials from authorizing a new confined feeding operation without the endorsement of local health and zoning officials.

The bill would also create procedures for local approval of the farms, including a system for appealing a farm's approval or rejection.

"I would like to give these decisions back to local officials. It's a local issue," said state Rep. Dave Chestnut, the bill's sponsor.

If approved by the committee, the bills would need the approval of the entire state House and then the Senate before going to the governor for ratification.

Wal-Mart, unions unveil health care goal

By Ana Ceterinicchia
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Executives from Wal-Mart and three other large U.S. employers on Wednesday joined union leaders in calling for "quality, affordable" health care for every American by 2012.

However, they did not propose any specific policies to achieve this goal, or commit to spending any extra money in the near-term to provide health coverage to more workers.



Joining Wal-Mart Stores Inc., CEO Lee Scott and Services & Employment International Union leader Andrew Stern at a Washington press conference were top executives from Intel Corp., AT&T Inc. and Kelly Services Inc., a temporary staffing agency. Yet some critics of Wal-Mart's health care policy remained unsatisfied.

"2012 is a still long way away. What about now?" said Dana Rzesutic, a widow with three children who works nights stocking shelves at a Wal-Mart store in Fridley, Minn.

The partnership of business and union leaders laid out four main goals, including universal health-care coverage for all Americans and boosting the value of every U.S. dollar spent on health care.

The business and union leaders' coalition, dubbed "Better Health Care Together," pledged to convene a national summit by the end of May to recruit others from the private sector, labor, government and non-profits.

"Government alone won't and can't solve this crisis," Scott said. "By following this campaign's common sense principles, we believe America can have high quality, affordable and accessible health care by 2012."

But Scott and others did not provide a detailed plan. In response to a reporter's question, Scott said Wal-Mart is not committed to spending more on health care or making any immediate promises to provide health coverage to more workers.

The business executives did say that any universal coverage in the U.S. market be flexible enough to give consumers choices about their coverage, unlike plans in some foreign nations.

Stern said the SEIU would continue to fund its Wal-Mart Watch campaign, which as recently as last month said Wal-Mart's health plans were a raw deal for employees. Stern said he expects to be criticized for teaming up with Wal-Mart, but that he felt in the best interest of workers who lack coverage, and their families.

Stern said he and Scott first met face-to-face to discuss the partnership "around the holidays."

Joseph T. Hansen, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers union, was critical of other union leaders for teaming up with Wal-Mart.

"It's not appropriate to take the stage with a company that refuses to remedy its mistreatment of workers," Hansen said in a prepared statement.

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Officer: No evidence guards beat Guantanamo detainees

By Michael Mella
Associated Press writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — An Army officer who investigated possible abuse at Guantanamo Bay after some guards reportedly bragged about beating detainees found no evidence they mistreated the prisoners — but did not interview any of the alleged victims, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

Col. Richard Bassett, the chief investigator, recommended no disciplinary action against the Navy guards named by Marine Sgt. Heather Cervenky, who had said that during a conversation in September they

described beating detainees as common practice.

In an affidavit filed to the Pentagon's Inspector General, Cervenky — a member of a detainee's legal defense team — said a group of more than five men who identified themselves as guards had recounted hitting detainees. The conversation allegedly took place at a bar inside the base.

"The evidence did not support any of the allegations of mistreatment or harassment," the Miami-based U.S. Southern Command, which oversees Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in southeastern Cuba, said in a statement.

Investigators conducted 20 inter-

views with "suspects and witnesses," the Southern Command said. Bassett did not interview any detainees, said Jose Ruitz, a command spokesman.

"He talked to all the parties he felt he needed to get information about the allegations that were made," Ruitz said by telephone from Miami.

Brent Mickum, an attorney for two British prisoners at Guantanamo, said the lack of interviews with detainees suggested a "whitewash" by the military.

Vince Warren, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, which represents hundreds of Guantanamo detainees, said the investigation "reveals that the govern-

ment cannot be trusted to police itself when it comes to abuses at Guantanamo."

Guantanamo Bay began receiving prisoners, most of them captured in Afghanistan and Pakistan, in January 2002. Nearly 400 men are held at the detention center on suspicion of links to al-Qaida or the Taliban.

Bassett's findings were approved by Adm. James Stavridis, the head of the Southern Command.

