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## Post office seeks 2-cent increase in letter rate

By Randolph E. Schmid  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — No longer will people have to wonder if those old stamps in the bottom of the drawer are still good for postage. Nor will they have to cobble together a collection of small stamps to add up to a new price.

The Postal Regulatory Commission is recommending a new type of stamp — it's been dubbed "Forever" — that sells for the first-class rate and remains valid to mail a letter no matter how much rates go up in the future.

On Monday, the commission also recommended a 2-cent increase in first-class rates to 41 cents, a penny less than the post office had sought. The panel also would sharply scale back the price of heavier letters.

Adoption of this proposal is good for the Postal Service, postal customers and our postal system," commission chairman Dan G. Blair said at a briefing. A forever stamp would not carry a denomination, but would sell for whatever the first-class rate was at the time.

For example, if the 41-cent rate takes effect, forever stamps would sell for 41 cents. If rates later climbed to 45 cents or more, the price of the forever stamp would also go up at the counter or machine, but those purchased before the change would still be valid to mail a letter.

So there would be no need to buy small-denomination stamps to add to envelopes.

Currently, first-class mail costs 39 cents for the first ounce and 24 cents for each additional ounce.

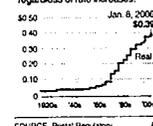
While the first ounce would rise to 41 cents under the proposal, it would cost just 17 cents for each additional ounce.

That means the price of

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## The rising costs of mailing a letter

The Postal Regulatory Commission proposed a 2-cent increase for first-class stamps and a 'forever' stamp that would be used anytime, regardless of rate increases.



SOURCE: Postal Regulatory Commission

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Bob Narebout, president of the Idaho Dairywomen's Association, discusses his concerns with commissioners regarding alleged links between dairies and scarlet fever.

## What's causing the outbreak of scarlet fever?

Probably not cows, industry head tells Jerome officials

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

JEROME — A scarlet fever outbreak in Jerome could have been caused by mishandled or contaminated food, but it probably didn't come from a dairy, Idaho Dairywomen's Association President Bob Narebout told Jerome County commissioners at a meeting Monday afternoon.

Narebout testified at the weekly commissioners' meeting, he said, to clarify a statement made last week by Commissioner Charles Howell. Howell said that streptococcus — the bacteria that causes strep throat and scarlet fever — has been linked to infected cow udders.

In an interview after the meeting, Narebout said she stands by her claim and has the evidence — an article published in the Journal of Environmental Health — to prove it.

At the meeting, Narebout read from an e-mail he received from Leslie Tengelsen, an epidemiologist with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, that indicated scarlet fever is often caused by person-to-person contact or when a person consumes contaminated food. In the e-mail, Tengelsen cited Food and Drug Administration reports.

"Scarlet fever is not tied to dairy cows, per se," Narebout said.



Jerome County Commissioners Diana Obenaus, Charlie Howell and Joe Davidson listen to citizen comments at their meeting Monday afternoon.

Commissioner Charlie Howell seemed to agree, saying that a public health nurse with South Central District Health — who could not be identified for this story because she was not listed on the agenda — had told commissioners the same thing about an hour earlier.

The whole debate may be over misconceptions about the disease.

According to the FDA, scarlet fever can be contracted by drinking milk that has not been pasteurized, and then it can spread by person-to-person contact. But the bacteria

that cause scarlet fever are commonly found in mishandled foods, as well as the bodily fluids of those with strep throat. That's because both scarlet fever and strep throat are derived from the same bacterium.

When streptococcus is found in the throat, it's called strep throat. When it appears on the skin, it's called scarlet fever. A person may have the bacteria in both places simultaneously.

An outbreak of scarlet fever hit several Jerome schools about two weeks ago, prompting school officials to send let-

ters to parents about good hygiene. Schools throughout Magic Valley have reported an increase in the number of students with sore throats, according to previous Times-News reports.

The cause of the Jerome outbreak has not yet been discovered.

Scarlet fever is highly treatable with antibiotics, but some victims experience fevers as high as 104 degrees.

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen updates comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lee.net.



## House adopts energy plan

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

HOISE — Echoing comments expressed during a three-hour public hearing last week, the state House overwhelmingly passed a new energy plan Monday with supporters assuring colleagues it is step forward for Idaho.

Lamworkers have commended the plan for its emphasis on renewable energy and conservation. Some — including House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchikan — dismissed the criticism because the plan is "ongoing" and would be updated every five years.

The 51 to 14 vote followed nearly an hour of debate over whether the plan — the first of its kind since 1902 — should have included the lack of statewide oversight and addressed the long-term possibility for coal power.

Rep. Mark Sandgren, R-Meridian, who helped draft the plan, said omissions were made for development in Idaho, which imports more than 75 percent of its power.

"No document that we will produce in this body as a plan will be everything to every single person," he said. "Many people wanted to completely remove or eliminate certain features to the plan, and that the

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## Lawmakers back \$1.37 billion school budget

By John Miller  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Legislative budget writers Monday approved Idaho's \$1.37 billion share of public education funding, including money Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna had asked for to pay for classroom supplies, textbooks and remedial classes for students.

"It's a great budget," Luna said after the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee concluded its two-hour hearing. He had originally asked for \$1.36 billion. "If you look at what we asked for, we got 99.9 percent of what

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— Rep. Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow.

we wanted."

Education makes up the largest share of Idaho's \$2.8 billion annual budget. Included in this year's package is nearly \$10 million for textbooks, \$5 million for classes to help kids struggling with the Idaho Standards Achievement Test that's required to graduate and \$5.2 million to give every teacher \$350

to purchase classroom supplies that had been coming out of their own salaries.

Luna was also given the green light to spend \$150,000 on a school safety study. He's called for spending nullings to eventually install high-tech security systems in every Idaho school.

The budget panel opted to give

teachers a 3 percent raise. A Democratic-led plan to give educators 5 percent — the same amount other state employees will receive this year — won only party-line support.

Lawmakers, including Rep. Shirley Ringo, D-Moscow, argued, but not keeping teacher raises the same as for other Idaho workers was unfair.

"I find it completely unacceptable to go ahead and build the budget based on an increase of 3 percent, when others are getting 5 percent," Ringo said. Sen. Dean Cameron, D-Burgett and co-chair of the panel, pointed out that

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## Amid rash of high-profile food recalls, FDA inspections languish

By Andrew Bridges  
and Seth Borowitz  
Associated Press writers

WASHINGTON — The federal agency that's been front and center in warning the public about tainted spinach and contaminated peanut butter is conducting just half the food safety inspections it did three years ago.

The cuts by the Food and Drug Administration come despite a barrage of high-profile food recalls.

"We have a food safety crisis on the horizon," said Michael Doyle, director of the Center for Food Safety at the University of Georgia.

Between 2003 and 2006, FDA food safety inspections dropped 47 percent, according

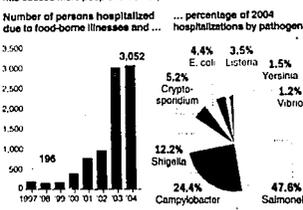
to a database analysis of federal records by The Associated Press.

That's not all that's dropping at the FDA in terms of food safety. The analysis also shows:

• There are 12 percent fewer FDA employees in field offices who concentrate on food issues.

## Salmonella tops food-borne illnesses

Among all food-borne illnesses, salmonella is the chief bacteria that has caused more people to be hospitalized.



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**TODAY'S FORECAST**

TWIN FALLS		
Today	Tonight	Wednesday
Chance of rain mixing with snow	Nighttime snow showers	A chance of rain and snow showers
High 39	Low 26	37 / 25

**MINI-CASSIA**

Today: Bristle and gusty winds coupled with a mixed bag of wibbly showers. Highs upper 30s.  
 Tonight: A blustery night with little in the way of snow likely. Lows low 20s.  
 Tomorrow: Cold enough for passing snow showers. Highs low to middle 30s.

**Complete weather report: See page B6**

**TODAY'S HAPPENINGS**

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club**, workshop at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. "plus," El Sombrero Restaurant, Jerome. (P-Z bring finger foods), 734-4647.

**EXHIBITS**

**Idaho National Guard NASCAR**, all day (Mail hours), Magic Valley Mall center court, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-3000.

**FAMILY**

**Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children** women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. G St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.  
**Boddy Financial Budgeting**, taught by Rocky Henchey, 6 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 3rd Ave. E., Twin Falls, no cost (fee-will offering accepted), 734-9603.  
**Road 2 Recovery, a 24-Step program**, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Building of New Beginnings, 1044 E. Main St., (across from First Federal Savings Bank), Burley, 670-2578.  
**Celebrate Recovery**, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 734-0557, 324-7237 or 326-7222.

**GOVERNMENT**

**Twin Falls County commissioners**, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.  
**Blaine County commissioners**, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hailey, 788-5500.  
**Jerome County commissioners**, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.  
**Rupert Public Library Board**, 4 p.m., library conference room, 1350 Miller Ave., 876-7700.  
**Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission**, 6 p.m., council chambers, 305 Third Ave. E., 735-7267.  
**Jerome School Board**, 7 p.m., district office at Central Elementary, 107 Third Ave. W., 324-8137.  
**Glenns Ferry City Council**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 110 E. Second St., (208) 366-7418.  
**Goodling School Board**, 7 p.m., administration office, 507 Idaho St., 934-4841.  
**Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission**, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. A., 324-8189.  
**Shephone Planning and Zoning Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 885-2030.

**HEALTH**

**College of Southern Idaho's Over Sixty and Getting Fit** program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary, 9:15-10:15 a.m. at Hagerman High School Gym and 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Buhl High School, no cost, 732-6475.  
**Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program** for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, fee for all senior citizens, 737-5946.  
**Exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease**, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.

**HOBBIES AND CRAFTS**

**Bubley Bluegrass Jam**, traditional bluegrass focus (all skill levels welcome), 7 to 10 p.m., The Chadwick Grille, 139 W. Main St., corner of Main and Oakley, Burley, (208) 670-4868 or cbrcurtis2@gmail.com.  
**Silly Bags**, a "hands on" class for practicing decorative techniques, 6 to 9 p.m., Twin Falls Sewing Center, 157 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, \$10, 733-3344.

**MUSEUMS**

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

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 e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

**WEB READER REACTION**

**On seeking bigger school districts**

"You would have to raise taxes if you consolidate. Many of the small school districts recently built additional school space. And you can get all the education programs necessary in small schools just as easy as big schools. Some offer students a chance to take some classes at another school not offered at their school. Many people move to smaller communities and commute for that reason consolidating would be a slap in the face to people who move to small communities. You'll have to raise taxes that when school is built won't go down. It actually hurt many communities. People from small schools have just as much chance to do the vocation they want as do people from big schools...."