The investigation began on Oct. 13 and was expanded ten days later to include a similar allegation from a civilian employee who recounted a conversation between a female guard and a male interrogator, according to

the statement. Following Bassett's recommendations, Stavridis said a "letter of counseling" should be sent to the female guard who allegedly initiated a "lewdness account" of detainee abuse.

Bassett also accused Cervenky of filing a false statement during a brief meeting with her at the Marine base at Camp Pendleton, Calif., her boss, Marine Lt. Col. Colby Voyke, said last week.

"This sends a clear message that you better not report any detainee abuse at Guantanamo," said Voyke, who filed the complaint about possible detainee abuse to the Pentagon's Inspector General's office that included Cervenky's affidavit.

Judge orders U.S. soldier to stand trial in death of Italian agent in Iraq

By Marla Falconi
Associated Press writer

ROME — A U.S. judge Wednesday ordered a U.S. soldier to stand trial in absentia for the fatal shooting of an Italian intelligence agent at a checkpoint in Baghdad, the prosecutor said.

Sgt. Mario Lozano is indicted for murder and attempted murder in the death of Nicola Calipari, who was shot on March 4, 2005, on his way to the Baghdad airport shortly after securing the release of an Italian journalist who had been kidnapped in the Iraqi capital, prosecutor Pietro Savitoli said.

Another agent, who was driving the car, and the journalist, Giuliana Sgrena, were wounded.

"This looks to me like the first step on a long road toward truth and justice, and I hope justice will come in the end," said a visibly emotional Calipari, the agent's widow.

Lozano was not at the hearing and his whereabouts are not known, Judge Sante Spinelli set his trial date for April 17.

According to prosecutors, the judge said in his ruling that Lozano can be tried for "political murder," because Calipari was a civil servant and his slaying damaged Italy's interests.

Italian law does not allow foreigners charged with killing Italians abroad to be tried in absentia unless the murder has political connotations, prosecutors have said in the past.

Sgrena's lawyer, Alessandro Galberini, said the judge agreed to attach a civil lawsuit against the Defense Department.

Prosecutors so far have not sought the soldier's arrest.



This photo released by Cuba's daily newspaper Juventud Rebelde, shows Cuba's leader Fidel Castro, left, meeting with Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez in Havana on Jan. 25.

AP poll: Americans dislike Castro, but want diplomatic relations with Cuba

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — In nearly equal measure, Americans say they do not like Cuban President Fidel Castro but want the United States to re-establish regular diplomatic relations with the communist island nation after 46 years of estrangement.

Less than half of those polled think Cuba will become a democracy after the 40-year-old revolutionary leader dies or permanently steps aside. However, 89 percent in the Associated Press poll say they think Cubans will be better off or about the same when Castro is gone.

"It's probably not very likely in the short term," Kelly Shattley, 29, of North Haven, Conn., said of prospects for a democratic shift. "I just hope for the citizens of Cuba that it's something that's realized in the next few decades."

Castro has appeared to be

in failing health for six months and has temporarily shifted power to his younger brother Raul. Rumors have been rampant about his ailments and how long he can survive.

The poll suggests the Cold War animosity that has defined U.S.-Cuba relations for nearly a half-century may be fading.

Cuba's government had no immediate reaction to the poll.

Although U.S. administrations from left to right have called Castro a dictator and a tyrant and have spent millions trying to undermine him, 27 percent of poll respondents said they hadn't heard enough about Castro to form an opinion.

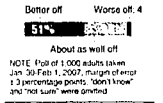
The poll showed 64 percent of respondents had a very or somewhat unfavorable opinion of Castro, the revolutionary leader who has said he will be a Marxist-Leninist until the day he dies.

"He hasn't done much for

AP-IPSSOS POLL

51 percent optimistic about Cuba's future

Most Americans think Cuba will be better off once Fidel Castro is gone. After Castro dies or permanently steps down as president of Cuba, do you think the Cuban people will be better off, worse off or about the same?



his country. The country has not progressed," said Shiraz Danji, 61, of Woodland Hills, Calif. "It's still in the '40s or something like that. Leadership might grow the country and he's not done that."

—Castro got slightly better reviews from younger people — 60 percent of those under

35 had an unfavorable view of Castro while 66 percent of older people felt that way — and younger people were more likely to reserve judgment about him. Among people 18-34, 35 percent said they don't know enough about Castro to have an opinion, while 24 percent of those 35 and older said that.

Even so, a large majority of people — 62 percent — said the United States should re-establish diplomatic ties. The U.S. cut off diplomatic relations with Cuba in 1961, two years after Castro led an armed revolution that drove out U.S.-backed dictator Fulgencio Batista. Decades-old trade and travel embargoes made it difficult for American businesses to trade in an economy they once dominated, and few Americans have visited Cuba.

Researchers discover colony of rare vultures in Cambodia

By Michael Casey
Associated Press writer

BANGKOK, Thailand — Researchers in the remote forests of Cambodia Wednesday have discovered the only known colony in Southeast Asia of slender-billed vultures and scores of other endangered birds.

The colony was discovered last month in the jungles east of the Mekong River in Cambodia's Stung Treng Province.

"We discovered the nests on top of a hill where two other vulture species were also found," said Song Chansocheat, manager of the Cambodia Vulture Conservation Project. The government project is supported by the World Conservation Society, BirdLife International, the World Wildlife Fund, the Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

"Amazingly, there were also a host of other globally threatened species of birds and pri-

mates," Song Chansocheat said in a statement. "It's a very special place."

The area was also found to be home to several other species listed as critically endangered by the World Conservation Union, including the white-rumped vulture, according to the New York-based WCS.

The team also spotted a red-headed vulture, giant fish eagle and an endangered primate called a silver langur, or leaf monkey.

Researchers said slender-billed vultures have been found in other parts of Southeast Asia but that the only other known colony until now was in northern India. They are believed extinct in many parts of Southeast Asia, including Thailand.

Soon after the discovery, Song's team set up measures to protect against poaching and egg collecting, and are now working with local communities to ensure that they are involved in longer-term conservation measures.

Despite bust, Internet experts say child porn rings can remain difficult to track

By Brian Bergpin
Associated Press writer

The numbers behind an international child pornography bust Wednesday were themselves disturbing: Nearly 2,400 suspects from 77 countries allegedly paid to view videos depicting sexual abuse online. But the nature of Internet traffic makes it sadly unsurprising that people would figure they could hide so much hideous material.

Finding and stamping out such content "is needle-in-a-haystack work," said Carole Theriault, a security consultant with Sophos PLC in London.

Austrian authorities said an employee of a Vienna-based Internet file-hosting service approached his national Interior Ministry last July with word that he had noticed the pornographic material during a routine scan.

The videos showed "the worst kind of child sexual abuse," said Austrian Interior Minister Guenther Platter, citing the rape and sexual abuse of girls and boys younger than 14. At times the children could be heard screaming.

Lead investigator Harald Gremel said the videos were online for at most a day before they were discovered. The Austrian Internet service employee blocked access to the videos while recording the computer addresses of people who tried to download the material, and gave the details to authorities.

Within 24 hours, investigators recorded

more than 8,000 hits from 2,361 computer addresses in 77 countries around the world, including the United States, according to Gremel.

In another sign of the ring's international tentacles, Gremel said investigators believe the videos were shot in Eastern Europe and uploaded to the Web from Britain. A link to the videos was posted on a Russian Web site, which is no longer in operation, and hosted on a server in Austria. Some of the material was free, but the Russian site charged \$89 for access for a "members only" section.

Why did finding this take what would seem a breaky break by network administrator? Because everything traversing the borderless Internet looks the same while in transit. Whether it's a mundane e-mail or videos as insidious as this, all traffic gets splintered into packets of data that don't identify what they contain.

Consequently, unless a nefarious Web site advertises itself with spam e-mails or shuffles an inordinate amount of traffic, several factors can conspire to keep it in the shadows. For example, Theriault noted that the perpetrators could send footage over peer-to-peer networks or computers that had been surreptitiously copied by Internet worms. "You could have this stuff on innocent machines and the owner wouldn't even know it," Theriault said. "It can get ugly and complicated, absolutely."

Five indicted in multimillion dollar Iraq bid-rigging scam

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Three U.S. Army Reserve officers were indicted Wednesday, accused of taking part in a bid-rigging scam that steered millions of dollars for Iraq reconstruction projects to a contractor in exchange for cash, luxury cars and jewelry.