— Spencer Blackburn

**MAGIC VALLEY**



**Twin Falls rider earns rookie award**

**TWIN FALLS** — The belt buckle is silver, with gold detailing, and it's as big as Breama Mahle's open hand. It's falling off the 11-year-old's slim waist, but as she looks down to adjust it, the corners of her mouth turn up. Breama has a lot to be proud of. Along with dozens of candy-colored rosettes that line her bedroom walls, the buckle is proof of the exceptional first year she had showing horses. It symbolizes Breama's "bookie of the Year" award from the Idaho State Horse Show Association of Magic Valley Inc.

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**Dairy spokesman responds to scarlet fever rumor**

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**Ag testing bill submitted for third time**

**BOISE** — The Idaho State Department of Agriculture hopes the third time is the charm. After being rewritten yet again amid confusion from concerned groups, a proposal to seal certain test results from seed and livestock companies was introduced Monday for the third time.

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**Wounded trooper to leave hospital today**

**TWIN FALLS** — Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn gets released from the hospital today as the suspect in his shooting faces punishment for the first of six charges.

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**Cemetery clerk to plead guilty to embezzlement**

**BURLEY** — A 75-year-old veteran clerk and board member of the West End Cemetery District will plead guilty to embezzling more than \$30,000 from the cemetery over the past two years.

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**Icy weather sidelines traffic**

**BURLEY** — Vehicle slide-offs and rollovers kept emergency crews busy Monday morning in the Cassia County, including two separate incidents about 8:30 a.m. near milepost 210 on Interstate 84.

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**OBITUARIES**

Virgil Stuart Cross, 100 Yvonne Joyce Alexander, 80 Connie Benkula Huse, 46

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**CORRECTION**

**Rock and gem show is March 10-11**

The dates in the March Calendar of Events for the Rock and Gem Show at the Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley were incorrect. The dates for the show are March 10 and 11.

The Times-News regrets the error.

**IDAHO/WEST**



**Ringtones enlisted in animal preservation**

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — Amid the cacophony of ringtones rising these days from cell phones, add this one: the clackety-clack-clack of a tiny, rare Central American poison arrow dart frog. An environmental group is hoping that the more people hear these threatened sounds, the more they'll wonder where they came from — and question the fate of the animals and birds that make them.

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**Public education budget approved**

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**Boise mayor opposes proposed gold mine**

**BOISE** — Mayor David Biddle announced his opposition Monday to a proposed gold mining operation near the headwaters of the Boise River, and is seeking a resolution by the Boise City Council against the mine.

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**If money is there, state will fight weeds**

**GRANGEVILLE** — State weed control managers say they're ready with a plan to fight noxious weeds and spend whatever money lawmakers designate for the battle.

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**Senate clears abortion law**

A bill that would require unmarried girls under 18 in Idaho to get consent from their parents before getting an abortion has moved a step closer to becoming law. The Senate voted 23-12 Monday for the measure that would require most girls to get written permission from one parent before the procedure could be performed. Girls who don't want to tell their parents can petition a judge to allow an abortion in cases of incest or abuse, a medical emergency or if the judge decides the girl is mature enough to decide on her own.

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**NATION/WORLD**



**Iraqi VP narrowly escapes assassination**

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Iraq's Shiite vice president narrowly escaped assassination Monday as a blast ripped through a government meeting hall just hours after it was searched by U.S. teams with bomb-sniffing dogs. At least 10 people were killed, Adel Abdul-Mahdi was slightly wounded in the explosion.

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**Cheney tells Musharraf al-Qaida is regrouping**

**ISLAMABAD, Pakistan** — Underlining growing alarm in the West at how militants have regrouped in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday sought Pakistani aid to help counter al-Qaida's efforts to regroup, officials said.

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**Gunmen storm prison, kill 4 murder suspects**

**GUATEMALA, Guatemala** — Gunmen stormed Guatemala's prison and shut to death four jailed police officers in a mafia bid aimed at stopping investigators from finding out who ordered the slayings of three politicians from neighboring El Salvador. Guatemala's leader said Monday.

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**New scans may help diagnose chest pain**

**WASHINGTON** — Millions of people with chest pain enter emergency room limbo, spending up to 24 hours waiting for tests to tell if a heart attack really is brewing or if it's something less dire. A computerized heart scan may start easing the wait, giving doctors a faster picture of clogged arteries to help determine who can go home — and who just four hours — within just a few hours — when it needs more care.

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**Documentary claims to find tomb of Jesus**

**NEW YORK** — Filmmakers and researchers on Monday unveiled two ancient stone boxes they said may have once contained the remains of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, but several scholars derided the claims made in a new documentary as unfounded and contradictory to basic Christian beliefs. "The Lost Tomb of Jesus," produced by Oscar-winning director James Cameron is scheduled to air March 4 on the Discovery Channel.

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**SPORTS**



**Rulon Gardner 2, Death O**

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Scrambling out of a downed, waterlogged airplane, swimming to shore through an icy cold lake, spending the night exposed in the freezing, desert chill, then walking away with little more than bumps and bruises and the urgent need of a nice, warm bed. Harrowing close calls are becoming a habit for Rulon Gardner, Olympic wrestling champion-turned-escape artist.

There was the time he lost a toe to frostbite after being stranded in the wilderness. He also was involved in a serious motorcycle accident and way back in third grade, he impaled himself with an arrow.

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**Larsen: Men's SWAC tourney in Ephraim just won't work**

If this sounds anything like your groups, that's because it is. Absolutely. But there's no way — not in a million years — that the upcoming Region 10 men's and women's basketball tournaments should be held at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah. The last time the Badgers hosted the tournament was at the end of the 1999-2000 season. The last time should have been the last time.

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**Ramirez arrives at Red Sox camp**

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Manny Ramirez reported to spring training Monday, four days later than Bobby Abreu for at least two weeks because of a strained muscle on his right side.

The right fielder got injured during batting practice in Tampa, Fla., but New York manager Joe Torre and GM Brian Cashman said that won't prompt the team to make a new push for Bernie Williams to come to camp.

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## Energy

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 possibility of having coal or nuclear or any thermal generated capacity would have been eliminated or completely obliterated had they had their wishes."

Doing so would have resulted in a plan that might not provide for sustaining Idaho's future energy needs, Snodgrass said.  
 Rep. Jim Clark, R-Hayden

Lake, voted against adopting the 93-page document because he had not seen it before Monday. "I just think it's the wrong approach," he said. "To get the Legislature to approve the plan and then say it's been on the Web and it's been on the second reading calendar ... is really like kissing your sister sometimes. There's just really not a lot of flavor to that."

The plan, the result of a summer interim committee, has been hailed both for its emphasis on conservation and renewable energy, as well as its goal to increase power self-sufficiency and affordability.  
 The criticism, however, has come from activists, conservationists and various lawmakers for emphasizing local control and not implementing a long-term ban on coal-fired

power plants. The hubbub comes after widespread opposition in the Magic Valley to a \$1.4 billion, 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant proposed by Scenic Energy in Jerome County.  
 Currently, a coal-fired power plant in Idaho is unlikely because then-Gov. Jim Risch had the state opt-out of the federal cap-and-trade program for mercury emissions.

## Schools

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 the committee was increasing the starting teacher salary to \$31,000, from \$30,000. In addition, Republicans argued that not all state employees would receive 5 percent raises because their payments would be awarded on a merit basis, but all teachers will get the 3 percent increases, making the lower amount justified.  
 The panel rejected a plan being pushed by lawmakers, including Ringo and Sen.

Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, that would have taken about \$3.5 million from a permanent education fund to shore up money that Idaho could lose if the U.S. Congress doesn't re-approve the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.  
 The so-called Craig-Wyden Act has paid \$2.9 billion over six years to 700 counties in 39 states, including millions to Idaho, to make up for cutbacks in national forest log-

ging. If the money isn't restored this year — U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, among others, is working on a plan to do that — Idaho counties and schools stand to lose \$20.4 million this year.

Keough argued schools in traditional timber communities could see their funding gutted if the state doesn't step in and help.

Still, others, including Rep. George Eskridge, R-Dover, and Rep. Cliff Bayer, R-Boise, argued that pledging Idaho

taxpayer money to plug holes in school budgets won't help counties that are also losing out.

Such a move also sends the message to officials in Washington, D.C., that states will pick up a tab that the federal government is obligated to pay, they said.

"This takes away the responsibility of the federal government and puts the cost of that failure on the backs of Idaho taxpayers," Eskridge said.

## Proposed postal rate changes

- Priority Mail, 1 pound, \$4.60, up from \$4.05.
- Express Mail, 8 ounces, \$16.25, up from \$14.40.
- Parcel post, 5 pounds, \$5.87, up from \$4.36.
- Certified Mail, \$2.65, up from \$2.40.
- Money orders up to \$500, \$1.05, up from 95 cents.
- Bank statement, 3 ounces, 58.4 cents, down from 73.9 cents.
- Department store bill, presorted, 37.3 cents, up from 37.1 cents.
- Weekly newsmagazine, 5.8 ounces, presorted, 20.6 cents, up from 18.5 cents.
- Household magazine, 13.8 ounces, presorted, 33.6 cents, up from 28.5 cents.
- National newspaper, 10 ounces, presorted, 36.4 cents, up from 31.4 cents.
- Small nonprofit magazine, 4 ounces, presorted, 32.4 cents, up from 28.5 cents.
- Advertising, 2 ounces, presorted, 23.3 cents, up from 21.4 cents.
- Advertising, 9 ounces, last envelope, presorted, 62.9 cents, up from 57.0 cents.
- Nonprofit mail, 1 ounce, 16.4 cents, down from 17.0 cents.
- Church bulletin, 12.7 cents, down from 18.9 cents.
- Library mail, 2 pounds, presorted, \$1.88, up from \$1.78.

## Food safety

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• Safety tests for U.S.-produced food have dropped nearly 75 percent, from 9,748 in 2003 to 2,455 last year, according to the agency's own statistics.  
 After the Sept. 11 attacks, the FDA, at the urging of Congress, increased the number of food inspectors and inspections amid fears that the nation's food system was vulnerable to terrorists. Inspectors and inspectors spiked in 2003, but now both have fallen enough to "graze the gains."

"The only difference is now it's worse, because there are more inspections to do — more facilities — and more food coming into America, which requires more inspections," said Tommy Thompson, who as secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services pushed to increase the numbers. He's now part of a coalition lobbying to turn around several years of stagnant spending.

The Bush administration's budget request for 2008 includes an additional \$10.6 million for food safety at the FDA; the lobbying group said 10 times that increase is needed. Even though the FDA increased its overall spending on food between 2003 and 2006, those increases failed to keep pace with rising personnel costs.

"It's not just outsiders like us who have been watching it for a while. People who worked in the Bush administration are coming out and saying the agency is not working at its current resource levels. It just can't manage the

job," said Caroline Smith DeWaal, director of food safety at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, an advocacy group.