An American businessman in Romania was charged as the go-between for the military officers and the contractor. The husband of one of the reservists was accused of helping smuggle tens of thousands of dollars into the United States that the couple used to pay for a deck and a hot tub at their New Jersey house.

Together, the five used the \$26 billion Iraqi rebuilding fund "as their own personal ATM machines," Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty said in announcing the charges.

The defendants actually took bricks of stolen cash ... and smuggled them out of Iraq and back to the United States for their own personal use," McNulty said.

The reservists' indictment, filed in U.S. District Court in New Jersey, marks the latest development in an investigation of \$8.6 million in Iraq contracts awarded to construction mogul Philip H. Bloom.

Bloom, an American citizen who ran a construction and services company under Global Business Group, has admitted to laundering at least \$2 million that was stolen from reconstruction funds managed by the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. He awaits sentencing.

McNulty said the five people indicted Wednesday stole or otherwise misused \$3.6 million from the CPA fund.

The three reservists — Col. Curtis G. Whiteford of Utah, Lt. Col. Debra M. Harrison of New Jersey and Lt. Col. Michael B. Wheeler of Wisconsin — were responsible for helping supervise the funding and progress of the CPA contracts in al-Hillah, Iraq, southwest of Baghdad.

In return for steering contracts to Bloom between 2003 and 2005, prosecutors said, the military reservists and their accomplices shared an estimated \$1 million in cash, and were showered with Porsche and Nissan sports cars, a Cadillac SUV, real estate, a private jet, business-class plane tickets, computers and other items.

Harrison's husband, William Driver, was charged with helping smuggle over \$300,000 into the U.S., part of which was used for home improvements, prosecutors said.

One of Bloom's friends, businessman Seymour Morris Jr., allegedly acted as a go-between for the military officers and the construction company by illegally wiring money and securing the goods.

Morris is a U.S. citizen who lives in Romania, and owns a Cyprus-based financial services company that has been charged with the five include bribery, conspiracy, wire fraud, money laundering and transporting stolen property.

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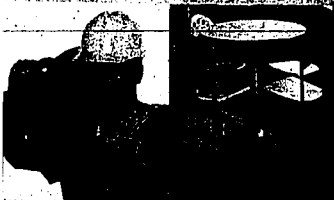
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On the 5th day of June, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 AM of this day (recognized local time), in the office of First American Title Company, 260 North Avenue North in Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, in the County of Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as successor trustee, will sell public auction to the highest bidder, the subject of this check (each equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(b) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 4 of the East 83 feet of Lot 4 of QUILCI HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, according to the official plat thereof, filed in Book of Plats of the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, recorded in Twin Falls County, Idaho Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.
The Trustee has knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 833 Falls Avenue West, Twin Falls, ID, 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property.
Said sale will be made with or without warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and to enforce the power of sale hereunder, in the Deed of Trust executed by Mike Eslinger, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Grantor(s), to TitleOne Corporation, as the beneficiary, with this check, trustee, and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lend Lease, Inc. (Docket No. 200702021), in 17, 2004, as Instrument No. 200402962, and assigned to First Horizon Home Loan Corporation by assignment recorded January 26, 2007, as Instrument No. 200702021, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(4) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE OR ARE NOT PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
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Dated: February 1, 2007
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2006-140 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of **MARY MELVINA BRYANT**, Deceased.

HELEN J. ROBERTS and **CHARLES L. BRYANT** have been appointed Personal Representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against said decedent person are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice at the office of Worst, Fitzgerald & Stover, P.L.L.C., 245 3rd Avenue, PO Box 1716, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1716, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims may be presented to the Personal Representatives at the above address and filed with the above Court.

DATED this 26th day of January, 2007.
WORST, FITZGERALD & STOVER, P.L.L.C.
 By Timothy J. Stover
 Attorney for Estate

PUBLISH: February 1, 8 and 15, 2007

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

Bill Freeman will sell at auction for money due a 1978 Holiday Rambler trailer, VIN # 57811033220243 on February 23, 2007 at 9:30 AM at 363 S. Locust St., Twin Falls, Idaho.