Members of Congress also have renewed the focus on the safety of the nation's food supply amid highly publicized recalls sparked by food poisoning, including last year when E. coli was found to taint fresh spinach sold coast to coast. That outbreak killed three people and sickened nearly 200.

The latest big recall involves peanut butter believed tainted with salmonella, a bacterium found in feces that can cause severe diarrhea. The outbreak has sickened at least 329 people in 41 states since August, federal health officials say.

Food safety experts say it would be impossible to know whether increased numbers of inspectors and inspections would have prevented the outbreak, linked to Peter Pan and Great Value brands made by ConAgra Foods Inc., or other recent food poisoning scares.

The FDA had last inspected ConAgra's peanut butter plant in Sylvester, Ga., in February 2005 and had found no problems, agency spokesman Michael Herndon said.

Firms that produce high-risk foods more susceptible to contamination, such as fresh fruit and vegetables, are supposed to be inspected every year, unless they have a good safety record. Then inspections are done every two or three years, Herndon said.  
 For other foods, the FDA rotates inspections, depending on resources.

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## Stamps

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 sending a two-ounce letter would actually decrease from 63 cents to 50 cents.

The proposal also recommended a 2-cent boost, to 26 cents, in the cost of mailing a post card, also a penny less than the Postal Service had sought.

Blair said the rate proposals were scaled back because the higher rates the post office proposed would have raised more income than necessary for the service to break even in 2008.

The proposal also suggested changes in a variety of other rates including a 17-cent surcharge on "odd-shaped" mail that cannot be processed using letter-sorting machines.

William Burrus, president of the American Postal Workers Union, called the overall decision "a major victory for the American people." He said the union had argued for the smaller rate increase.

In addition, Burrus said, the commission agreed with his union on limiting discounts large mailers get for presorting mail.

The matter now goes back to the board of governors of the post office which can accept the recommendations or ask for reconsideration.  
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## Board approves new revenue allocation area

**TWIN FALLS** — The Urban Renewal Agency Board on Monday approved setting up a new revenue allocation area that could possibly draw more business and revenue to Twin Falls.

The proposal must still be approved by city planners as well as the City Council following a public hearing.

The plan would create a new revenue allocation area that would include the new Jayco Industrial Subdivision to collect funds to help offset the cost of constructing Eldridge Avenue between 2300 East and 3300 East, Developing Eldridge Avenue to four lanes through the new industrial park would open up the new industrial subdivision to further industrial development, proponents say.

Construction of Eldridge Avenue is estimated to cost \$884,870. The agency proposes contributing up to \$525,000 toward the project. The agency's contribution is expected to lead to an increase of up to \$6.8 million in taxable value on the property, according to the proposal.

## Airline to pay \$100K in sexual harassment claim

**LAS VEGAS** — America West Airlines will pay \$100,000 and change some policies but admit no wrongdoing in a settlement of a workplace sexual harassment lawsuit, airline officials said Monday.

Officials for the airline and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which brought the suit against the airline in 2005, confirmed the terms of the settlement.

The three-year consent decree requires the company to expand recruitment and hiring policies and hold managers accountable for equal employment practices. It also mandates they post an employee notice, hire an equal employment monitor and ensure records are kept and reported to the commission.

In addition, the airline will be responsible for conducting an employee survey to see if harassment complaints are properly handled.

The commission lawsuit alleged that several female airline employees were harassed by a male supervisor who Park said made sexual comments and touched and rubbed them at work at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas. The manager, who was not named in the complaint, retired in October 2001, according to Morgan Durnant, spokesman for Tempe, Ariz.-based US Airways, the parent company of America West.

## Alfalfa and forage conference ends today

**TWIN FALLS** — Participants in the 2007 Idaho Alfalfa and Forage Conference will get two full days of information on the challenges and changes facing their industry and on new ways to produce top-quality crops that will improve their bottom lines.

The event ends today at the Red Lion Hotel-Canyon Springs in Twin Falls. The program will include speakers from the University of Wisconsin, Montana State University and the USDA-Agricultural Research Service in St. Paul, Minn.

Speakers will include University of Wisconsin forage agronomist Dan Undersander, USDA-ARS research soil scientist Michael Russelle and Montana State University Extension forage specialist Dennis Cash.

The conference is sponsored by the Idaho Hay and Forage Association and University of Idaho Extension. Certified Crop Advisor and Idaho Pesticide Applicator Recertification Credits are available.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

## New Buhl chamber director hits ground running

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

**BUILH** — She might be just a few days into the job as director of the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, but Christine Garrison has been watching Buhl's economic climate blossom for years.

Except for a decade working out of state, Garrison has lived in the West End all her life. Now, she's looking forward to serving the community she has always called home.

The spunky 60-year-old Garrison is already out networking and promoting the chamber.

"I visited with B and B Apiaries yesterday and it was so exciting to see the process of their industry," Garrison said. "Even though we can't sell their product here at the chamber office I think that we can connect them to stores

and such that can."

Steve Kaatz volunteered as the chamber's interim director until Garrison came on board.

"We had some big challenges to overcome when I came in here, but we continued to provide a real service to our members," Kaatz said. "I have all the confidence in Christine taking over and bringing the chamber into a new era."

Kaatz will continue to serve on the chamber board and will be there to help Garrison get acquainted with her new role.

"I've sat with her and walked her through our events, finances and things that still need to be done," Kaatz said. "She is an amazing person and should do great."

Her charisma is catching and she hopes that her vision for Buhl will be as well, even

though she knows she is just a facilitator for carrying out the wishes of the chamber board and member businesses.

"I am going to go out and meet with every single member we have and discuss what they want," she said. "I want to sell Buhl and promote what we have now as well as develop programs and industry that are compatible with the community."

Although agriculture is still the economic lifeblood of the West End city, Garrison said she hopes the business base diversifies and looks at tourism as a way to bring in some bucks.

Tourism is Idaho's third

largest industry and Garrison thinks Buhl has what it takes to be placed on the map.

"We have so many wonderful destinations to share with guests," she said. "From our great historic barns, wineries, the lavender farm, Balanced Rock, fish hatcheries and orchards, people have a lot to do and see in our area. We need to develop ways to get those tourists to come and spend their money in Buhl or they will spend it on down the road."

She is finely attuned to what the chamber and community needs are, said Chamber President Bob Linderman.

"We had some really highly qualified candidates for the position and making the decision was not an easy one," Linderman said. "However, Christine has been a longtime community member and has

extensive knowledge about the community. She is a very kind spirit and is a truly congenial individual. I think that her ability with people and her background will be a huge asset to the chamber."

In the past, Garrison has worked as a marketing and sales director for retirement centers and other local businesses and is looking forward to bringing those skills to the table.

"Being raised here, I know the community and its feel," she said. "We don't want to lose that connection where everyone knows everyone else, but we do need to grow. The position that I have been placed in will help me to give back to this community."

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Cristina Rodriguez works at a New York Times Warner call center. "What feels great is when I resolve someone's issue," she said. Rodriguez attended a program that trains computer repair technicians in the nation's poorest congressional district, the Bronx.

## Building a career path where there was just a dead end

By Dale Russakoff  
The Washington Post

**NEW YORK** — Barely two years ago, Cristina Rodriguez and her three children were mired on the wrong side of the income gap. A high school dropout, she was making a little more than \$200 a week, stapling price tags to shirts and boxing them at a Modell's warehouse. "I didn't use my mind; I only used my hands. I was always going to be broke," she said.

That, in human terms, is the crisis of opportunity for workers at the bottom of the economy. But unlike most of them, Rodriguez found a way out. Her route was an innovative approach to job training that is spreading the conclusion,

widespread in the 1990s, that training programs don't work. More and more governors are embracing the approach, and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke recently called job training one of the most promising answers to the growing income gap.

Rodriguez attended a program called Per Scholas, which trains computer repair technicians in the nation's poorest congressional district, in the Bronx. Like dozens of programs around the country built on a similar model, it evolved by working closely with employers in high-growth sectors of the local economy, tailoring its training to the precise entry-level skills that were most in demand. Earlier training programs were much less targeted to the

needs of labor markets.

In an ever-more-wired New York, Per Scholas places close to 80 percent of its graduates in jobs from Wall Street to tiny nonprofits. Most make about \$12 an hour within a year, and many make \$15 an hour in two years, according to school records. Rodriguez, who is 25, makes \$12.72 an hour plus health insurance at Time Warner Cable, where she has been a broadband specialist for a year at a Queens call center.

"What feels great is when I resolve someone's issue," she said after a recent morning of troubleshooting with customers in English and Spanish. "I knew nothing — I mean, freaking nothing — about computers two years ago, and I just fixed your problem! How cool is that?"

## Electricity producer TXU going private in \$32B deal

By David Koenig  
Associated Press writer

**DALLAS** — TXU Corp., Texas' largest electricity producer, said Monday it has agreed to be sold to a group of private-equity firms for about \$32 billion in what would be the largest private buyout in U.S. corporate history if shareholders and regulators go along.

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. and Texas Pacific Group led a Goldman Sachs & Co. and three other Wall Street firms that will pay \$69.25 per share for TXU. They will also assume about \$13 billion in debt.

The firms won support for the buyout from some environmentalists who have criticized TXU by agreeing to sharply scale back TXU's controversial \$11 billion plan to build 11 new coal-fired power plants that would produce tons of new greenhouse

gas emissions.

The deal also agreed to cut electricity prices 10 percent, which they said would save TXU residential customers more than \$300 million per year, and limit prices until September 2006.

TXU directors voted Sunday night to recommend that shareholders approve the sale. The price represents a 15 percent premium to TXU's closing stock price on Friday. TXU shares rose \$6.97, or 13.5 percent, to \$68.09, in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange after briefly reaching a new 52-week high of \$68.45.

The deal would top the previous biggest private buyout ever of \$25.1 billion set in 1988 when RJR Nabisco was acquired by Kohlberg Kravis.

TXU officials said the company would get a \$1 billion buy-out fee if the buyers can't close the sale. TXU also has until mid-April to shop for better offers, although the

buyout firms would get a chance to trump any new bids.

Private-equity firms have often steered clear of utilities, viewing them as highly regulated businesses with relatively low return on investment. But Texas deregulated its electricity market in 2002, and TXU is generating tremendous amounts of cash and profit — Wall Street expects the company to report Tuesday that it earned about \$2.5 billion in 2006.

TXU, with more than 2.3 million customers, has prospered because electric rates in Texas are tied to the price of natural gas while TXU generates much of its power more cheaply at coal and nuclear plants.

Still, TXU had flaws that might make buyers think twice. Many Texas consumers have switched to other companies that sell electricity for less, although most of TXU's longtime customers have

stood by it.

Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers, Citigroup and Morgan Stanley intend to be part of the TXU purchasing group, TXU said.

TXU also said former Secretary of State James A. Baker III will serve as advisory chairman to the new owners, and former EPA Administrator William Reilly and former Commerce Secretary Donald L. Evans will join the TXU board.