PUBLISH: February 9 and 15, 2007

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2007-000343 NOTICE TO CREDITORS I.C. 15-3-801

In the Matter of the Estate of **WALTER B. SMALLY HAFNER**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **SHERY A. HAFNER** has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHEN KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINOR
 By Russell G. Kvanvig
 Attorneys for Personal Representative
 PO Box 63
 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0063
 Telephone: 208-733-2721

PUBLISH: February 1, 8 and 15, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV-07-195 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of **SADIE HOSHAW**, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

KVERNEIDEN ZACKAY
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PUBLISH: February 8, 15 and 22, 2007

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-07-54 NOTICE TO CREDITORS I.C. 15-3-801

In the Matter of the Estate of **BESSIE M. WRIGHT**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **JOHN R. WRIGHT** has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHEN KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINOR
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PUBLISH: January 25, February 1 and 8, 2007

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-07-30 NOTICE TO CREDITORS I.C. 15-3-801

In the Matter of the Estate of **BENJAMIN D. LEWITT**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Paul E. Dowd** has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHEN KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINOR
 By Kevin F. Trainor
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PUBLISH: February 1, 8 and 15, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BLAINE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2006-0503 NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR HEARING

In the interest of **CASEY FARLEY** d/b/a: VIKINGS

On or about Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on April 10, 2007, 10:00 AM in the Magistrate Court, Blaine County Courthouse, Hailey, Idaho. The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing: **SHARON FARLEY**, Mother; **MARSHALL FARLEY SR.**, Possible Father; **JOHN DOWD**, Possible Father.

The undersigned attorneys are further notified that they are entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If they are financially unable to retain attorneys, they may apply to the Court prior to the hearing for appointment of counsel.

Said father is further notified that pursuant to 16-1513 of the Idaho Code that he may register his claim as a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms available for download at: www.dhs.gov or at the offices of the Department of Health and Welfare. Said father is further notified that he shall mail the completed form to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, 250 S. 2nd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Your failure to so register can result in your being barred in your maintenance of a claim for child support and visitation and constitutes a prima facie case of abandonment pursuant to section 16-2005 of the Idaho Code.

February 23, 2007
 JMagistrate

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-06-463 NOTICE TO CREDITORS I.C. 15-1-401(a)(3)

In the Matter of the Estate of **CHARLES PARKER JOHNSON, JR.**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2007.
 Dan Lee
 1148 E. 2900 S.
 Hagerman, ID 83332

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-07-451 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of **ROSE E. HOSKINS**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Administrators of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims may be presented to the undersigned Co-Administrators of the estate at Stover, D. Peterson & Co., P.O. Box 6887, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-5827, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, in the form prescribed by rule.

DATED the 26th day of January, 2007.
 D/Vector B. Cuyler
 268 Hankins Road N
 Twin Falls, ID 83301
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 1179 Harmony Road
 Twin Falls, ID 83301

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 06 5677 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of **VIRGINIA B. FREESTONE**, and **FERRIS T. FREESTONE**, husband and wife.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **FERRIS T. FREESTONE, JR.** and **WALTER P. FREESTONE** have been appointed personal representatives for the estate of **VIRGINIA B. FREESTONE** and **FERRIS T. FREESTONE**, who have both deceased. All persons having claims against said decedents are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to **FERRIS T. FREESTONE, JR.** and **WALTER P. FREESTONE, JR.** at 102 Main Avenue South, Office #1, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 30th day of January, 2007.
 J5/Walter P. Freestone, Jr.
 J5/Ferris T. Freestone

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 2005-4022 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING

In the interest of **JACOB C. BAKER** d.o.b. 7-29-02

ANTHONY W. MURROCK d.o.b. 8-17-03
 Children Under Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on March 22, 2007 at 9:30 AM in the Magistrate Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho. The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing: **NICOLE B. BAKER**, Mother; **KEVIN B. BYRD**, Father of **JACOB JOEY MURROCK**, Father of **ANTHONY**

The above-named individuals are further notified that they are entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If they are financially unable to retain an attorney, they may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel.