In recent months, environmentalists have blasted TXU in publications and advertisements, and controversy over the proposed coal plants was seen as one reason that TXU's stock price had fallen recently after a mighty four-year rise.

Texas Pacific tapped Reilly, one of its partners, to strike a compromise that won support for the sale from two environmental groups in exchange for cutting back TXU's coal program.

## It's labor vs. lobby over union voting issue

By Joe Mathews  
Los Angeles Times

Choose your weapon: cards or ballots?

It has become the central question in union-organizing fights across the U.S. Will the employer recognize a union after a majority of its workers sign union cards? Or will the employer insist that its workers cast secret ballots in federally supervised elections?

These questions — of paper and power — move from the workplace to Congress this week, when the House of Representatives is scheduled to cast the first vote in what is shaping up as a years-long legislative battle between the country's largest labor unions and the most powerful business lobbies. The stakes are decided in the manner in which Americans join unions.

The legislation, called the Employee Free Choice Act, would take from employers the right to decide whether to accept the signing of cards — generally called "card check" — or demand an election. Instead, labor, without an election of all employees, could unionize a work site by convincing a majority of employees to sign cards.

"We're not free to organize the way we want to organize," said Angela Reid, a bartender at the Glendale Hilton hotel in California who has been active in union organizing there. "We don't want to do an election. We want to vote the way we want to, give our cards back to our organizers and vote that way."

For both sides, the battle

represents something of a role reversal and offers a window on the important but odd details of labor law.

Labor unions and their political allies, who for 70 years championed the secret ballot and important protection for unionizing workers, are all but abandoning the election process, arguing that aggressive anti-union tactics by business make such elections too difficult and costly.

Business leaders, generally hostile to anything that smacks of government interference in their companies, are preparing to spend millions to defend the federal government's supervision of elections in which workers choose whether to unionize.

Without a vote, said Joe Herman, a longtime labor lawyer who represents employers, "Employees would lose their free choice on whether or not to become unionized. It's incredibly verbal jujitsu to call this Employee Free Choice 'It's Orwellian.'"

The House is expected to approve the legislation as soon as Thursday, but its prospects in the Senate are far less certain. Even if the bill passes Congress, President Bush has pledged to veto it.

Labor leaders expect defeat this year but say theirs is a multi-year strategy, designed to educate the public about the problems of secret-ballot elections. Unions insist that without a change in how workers join unions, the number of union-represented workers — now below 10 percent in the private sector — will continue its decline.

## Market Watch

Feb. 26, 2007

Dow Jones Industrials	-16.22	12,632.26
Nasdaq composite	-10.58	2,504.52
Standard & Poor's 500	-1.42	1,449.37
Russell 2000	-2.96	823.69

## Stocks of local interest

Close	Change
Con Agri. 25.36	▲ 0.17
Deer Inc. 23.80	▼ 0.39
Idaho Power 34.87	▼ 0.07
Idaho Motors 30.36	▲ 0.36
Micro 19.24	▼ 0.06
Supervalu 37.69	▲ 0.03

## Commodities

Close	Change
April Oil 61.39	▲ 25
(Light sweet crude by barrel)	
March gold 686.6	▲ 2.9

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EDITORIAL

Legislators balance the need for day-care rules

Two years after a Twin Falls day care facility was hit with two state investigations in a matter of weeks, Idaho legislators have yet to agree on new state laws to address day care regulation.

But their work is starting to pay off. A new bill introduced by Rep. George Saylor, D-Coeur d'Alene, has been saddled with delays in this session. The bill's ensuing discussion and amendments, however, have made it much better legislation in the long run.

Saylor's amended bill will have a new hearing this week. The legislators' hearing was postponed last week over some confusion as to its printing.

But those details are minor. Saylor helped the bill's chances by working with Reps. Sharon Block and Leon Smith, both R-Twin Falls, who are also co-sponsors of the bill.

By changing the definition of a day-care facility — from one with two children to one with six — Saylor's bill has reduced the number of operations that would be eligible for state oversight. Saylor amended those terms primarily from the urging of Block, who serves as chairwoman for the House Health and Welfare Committee.

Block, a former kindergarten teacher, was concerned that state oversight for operations with two children would reduce the number of providers in rural areas. "If the day-care facilities and small businesses in the rural areas cannot meet all the requirements, then where would all the children go?" That's a valid point, in addition to the fact that it exceeds public expectations for new day care restrictions. Many families pay a friend, neighbor or relative who has two or three children in the home for day care service. Those aren't large-scale operations and don't warrant much state involvement, compared to the larger operations. In Twin Falls, the former Kids Works day care was closed twice in a one-month span in early 2005, for leaving a child behind after closing, and allowing another toddler to wander off-premises. The business' license was eventually revoked.

But that facility was a larger day-care provider, which suggests that the problem isn't necessarily with the many smaller providers — but with some oversight at bigger ones. Stretching the state's responsibility to more locations would have taxed Health and Welfare's resources beyond its ability to regulate.

Block and Smith are both advocating for more oversight when an operation takes care of more than six kids. Those improvements include more background checks on in-home workers, the proximity of sex offenders to day-care units, and control of potential dangers such as weapons or swimming pools.

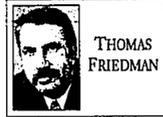
By applying more regulation to the larger operations, the state is giving its authority more impact in areas where it's already in place.

**Our view:** Increased regulation of Idaho's smaller day-care providers was not warranted. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Bush foreign policy built on do-overs

Watching the Bush team wrestle with Iran, North Korea and Iraq reminds me of something that used to be said of the Reagan administration: The right hand never knew what the left hand was doing.

In fact, my bet is that when the inside history of the Bush team is written, we will discover that, contrary to its carefully managed image of a disciplined core operating from consistent, conservative principles, it has actually been one of the most internally divided administrations — ever.



THOMAS FRIEDMAN

The only thing the Bush folks all agreed on was that they would never do anything Bill Clinton did. Beyond that, it's been a food fight. The test of Scowor 130y, with its resulting animosity between the VP's office and the White House, the White House and the CIA, and everyone against the State Department, proves that beyond a reasonable doubt.

When the former Bush U.N. ambassador John Bolton trashed the president's recent deal with North Korea as a "charade," though, he highlighted the biggest internal division of all within the Bush team: How to deal with rogue regimes like Iran, North Korea and Saddam's Iraq — whether to go for regime change or behavior change.

On Iran and North Korea, "this administration does not



have clear policies, it has competing impulses," said Robert Litwak of the Wilson Center, who just published a smart book on this theme: "Regime Change: U.S. Strategy Through the Prism of 9/11."

The administration's mantra is "all options are on the table." But the dilemma is that too many objectives are on the table as well. Because this administration was divided for so long on Iran and North Korea, over regime change or behavior change, it got neither. All it got was that Iran and North Korea both went out and bought Bush insurance: a nuclear weapons program.

President Bush obviously recognizes that and is now trying to remedy it. Bill Clinton was criticized for taking more golf mulligans — do-overs — than any other president. Bush will be remembered for taking more foreign-policy mulligans than any other president.

senible deal last week with Kim Jong Il to take his country off our terrorism list and normalize relations, provided Kim gives up his nukes. But we could have had a similar deal years ago — when North Korea had only two nukes — had the Bush team not been wrangling with itself over regime change or behavior change. While it wrangled, Kim built up his nuclear arsenal, adding six to 12 more bombs. If his deal is carried out, the wasted years will not have been a disaster. If it isn't carried out, it will have been very costly.

Why do you think that a year after Bush told us we were "addicted to oil" we still have no serious plan to deal that addiction? Because the market fundamentalists in his White House — led by Dick Cheney, who opposes any government effort to impose carbon caps or taxes to promote alternative energies, a la California — keep blocking the market pragmatists who do. And Bush won't intervene. The irony of Iraq is that it's

the one place where Bush clearly chose regime change, but he then executed it so poorly, with insufficient troops, that Iraq never stood a chance. If Don Rumsfeld and Dick Cheney had spent a similar time plotting the toppling of Saddam Hussein as they did the toppling of Colin Powell, Iraq today would be Switzerland. Today's Bush troop surge in Iraq is just another mulligan — the president's trying to do in 2007 what he should have done in 2003. In between, we've paid a huge price.

How about we avoid a mulligan on Iran? Let's put a clear deal on the table for diplomatic relations, security guarantees and thousands of student visas if Iran puts its nuclear program under U.N. inspection and stops supporting terrorism. If not, more sanctions and isolation. Such an offer would at least give us some leverage, unite us more with our allies outside Iran and force some excruciating choices on Iran's leaders. It would also break the tradition in Washington will sharpen the contradiction in "Iran, not Iraq," Litwak argued. "Taking regime change off the table in America will put behavior change on the table in Iran."

I guess we should be thankful that Bush is trying to fix some of his mistakes, but we have paid a huge, unnecessary price for his learning curve. The issue is why it's always best to get it right the first time. The best golfers never take mulligans, and the best presidents never need them.

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Putin's remarks are no excuse for new Cold War

SERGEI LAVROV

There has been much misinterpretation in the West since President Vladimir Putin's recent speech at the Munich Conference on Security Policy. From the reaction of some Western journalists and politicians, one would think that the Russian president wished to ignite a blast of anti-American rhetoric to spark another Cold War. Defense Secretary Robert Gates got it right when he responded by asserting that "one Cold War was quite enough." Indeed it was, so let's not declare — or look for — a new one.

At a time when Russia is ready and eager to play a positive role in world affairs and integrate into the global economy, it does far more harm than good to treat Russia as a hostile nation whenever Moscow and Washington disagree.

What Putin actually said in Munich was not new. He said nothing that we have not discussed directly with the Bush administration and that is not whispered in political circles in Europe and elsewhere. He made these statements at a conference because he

wanted to get the world's attention to begin a dialogue about what kind of world we want for our children and ourselves. Putin believes, as do many others, that the world cannot be dictated to by a single country. History shows that this has been attempted repeatedly but has never worked. Recent unilateral actions have not resolved problems but actually exacerbated them and created new hotbeds of tension.

If you read the president's entire speech, you will see that Putin was neither attacking the United States nor proposing Russia as a counterbalance to U.S. unilateralism. Russia is called for a world with many centers of influence where different interests work together, multilaterally, to shape a common denominator on global issues. The recent sea-nation agreement on North Korea's nuclear program proves that this pragmatic approach can work. In fact, Putin offered more instances of mutual agreement between the United

States and Russia than examples of discord. As he noted, we are strong partners on counterterrorism and nuclear nonproliferation. We have a common stake in ensuring global energy security as agreed to at the Group of Eight summit last July in St. Petersburg.

Our American colleagues tell us that the United States accuses Russia and other key countries to help resolve numerous regional conflicts. Against this background, America's unilateral actions look puzzling. It's also ironic that Putin's speech was deemed threatening. Russian citizens ask themselves: Who threatens whom? With the Warsaw Pact dissolved for more than 15 years, why does NATO still spread toward Russia's borders? Should Russia believe when the United States seeks to place anti-missile systems in Eastern Europe? And instead of joining efforts to counter global threats, should our two countries really be engaged in searching for deficiencies in each other's domestic life? It only makes sense that we would hold our own views and expect them to be taken

seriously, whether they concern vital security matters or terms of economic interaction. We are strongly committed to democracy, and we will not compromise the right of the Russian people to decide things for themselves and be heard on international issues.

In any relationship, disagreements arise. But observers make a grave error when they mistake the non-consent and open airing of concerns as some sort of *casus belli*. President Bush rightly emphasized the other day that, while differences exist between our two countries, "there's also a relationship in which we can find common ground to solve problems." Russia is ready to work with the United States on an equal and mutually respectful basis.

Another Cold War? Certainly not. A democratic world in which a strong Russia coexists with a strong United States, as well as a strong Europe, China, India, Brazil and other nations, is Vladimir Putin's vision — and it is well worth considering.

Sergei Lavrov is foreign minister of the Russian Federation.

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LETTER

Citizens fight and win against Divine Strake

Atomic fallout downwinders have won a huge victory. Last week, the Department of Energy cancelled the Divine Strake bomb test that would have endangered Idaho families with radioactive fallout again. People can stop the federal government. DOE will try again, and is still spending millions to "fast track" full-scale nuclear testing. It would have been nice if the Idaho attorney general had joined the lawsuit or if the Idaho Legislature had spoken up like the Utah Legislature.

Last summer, DOE gave only 30 days notice of this bomb test and promised nothing would leave the Nevada test site in this 10,000-foot mushroom cloud aimed at Idaho with the wind. Downwinders knew better. It was the lawsuit testimony by a medical doctor and other experts that clearly proved the DOE was again lying about the safety and dose to downwinders, just like they lie in the Idaho environmental impact state-

ments. The Gerry Spence Jackson Hole team is proving that now for the plutonium-238 production cluster that our delegation all endorsed.

On energy news, there is a plan for a new transmission grid for the western states, already under way. The public hearing in Boise was held last year without informing any Idaho citizens or groups. Private companies are also planning private transmission lines to "supplier states" like Idaho and Wyoming.

Here are two simple ideas the energy plan in the Legislature ignored. 1) We need to build the new transmission grid through the officially unapped geothermal and high wind areas identified in previous studies. 2) Maximize renewable energy cheaply in everyone's interest for generations to come.

2) Require Idaho Power to take all the geothermal power any company offers. This is a clean steady base power that will easily replace the coal plants Idaho Power plans on. DR. PETER RICKARDS Twin Falls

Historical truths hidden by group's legal activism

The debacle in Jerome is because the proponents of Mindoka do not want the feedlot near their "shrine." The proponents are accustomed to bullying authority. It's not about freedom of speech. It is about power. The proponents haub in their American Civil Liberties Union mouthpiece to do bat- tle to bullying authority. This is the favored media operand of those who have others do their bidding for them, as in the World War II West Coast espionage. These methods have worked well in the past. The skillful use of propaganda plays with the emotions of guilt and ply to accomplish their goal. The last weapon of choice is labeling. If permission is

given for the feedlot, all of Jerome will be labeled racist. The many who will be spread from Mindoka will be small worse than any feedlot. Mindoka is not a residence. Attention Fruitland! Jerome was formed long before any Japanese were there, and stop riling on the coattails of the 442! As for clearing land? The Japanese received wages for work. Education? We know all about education. Especially this ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that states the evacuation was constitutional and that decision still stands today. Why should Japanese continue to get special treatment? FRANK THRESHER HOLEY (Editor's note: Frank Thresher is the president of Americans for Historical Accuracy)

LETTERS

Free trade highways are open road to invasion

At this time, the North American Free Trade Agreement superhighway is in the final planning stages. It will run through the heart of our nation from the Mexican border at Laredo, Texas, to the Canadian border just north of Duluth, Minn., at a time when we are inundated by a sea of illegal aliens and at risk daily from Islamic terrorists. The Bush administration is advancing the construction of a massive superhighway that will obliterate our borders. The short term goal is to make it easier for cheap foreign goods (Asia, China) to be transferred from ports in Canada and Mexico into the United States. Do we need this? The long-term goal is to form a North American

union" which will create a single continent-wide entity with no borders, tariffs and customs. The president, government officials and developers all deny we will lose our country, sovereignty, Constitution, etc., by saying, "It will advance the economies of our countries" and "ease congestion through the heart of the United States." Does anybody believe that? Our manufacturing base has almost disappeared overseas and any good-paying jobs with it. If the highway becomes a reality, it will be the final and disastrous stage of NAFTA, passed in 1994, and will only have an electronic "border" check on vehicles. "The end of the U.S. as we know it will be inevitable. A fitting legacy for Bush. PAUL WILLIAMS Jerome

AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

Ministry bombing kills five in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — In an assassination attempt apparently plotted from inside the government, a bomb planted at an Iraqi ministry where one of the nation's vice presidents was making an official appearance Monday killed five people and injured dozens.

The bombing targeted Adil Abdul Mehdhi, one of two Iraqi vice presidents and a top leader in parliament's largest Shiite voting bloc. It was detonated as he attended a morning ceremony honoring employees of the Ministry of Labor and Municipalities.

Qasim Mosawi, a spokesman for the Iraqi military, acknowledged that the attack had been planned and carried out from within the government, but he defended the security precautions taken in advance of Mehdhi's visit.

"We are not expecting terrorist to stand by and watch the plan succeed," he said. "We are expecting them to increase their violence, but with time we are going to eliminate such terrorist acts for good."

The ministry bombing provided more evidence that the U.S.-led occupation and the fledgling Iraqi government face determined enemies who continue to adapt their tactics in the face of a new security crackdown — one in its third week that is intended to halt sectarian violence.

"This situation proves there is a deep and profound break in the security system," said Wamidh Kadhim, a political science professor at Baghdad University. Combined with other violent incidents in recent days, he said, "it gives the impression that American and local forces are going nowhere."

Oil plan includes more production, sharing

BAGHDAD — After months of negotiations over the past war spoils of Iraq's most valuable natural resource, the government announced Monday night that it had approved a draft plan to ramp up oil production and share the proceeds.

The agreement on the terms by Iraq's cabinet was touted as a major breakthrough. It must still be approved by Parliament, but because all of Iraq's vested ethnic and regional interests are represented in the Cabinet, the deal was viewed as having overcome a significant hurdle.

The United States has long wanted to capitalize on Iraq's oil resources, especially as a means of paying for the country's reconstruction since the 2003 invasion. Oil's importance was reiterated in the Iraq Study Group report released in December.

The agreement not only will open international investment in Iraq's oil industry — a bonanza for foreign oil companies — but will produce revenue for a nation badly in need of cash to finance its reconstruction.

extremists in their territory — and insisted that other allies also should shoulder responsibility in the U.S.-led war on terrorism. Cheney, accompanied by CIA deputy director Steve Kappes, made an unannounced stop in Pakistan en route to Afghanistan, where soon prevented him from reaching Kabul for talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

The vice president made no public comment in Pakistan, but a senior aide to Musharraf said they held detailed talks, including a one-on-one lunch of more than an hour.

"Cheney expressed U.S. apprehensions of regrouping of al-Qaida in the tribal areas and called for concerted efforts in countering the threat," Musharraf's office said.

He also "expressed serious U.S. concerns on the intelligence being picked up of an impending Taliban and al-Qaida 'spring offensive' against allied forces in Afghanistan," the statement said.

WASHINGTON

Souped-up heart CT scans may help speed diagnosis of chest pain

Millions of people with chest pain enter emergency room lobbies, spending up to 24 hours waiting for tests to tell if a heart attack really is brewing or if it's something less dire.

A computerized heart scan may start doing the wait, giving doctors a faster picture of clogged arteries to help determine who can go home — within just four hours — and who needs more care.

If these souped-up CT scans pan out — and major studies of several thousand chest-pain sufferers are to begin soon — they may do more than send the worried home faster.

"If he's able to show the patient what's going on in their arteries is very powerful," says Dr. James Goldstein of William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

Like finding that the 3-D pictures of gum-filled arteries can motivate patients to change their heart-risky behaviors better than lecturing them about high blood pressure or cholesterol.

On the other side, when arteries look clean, "you can

say the chance that this patient would have any cardiac event in the next five years will be very, very low," adds Dr. Udo Hoffmann of Massachusetts General Hospital. "If they come back a week later with chest pain, you know it's not the heart."

GUATEMALA

Gunmen storm prison, kill four murder suspects

CUILAPA — Gunmen stormed a Guatemalan prison and shot to death four jailed police officers in a mafia hit aimed at stopping investigators from finding out who ordered the slayings of three politicians from neighboring El Salvador, Guatemala's leader said Monday.

The four policemen killed Sunday included Luis Arturo Herrera: head of the Guatemalan National Police organized crime unit, and three of his officers. They were arrested Thursday in connection with the Feb. 19 killings of three Salvadoran representatives to the Central American Parliament, based in Guatemala City.

President Oscar Berger said organized crime gangs "reached the officers' cell after getting past eight locked doors at the prison, and were responsible for the 'violent deaths of four important witnesses who could have helped the investigation.'"

NEW YORK

Study: Rising narcissism, self-centeredness among college students

Today's college students are more narcissistic and self-centered than their predecessors, according to a comprehensive new study by five psychologists who worry that the trend could be harmful to personal relationships and American society.

"We need to stop endlessly repeating 'you're special' and having children repeat that back," said the study's lead author, Professor Jean Twenge of San Diego State University. "Kids are self-centered enough already."

Twenge and her colleagues, in findings to be presented at a workshop Tuesday in San

Diego on the generation gap, examined the responses of 16,475 college students nationwide who completed an evaluation called the Narcissistic Personality Inventory between 1982 and 2006.

"The standardized inventory, known as the NPI, asks for responses to such statements as 'If I ruled the world, it would be a better place,'" "I think I am a special person" and "I can live my life any way I want to."

Scholars, clergy discuss possible tomb of Jesus found in Holy Land

Filmmakers and researchers on Monday unveiled two ancient stone boxes they said may have once contained the remains of Jesus and Mary Magdalene, but several scholars derided the claims made in a new documentary as unfounded and contradictory to basic Christian beliefs.

"The Lost Tomb of Jesus," produced by Oscar-winning director James Cameron and scheduled to air March 4 on the Discovery Channel, argues that 10 small caskets, called ossuaries, discovered in 1980 in a Jerusalem suburb may have held the bones of Jesus and his family.