Said father is further notified that pursuant to 16-1513 of the Idaho Code that he may register his claim as a father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms available for download from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, 250 S. 2nd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, according to the First and Third Recorders in Book 4 of Plats, Page 23, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Excepting therefrom the Bureau of Vital Statistics, the said case is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7307.2217) 1002.6730-FE

February 18, 25, February 1 and 8, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BLAINE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-06-877 NOTICE TO CREDITORS I.C. 15-3-801

In the Matter of the Estate of **STANTON E. ATKINSON**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED January 22, 2007
 J5/Robert W. Welch
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 PO Box 9518
 250 S. 2nd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301
 CASHIO/HUMPHREY LLP
 By Stanley W. Welch
 Attorney for Personal Representative

PUBLISH: February 1, 8 and 15, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on **February 27, 2007, a Tuesday, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock, P.M.** in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS

Requests the Commission's recommendation on the annexation of 38.80 acres (+/-) with a zoning designation of R-2, for property located south of the 2440 block of Orchard Drive, Lane, north of the 2400 through 2550 blocks of Falls Avenue East, 800 through the 1160 block of Plowview Lane, 100 through 1120 of Desert View Lane, 2400 block of Prairie View Lane, 1000 through the 1130 blocks of Lakewood Drive, and the 900 block of Hill View Drive.

KEN STANTON

Requests the Commission's recommendation on the annexation of 71.322 acres (+/-) with a zoning designation of R-4 PUD to develop a mixed residential subdivision for property located at the northeast corner of Orchard Drive and Blue Lakes Boulevard South.

The applicant will make a preliminary P.U.D. presentation before the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 6 p.m., and the public hearing will be held before the Commission on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, at 6 p.m., in the Twin Falls City Council Chambers.

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J4/Rene V. Caraway, Zoning and Development Manager

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February 18, 25, February 1 and 8, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV 2005-4022 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING

In the interest of **JACOB C. BAKER** d.o.b. 7-29-02

ANTHONY W. MURROCK d.o.b. 8-17-03
 Children Under Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on March 22, 2007 at 9:30 AM in the Magistrate Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho. The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing: **NICOLE B. BAKER**, Mother; **KEVIN B. BYRD**, Father of **JACOB JOEY MURROCK**, Father of **ANTHONY**

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Case No. CV-07-451 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of **ROSE E. HOSKINS**, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Co-Administrators of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims may be presented to the undersigned Co-Administrators of the estate at Stover, D. Peterson & Co., P.O. Box 6887, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-5827, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, in the form prescribed by rule.

DATED the 26th day of January, 2007.
 D/Vector B. Cuyler
 268 Hankins Road N
 Twin Falls, ID 83301
 45 Joseph D. Cuyler
 1179 Harmony Road
 Twin Falls, ID 83301

PUBLISH: February 8, 15 and 22, 2007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on **February 27, 2007, a Tuesday, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock, P.M.** in the City Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by:

THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS

Requests the Commission's recommendation on the annexation of 38.80 acres (+/-) with a zoning designation of R-2, for property located south of the 2440 block of Orchard Drive, Lane, north of the 2400 through 2550 blocks of Falls Avenue East, 800 through the 1160 block of Plowview Lane, 100 through 1120 of Desert View Lane, 2400 block of Prairie View Lane, 1000 through the 1130 blocks of Lakewood Drive, and the 900 block of Hill View Drive.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

"I guess the definition of a lunatic is a man surrounded by them." - Ezra Pound

There are play problems that have no "right" answer, only a successful one. With no pointers to the contrary, some decisions are arrived at by nothing more substantial than an adage such as "play for split aces." Today's hand is an example.

South ended in four hearts and the declarer lead of the club seven. Any other lead allows the contract to make in comfort, as dummy's third club can be discarded on the spade king.

But the lead of the high club had all the hallmarks of being the top of a doubleton, so it was a case of deciding at trick one where the spade ace would lie. If East holds the spade ace in addition to the marked ace of clubs, it is right to play low on the lead. East's club 10 fetters the queen, but later when in with the spade ace, East cannot profitably continue clubs.

However, if West has the spade ace and a doubleton club, then dummy's club king is the correct play at trick one, breaking the defenders' communications.

There were two slight clues: East's failure to open in spades (with the opponents holding 10 spades between them) and the lack of a spade lead. Deciding to play for split aces, with the slight additional inference that West might have led a spade 10 if he did not have the ace, but would never lead one if he did hold the ace.

South West North East 1 NT Pass 3 Pass 4 2 All pass

ANSWER: Jump to two-trump to invite game. Nothing is perfect here. Your singleton spade and fifth heart both suggest playing in a suit, but any suit you bid will mislead partner about your shape or high cards. At least two-trump invites game and promises a diamond guard.</