One of the caskets even bears the title, "Judah, son of Jesus," hinting that Jesus may have had a son, according to the film. The claim that Jesus even had an ossuary contradicts the Christian belief that he was resurrected and ascended to heaven.

A panel of scholars that joined the filmmakers Monday at the New York Public Library addressed that criticism and others.

James Labor, a professor of religious studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, said that while literal interpreters of the Bible say Jesus' physical body rose from the dead, "one might affirm resurrection in a more spiritual way in which the husk of the body is left behind."

But Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said Christianity "has always understood the physical resurrection of Christ to be at the very center of the faith."

Cameron, who won an Academy Award for directing

"Titanic," said he was excited to be associated with the Jesus film, which was directed by Toronto filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici.

"We don't have any physical record of Jesus' existence," he said. "So what this film... shows is for the first time tangible, physical, archaeological and in some cases forensic evidence."

He said that to a layman's eye "it seemed pretty damn compelling."

Jacobovici said that a name on one of the ossuaries

"Mariamene" — offers evidence that the tomb is that of Jesus and his family, in early Christian texts, "Mariamene" is the name of Mary Magdalene, he said.

Most Christians believe Jesus' body spent three days at the site of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem's Old City. The burial site identified in Cameron's documentary is in a southern Jerusalem neighborhood nowhere near the church.

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PAKISTAN

Cheney warns that al-Qaida regrouping

ISLAMABAD — Underlining growing alarm in the West at how militants have regained ground in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday sought Pakistani aid to help counter al-Qaida's efforts to regroup, officials said.

However, President Gen. Pervez Musharraf insisted his forces have already "done the maximum" possible against

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## With the Region 18 tournament in Ephraim, everybody loses

If this sounds anything like sour grapes, that's because it is. Absolutely. But there's no way — not in a million years — that the upcoming Region 18 men's and women's basketball tournaments should be held at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah. The last time the Badgers hosted the tournament was at the end of the 1999-2000 season. The last time should have been the last time.

The reasons go far beyond my own disappointment that in two weeks, instead of driving the five minutes from my warm bed to the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium, I'll be making the 45-minute



**EAGLE EYES**  
Eric Larsen

trek from the West Western Paradise Inn in Nephi, Utah, to Snow College for three consecutive days because the two hotels in Ephraim are already bursting at the seams with reservations.

The 21-7 Badgers men will earn the right to host the tournament as long as they take care of business this Friday and Saturday against a Colorado Northwestern

### If the SWAC season ended today

Here's a look at what the upcoming Region 18 Tournament will look like if current seeding stays the same through the last weekend of SWAC play.

**Region 18 Tournament**  
At Snow College, Ephraim, Utah

**Wednesday, March 7**  
Men  
No. 4 CEU vs. No. 5 NIC, 5 p.m.  
No. 3 Salt Lake CC vs. No. 6 Colorado NW, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, March 8**  
Women  
No. 4 Eastern Utah vs. No. 5 Snow College, 5 p.m.  
No. 3 North Idaho vs. No. 6

**Friday, March 9**  
Men  
No. 1 CSI vs. CEU/NIC winner, 2 p.m.  
No. 2 Snow College vs. SLOC/CNOC winner, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, March 10**  
Men  
Championship, 7:30 p.m.  
Women  
Championship, 5 p.m.

Golden Eagles sweep the College of Eastern Utah at home this weekend. CSI and

Snow will finish the season with identical SWAC records. Both teams will have finished at 15-5, with equal win-loss records against every conference opponent. In the case of such a tie, NCAA Region 18 standard operating procedures dictate that the team that has not hosted the tournament most recently will be given the right to host.

Do the Badgers deserve to host the region tournament? Of course. Roger Reid's team came up with the two most important wins of the season, sweeping the No. 5 team in the nation in two pivotal games last weekend. Should the city of Ephraim, with its estimated population of 4,977,

It's coming ...

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**HOME OPENER:**  
Be the site of a major NCAA Division I tournament? Never.

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# 'I should be dead'

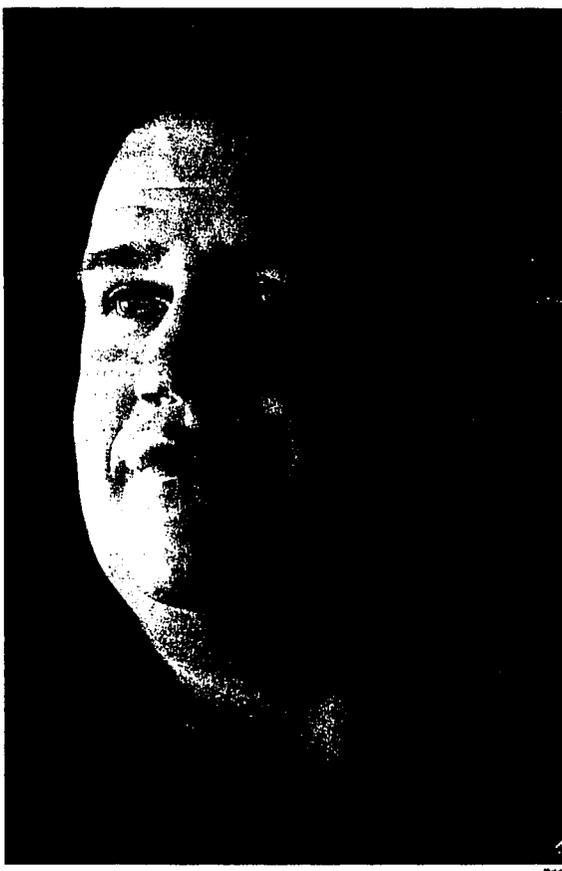
## Olympian Rulon Gardner survives small plane crash

By **Ellie Pells**  
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Scrambling out of a downed, waterlogged airplane, swimming to shore through an icy cold lake, spending the night exposed in the freezing, desert chill, then walking away with little more than bumps and bruises and the urgent need of a nice, warm bed. Harrowing close calls are becoming a habit for Rulon Gardner, Olympic wrestling champion-turned-escape artist.

There was the time he lost a toe to frostbite after being stranded in the wilderness. He also was involved in a serious motorcycle accident and was back in third grade, he impaled himself with an arrow.

Now this, Gardner's weekend brush with death was the third since he unbelievably captured the gold at the Sydney Olympics in 2000. It happened when a small airplane he was riding in crashed into the aptly named Good Hope Bay, near the Arizona-Utah border.



"I should be dead," Gardner told The Associated Press on Monday. "I shouldn't be on the earth today."

Gardner and the two other men in the plane, brothers Randy and Leslie Brooks, swam to shore through the 44-degree water and spent Saturday night on the banks without shelter. On Sunday morning, they spotted a fisherman, chased him down and got a ride back to safety.

None of the men were left with major injuries. The 35-year-old Gardner said his hip hurt and he believed he might have sustained a concussion when the plane hit the water. But he never lost consciousness. If he had, he might have drowned.

"I don't know where to put it," he said when asked to compare this to his other near escapes. "It was pretty intense."

Hypothermia often sets in and many people wouldn't be expected to live through an hour-long swim in cold water, said Steven Luckesen, a district ranger at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

"If these guys were a cat with nine lives, they just used up three of them," Luckesen said.

How many lives could Gardner possibly have left? Five years ago, he was snowmobiling in Wyoming when he became separated from a friend while trying to pass over a ridge in deep snow. As he struggled to find his way back, he fell into an icy river several times.

He wound up stranded overnight. His body tem-

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Former Olympic wrestling gold medalist Rulon Gardner describes his plane crash Monday at his home in North Salt Lake, Utah.

## Griz top ISU in OT

By **Mark Uptak**  
Times-News correspondent

POCATELLO — So it comes, down to this: Win or go home, Tuesday night. That's the end result after **BENGALS IDAHO STATE** Strait's layup with less than three seconds left propelled Montana to a 72-71 overtime win over Idaho State Monday night.

ISU (12-16 overall, 7-8 Big Sky) has now lost all four overtime games; it has played this season. The Bengals also have dropped four in a row and 8-of-10 after starting Big Sky Conference play at 5-0.

A win over Montana State Tuesday puts the Bengals into the Big Sky Conference post-season tournament for the first time in three seasons and ironically they'd play at Montana (16-19, 10-6) Saturday. A loss means Eastern Washington would go to Missoula.

Trailing 68-67, Cameron Rundles hit a 3-pointer to put the Griz in apparent control, but this time ISU came back and when Akbar Abdul-Alhad hit a tray of his own with nine seconds to go it looked like Idaho State might finally catch a break, leading 71-70.

Montana called time out and ran their offense, which saw Bryan Ellis get the ball inside to Strait, who hit his shot and was fouled. Strait missed his free throw but blocked a final desperation heave from Alhad as time ran out.

The Bengals used solid play in the first half to take a lead over the Grizzlies but it was only 35-30 at the break.

In the second half, Montana started to shoot better and used an early second-half run to regain control of the game. That's where it stood as time wound down in regulation. A bizarre play shot ISU back into the lead at 51-50, John Ofoegbu hit a layup and was fouled by

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### 2007 Real Dairy Shootout

**Boys State Basketball**  
Class 5A  
At the Idaho Center, Nampa  
Thursday, March 1

Game 1: Mountain View Mavericks (20-2) vs. Lewiston Bengals (17-5), 1:15 p.m.

Game 2: Middleton Bobcats (21-2) vs. Vallivue Falcons (17-4), 3 p.m.

Game 3: Coeur d'Alene Vikings (18-4) vs. Timberline Wolves (17-7), 6:15 p.m.

Game 4: Highland Rams (12-12) vs. Borah Lions (13-10), 9 p.m.

**Class 4A**  
At Albertson College of Idaho, Caldwell  
Thursday, March 1

Game 1: McAdoo Bears (15-7) vs. Preston Indians (12-12), 6:15 p.m.

Game 2: Silver Creek (17-8) vs. Century Diamondbacks (15-9), 3 p.m.

Game 3: Burley Bobcats (23-1) vs. Middleton Vikings (13-11), 6:15 p.m.

Game 4: Hillcrest Knights (16-7) vs. Bishop Kelly Knights (19-4), 8 p.m.

**Class 3A**  
At Meridian High School, Thursday, March 1

Game 1: Buhl Indiana (18-4) vs. Weiser Wolverines (20-5), 6:15 p.m.

Game 2: Bonners Ferry Badgers (18-4) vs. South Fremont Cougars (18-7), 3 p.m.

Game 3: Shelley Russells (18-7) vs. Fruitland Grizzlies (19-3), 6:15 p.m.

Game 4: Sreeta Tiger Panthers (14-6) vs. Kimberly Bulldogs (15-7), 8 p.m.

**Class 2A**  
At Capital High School, Boise  
Thursday, March 1

Game 1: Firch Cougars (19-4) vs. Marsing Huskies (17-6), 1:15 p.m.

Game 2: Aberdeen Tigers (20-0) vs. New Plymouth Pilgrims (17-5), 3 p.m.

Game 3: Glenns Ferry Pilots (17-5) vs. West Jefferson Panthers (14-9), 6:15 p.m.

Game 4: Kamiah Kubs (18-5) vs. West Side Pirates (13-8), 8 p.m.

**Class 2A**  
At Caldwell High School, Wednesday, Feb. 28

Game 1: Richfield Tigers (20-5) vs. Greenleaf Friends Grizzlies (17-5), 1:15 p.m.

Game 2: Mackay Miners (15-5) vs. Notus Pirates (19-3), 3 p.m.

Game 3: Coeur d'Alene Charter Panthers (19-3) vs. Murtaugh Red Devils (15-9), 6:15 p.m.

Game 4: Troy Trojans (18-5) vs. Council Lumberjacks (17-6), 8 p.m.

At Vallivue High School, Caldwell  
Game 5: Genesee Bulldogs (22-1) vs. Carey Panthers (20-4), 1:15 p.m.

Game 6: Shoshone Chiefs (14-5) vs. Clark Fork Wampus Cats (15-7), 3 p.m.

Game 7: Cascade Ramblers (21-4) vs. Lapwai Wildcats (14-11), 6:15 p.m.

Game 8: Hagerman Pirates (19-5) vs. Tri-Village Titans (13-9), 8 p.m.

**For a complete look at the 2007 Real Dairy Shootout, pick up Wednesday's edition of the Times-News.**

Barley's Cotton Moon (11) shoots over Jerome's Logan Parker (4) during the Bobcats' 63-44 victory over the Tigers on in the Class 4A Great Basin Conference West IIIB game at Burley High School earlier this season.

SPORTS

# Ramirez arrives at Red Sox camp

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Manny Ramirez reported to spring training Monday, four days late or three days early — depending on whose keeping track.

Either way, the Boston Red Sox finally have him in camp. The New York Yankees, meanwhile, will be without Bobby Abreu for at least two weeks because of a strained muscle in his right side.

The right fielder got injured during batting practice Monday in Tampa, Fla., but New York manager Joe Torre and GM Brian Cashman said that won't prompt the team to make a new push for Bernie Williams to come to camp.

"It's not an option we're looking at," Cashman said. "Bobby is coming back. The question is when."

The Yankees still hope Abreu will be ready for opening day on April 2.

"He had a significant oblique strain," Cashman said. "I'll probably say three weeks, but we'll see. Worst case, it's one of those lengthy ones that gives him too short a period of time to get ready. But it's really premature to be guessing."

The Yankees received encouraging news on pitcher Carl Pavano's left foot. An MRI exam and X-rays taken Sunday showed a bone bruise. Pavano was hit on the instep by a liner during batting practice Saturday.

"I wasn't too concerned, with the progress I've made," Pavano said. "I was able to do all my activity today in the weight room. It's considerably better every day."

Pavano is still scheduled to make his first spring training start Sunday.

"Obviously, if he doesn't throw enough to work into that day, we'll make adjustments," Torre said.

Center fielder Johnny Damon rejoined the Yankees after a two-day excused absence to tend to a personal matter at home with his family in the Orlando area.

"Everything is great," Damon said. "I feel a lot better today than a couple days ago."



Fans cheer Boston Red Sox left fielder Manny Ramirez as he arrives at spring training camp in Fort Myers, Fla. on Monday.

Something was worrying me and I took care of it."

Nobody at Red Sox camp in Fort Myers, Fla., fussed particularly annoyed by Ramirez's delayed arrival.

The unpredictable slugger drove up in a large, gray sedan with tinted windows four days after the team staged its first full-squad workout but three days before the date the Red Sox gave him permission to show up because his mother had a health problem.

"I think we all would be very naive to think that if Manny wasn't the extraordinary hitter he was, that he'd get a little more leeway than the next guy," Boston third baseman Mike Lowell said. "I think if you reach a point that you cross a line of integrity with your teammates, it won't be felt. Four days into spring training, I don't

really see it as that big a deal."

Not surprisingly, the enigmatic Ramirez had a little trouble finding his way around. He took a wrong turn on his way to calisthenics and walked right into a crowd of fans by accident.

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"Manny reported early because he was ready to go. He's excited to be here in spring training," said his agent, Greg Giersch. "I do know that (Onelcidia Ramirez) had very, very serious medical issues, this offseason and that was the reason why Manny is reporting when he is."

Ramirez, who rarely talks with reporters, refused several requests to do so.

# Syracuse tops No. 9 Georgetown 72-58

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Demetrius Nichols and Andy Rautins each hit a pair of 3-pointers to key a 14-0 second-half spurt and Syracuse bested No. 9 Georgetown 72-58 Monday night.

The victory snapped the Hoyas' 11-game winning streak and gave the Orange a strong claim for the postseason.

Georgetown (22-6, 12-3 Big East) had won 11 straight conference games for the first time in school history and had defeated Pittsburgh 61-53 Sunday to avenge a road loss to the Panthers in January and take sole possession of first place in the Big East.

Syracuse (21-16, 10-5 Big East) was won five straight since dropping four in five.

Nichols, the Big East's leading scorer, struggled before getting hot midway through the second half and finished with 22 points. Eric Devendorf had 11 points and 11 assists. Rautins had 13

points, and Paul Harris had 11 points.

Jeff Green, Georgetown's leading scorer, finished with nine points on 3-of-13 shooting, the first time he failed to crack double figures in 10 games.

## No. 3 Kansas 67, Oklahoma 65

NORMAN, Okla. — Julia Wright and Mario Chalmers each scored 18 points, and Kansas bounced back after blowing a 17-point lead to beat Oklahoma.

The Jayhawks (26-4, 13-2 Big 12) committed 12 second-half turnovers against Oklahoma's pressing defense, but rebounded with a late 11-4 run to win their seventh straight game. Sasha Kaun added 11 points and nine rebounds for Kansas.

Nate Carter scored 20 points to lead Oklahoma, and Taylor Griffin added 12 points.

— The Associated Press

## ISU

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missed the free throw which headed right to Nicholas Rhodes. Rhodes hit his shot, completing in essence a four-point sequence.

The Bengals biggest lead in the closing minutes was 65-61 but Montana kept storming back to tie the game at 65. David Schroeder missed a last second shot in regulation and the teams played the extra five minutes.

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# Bryant pushes Lakers easily past Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY — Kobe Bryant made up for an off shooting night from the floor by making 21 free throws and scoring 35 points, playing with a sore throat and leading the Los Angeles Lakers past the Utah Jazz 102-84 Monday night in Salt Lake City.

Bryant was 21-for-24 from the line and just two away from tying his own team record. Bryant had skipped the shootaround Monday and struggled from the floor, going 7-for-21. But he had plenty of help from Smush Parker, who made six 3-pointers and finished with 24 points as the Lakers won their third straight.

Lamar Odom added 19 points and 14 rebounds and Maurice Evans scored 10.

Former Laker Derek Fisher led the Jazz with 23 points and eight assists.

ing Chicago.

Hedo Turkoglu hit two free throws with 12.3 seconds left after Howard tipped out an offensive rebound, and the Magic improved to 10-18 on the road this season and also snapped an overall four-game losing streak.

## Mavericks 110, Hawks 87

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points and eight rebounds, Jason Terry added 21 points, and Dallas extended its club-record home winning streak to 20 games with a victory over Atlanta.

Josh Howard had 20 points before leaving in the fourth quarter with a sprained right ankle, and Jerry Stackhouse added 19 points and a season-high nine assists to help the Mavericks to their 12th straight win.

Genobili added 13 and Michael Finley had 10.

Andrea Bargnani led Toronto with 17 points and former Spurs center Basko Nesterovic added a season-high 16.

## Knicks 99, Heat 93

NEW YORK — Stephan Marbury scored 18 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, and Jamal Crawford stuck it to the Heat again with 3-pointer in the closing seconds to lift the Knicks to a 99-93 victory.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 20 points as Miami fell to 1-2 without top scorer Dwyane Wade, out with a dislocated shoulder.

The Knicks, swept by the Heat in three games last season, won this season series from the defending NBA champions 3-1. Marbury took over in the final quarter when it appeared the Knicks might be headed to their first losing streak in a month.

## 76ers 89, Kings 82

PHILADELPHIA — Samuel Lelland scored 20 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, and Andre Iguodala had 22 points to lead Philadelphia over Sacramento.

The Sixers won a 15-2 run late in the fourth to put away the Kings and snap a two-game losing streak. Andre Miller added 10 points and Joe Smith chipped in with a pair of buckets down the stretch that pushed back the Kings.

Kevin Martin finished his 35-point game against Indiana on Sunday night with 23 points against the Sixers.

— The Associated Press

## Celtics 77, Rockets 72

HOUSTON — Paul Pierce scored 28 points to lead Boston over short-handed Houston and break a 12-game road losing streak.

The Celtics, who have the NBA's worst record, rallied from a 13-point fourth quarter deficit to avoid matching the franchise mark for most consecutive road losses. The win, against a Rockets team playing without both Yao Ming and Tracy McGrady, is just their second in the last 24 games.

## Magic 94, Bulls 87

CHICAGO — Dwight Howard scored 21 points and had 16 rebounds and Jameer Nelson added 18 points as Orlando got a rare road victory by beat-

## Nuggets 111, Grizzlies 107

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Carmelo Anthony scored 33 points, Renee added 27 and Allen Iverson had 25 to lead Denver over Memphis.

Anthony, the NBA's leading scorer at 30.5 points per game, helped the Nuggets snap a four-game losing streak and prevented the Grizzlies from winning back-to-back games for the first time this season.

## Spurs 107, Raptors 91

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker scored 27 points and Tim Duncan had 24 points and 16 rebounds as San Antonio game against Toronto to extend its winning streak to a season-high six games.

Robert Horry scored 14 points, Manu

# Gardner

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perature fell to 88 degrees. He saved himself that time by finding a cluster of trees and digging into the snow to wait for night out. He countered himself into strange positions, trying not to let himself fall asleep, afraid that if he did, he would freeze to death.

He lost a toe to frostbite after that close call, but still made it to the Athens Olympics, where he won a bronze medal and left his shoes on the mat — the symbolic gesture in wrestling that signals retirement.

Shortly before his final Olympics, Gardner was struck by an automobile while riding a motorcycle to practice. That time, he walked away with only abrasions and a sore left heel.

"When he was a kid, he punctured his abdomen while playing with a bow and arrow while his parents were out of town. The doctor said Gardner had just missed puncturing a vital organ."

Every day, we all have situations," Gardner said. "Some people handle them in different ways. I guess that's either a

gift, or something I go through that most people say, 'that's crazy.'"

On his latest near-death experience, Gardner and his friends were in a Cirrus SR 22, flying above Lake Powell. The trip was to see Randy Brooks' houseboat from the air, but the small plane was flying low, and it suddenly dipped and began clipping the surface of the water. It stopped on the lake and began sinking.

"I was saying, 'This can't be happening right now,'" Gardner said.

He said the crash itself wasn't traumatic.

"The trauma was hitting the water and realizing you're a heck of a long ways away from that beach," Gardner said. "How are you going to get there?"

He grabbed his coat from the plane before they swam away. He remembered how cold he'd been after the snowmobile incident in 2002.

But the Brooks brothers told him to drop everything and "either your stuff or your life," Gardner recalled them saying. The Olympic athlete is not a good swimmer, and his friends

gave him a quick lesson in diving the backstroke. Gardner said the water temperature didn't faze him; he thought he'd survived the worst by living through the crash.

But Jackson said hypothermia starts setting in with most people after about 30 minutes in waters that cold.

"It is truly amazing that they were able to swim through Good Hope Bay and then spend the night without any shelter," said Kevin Schneider, a spokesman at Glen Canyon.

Once at shore, the men took off their clothes in hopes of drying them out before the sun set. They would have been happy from some boater to see them standing naked on the shore, but it was too late in the day — no such luck.

Knowing they'd have to spend the night exposed in the 30-degree weather, they built a two-foot-high rock wall as a shelter from the wind. They huddled through the night to keep warm, alternating turns taking the brunt of the cold wind.

They were saved in the morning they saw the fishermen.

# Larsen

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The tallest hurdle Snow County officials will have to clear in hosting this year's tournament is not the obvious one of logistics of cramming six teams and their supporters into an overwhelmed rural town.

The biggest problem will be one of money. Each year's tournament host is required to send \$25,000 minimum to the Region 10 treasurer for the right to host the tournament.

Any profits made beyond that must also go to the region.

Even at CSL with its attendant booster support, strong base of sponsors and over 38,000 Twin Falls residents to draw ticket revenue from, making 25 large on the tournament would be a chore. In a two-stoplight town in Nowhere, Utah, it seems an impossibility.

This is also where logistics feature in. Anyone who hasn't already booked a room at Ephraim's Iron Horse Hotel or Willow Creek Inn faces at least a seven-mile trip from Mauni, or more likely, the 34-mile jaunt from Nephi to find a vacant hotel room. From hotels to restaurants and other entertainment, a town the size of Ephraim simply can't support this type of event without suffering major strain.

So on Friday and Saturday, the Golden Eagles and the rest of the SWAC — maybe even Snow officials — should be huge Colorado Northwestern fans, hoping the Spartans pull

off the biggest upset of the 2006-07 NCAAA Division I season against the Badgers. The simple fact is that Twin Falls and CSL are so much better suited to host this tournament than Ephraim will ever be.

In the long run, Region 10 officials need to take a long, hard look at how to host this tournament without putting undue stress on its smaller member schools, should they win the right to host it.

Imagine if CNC, ever gets good and the 2,000-person town of Hangey, Colo., should become the host site. It would be like watching Mama Cass trying to squeeze into a Size 4 dress.

A neutral tournament site would be ideal, but the site of renting a site makes that scenario unlikely. The most logical choice won't be popular with CSL fans, but picking Salt Lake Community College as the permanent tournament host seems best. Otherwise, rotating between CSL, SLCC and North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene would ensure that each year's host site would have the infrastructure to support the event.

Until such changes occur, all the rest of us can do is wait. Wait and hope: Houston Power sets a new NCAAA scoring record against the Badgers this weekend.

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## SWAC tiebreaker policy

From NCAAA Region 10 standard operating procedures  
Online: <http://www.ncaaathletics.org/news/awp/index.htm>

1. If a tie exists between two teams, then head-to-head competition versus the top place position will be the next criteria. The next step would be head-to-head competition with the next lower position, and so on down the line.

2. If the tie still exists and involves hosting privileges for a tournament, it would be broken by the team that has not hosted most recently.

3. The hosting team will move to the lower seed position in the first round of regional play (only when the tie cannot be broken by 1. above).

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# COMICS

**B.C.** By Johnny Hart

WHO CAN TELL ME WHAT AN "INTERROBANG" IS?

JOHNNY?

THAT'S WHEN A "PERP" GETS ACCIDENTALLY WHIPPED WHEN THE INTERROGATOR'S GUN GOES OFF.

**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

THEY AREN'T THOSE SORTS OF MONKEY PATAMANS?

YOU HAD BETTER MAKE THEM TIME

I WAGNY WAGNY ABOUT THEM FEW MODIFICATIONS.

YOU PUPP FANGS AND THE BARBARA MONKEYS? PINK VAMPIRE SCORPION NINJA MONKEYS SEEM MORE KANBY TO ME

**Baldo** By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

I AM SO TIRED. I DON'T SLEEP AT ALL LAST NIGHT.

HOW COME?

I HAD THIS WEIRD NIGHTMARE. I DREAMED I WAS A MUFFLEY!

I WROKE UP EXHAUSTED.

**Brevity** By Guy & Rodi

AH, ROOMMA... MY OLD NEMESIS!

**Dilbert** By Scott Adams

THE EMPLOYEES ARE GETTING ALL WHINEY ABOUT THE ASBESTOS IN THE CEILING.

I TOLD THEM IT WASN'T DANGEROUS, BUT APPARENTLY I'M NOT CREDIBLE IN THIS HAZMAT SUIT.

I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR THAT THEY JUDGE ME BY MY CLOTHES.

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

CAPTAIN RAMBLD! IF IT'S THE WORST UP THE JURY... MY MEN SAID... SOON!

GOOD TO HEAR... AS SOON AS THEY REPORT FOR DUTY...

YOU JUST SAID THEY WERE GOOD...

THEY'RE READY TO PROCEED... PROBLEM... PROBLEM... PROBLEM...

**The Elderberries** By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Boone! It's Evelyn! I need your help with something.

What is it?

It's Spay Day USA, and he's trapped another sweet little feral cat.

...and you're SO good the way you handle wild animals.

But, Evelyn... my wounds from our last trip to the vet have just barely healed.

Oh, Boone... it's only once a year.

**For Better or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston

SOME TIMES, IT'S BETTER... THE WINDING TREAT...

**Frank and Ernest** By Bob Thaves

COMPUTER FRAUD

HI, GUYS. HOW'S THE WEB SURFING TODAY?

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!

**Luann** By Greg Evans

HOW'S IT FEEL... GREAT FOR THE FIRST TIME... I AM IN CHARGE OF AN OWN LIFE... I CAN'T WAIT WHEN I WANT... WHEN I WANT...

I CAN'T... MY PARENTS WON'T ALLOW ANY ALTERATION... IT'S IN THE REALITY CONTRACT...

SO... WHICH PART OF "I CAN DO WHAT I WANT" CAN YOU ACTUALLY DO?

I CAN DECIDE WHEN TO SMOULN...

**Malard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

AND IN OTHER NEWS A NEW SURVEY SHOWS THAT VIEWERS WHO CONSTANTLY LISTEN TO OUR STORIES, WHICH ASSUME THAT GLOBAL WARMING IS PRIMARILY CAUSED BY HUMANS...

BONDI... STRONGLY THAT GLOBAL WARMING IS PRIMARILY CAUSED BY HUMANS.

**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

DID YOU EVER WONDER WHY THE LETTERS ON A COMPUTER KEYBOARD ARE NOT ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY? THEIR BIRTH DATES GO BACK TO THE DAYS OF MANUAL TYPEWRITERS.

IT'S A WONDER YOU DON'T GET MORE DATES.

**Pickles** By Brian Crane

WHY DO YOU CRACK YOUR TOES WHEN YOU KNOW IT BOTHERS ME?

IF YOU KNOW THAT SOMETHING YOU DO BOTHERS SOMEONE... YOU SHOULD STOP DOING IT.

DO YOU REALLY FEEL THAT WAY?

YES, I DO.

GOOD. IT BOTHERS ME THAT YOU KEEP TELLING ME TO STOP CRACKING MY TOES.

**Rose Is Rose** By Pat Brady

YES, PATTY!

PREDETERMINED LOVE NOTE WRITERS MAY WRITE ANY AVAILABLE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO GET THEIR MESSAGE DELIVERED!

**Zits** By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT THESE LITTLE PHONES TEXTING ON THESE LITTLE KEYPADS AND WRITING MESSAGES ON THESE LITTLE SCREENS

I'M NOT BEHIND TECHNOLOGY.

I'M JUST TOO BIG FOR IT.

**Non Sequiter** By Wiley

WELL... ONE THING LED TO ANOTHER, SO I DECIDED I MIGHT AS WELL JUST START FROM SCRATCH...

DECORATING WITH O.C.D.

**Strange Brew** By John Deering

We're just now beginning to understand the power of the porage.

## Credit card off limits for Capricorn

**IF FEB. 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** A positive attitude often attracts success and you surely have such an attitude during the next several weeks. Don't go overboard and spend all your extra income or take loved ones for granted. If things go wrong you might be blamed for not keeping up your end of a bargain. In April an improved business sense will help you put things back into apple pie order and you can lay out firm ground rules for the year ahead. In October your reputation is enhanced, so ask for a promotion or expect to gain ground within your organization.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Stick to black and white. Meddling in those gray areas could cause a problem that might negatively impact your reputation or household. Do your utmost to avoid misunderstandings.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Sympathy invites discord. Tough it out, as showing weakness gives the ravaging hyenas a signal that you are easy prey. Don't fall for a sob story yourself. Avoid irrevocable decisions.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** It is time for a time-out. Relax and don't get your panties in a

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

term agreement. Maintain a low profile and duck confrontations.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** It might be the good, the bad or the truly ugly Helman from making a firm commitment or entering into negotiations.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Money, like water, can slip through your fingers. Put financial wheeling and dealing... on the back burner until this temporary set of cosmic conditions dissipates.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't count your chickens before they hatch. Lock the credit card away and hide the key. Those whose good opinion you value the most might not understand what you are doing on that ice. When skating on thin ice it is possible to go too far or to take unnecessary risks. This is a poor time to make final decisions or initiate an important new contract.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Tales of woe won't make a problem go. Keep your fears, suspicions, worries and troubles to yourself. People might latch onto any sign of weakness and use it as a tool against you.

**bunch** if things don't go your way. The stars are not aligned for successfully starting new projects or making key purchases.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Remain cognizant of limitations. Signing a check twice won't keep it from bouncing. You have a tendency to be upbeat and trusting today, but others might be as forthcoming.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Tune out discord. You can't predict if what seems like a small tempest is going to jump out of the teapot and turn into a tsunami. It pays to be as nice as possible to everyone today.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Wear strong boots to protect your Achilles' heel. People may hide their faults or look for yours. This isn't the time to get involved in personal disputes, sign contracts, or launch projects.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** A captive audience can resent the prison bars. This is not a good day to push your personal agenda or enter into a long-

COMICS

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



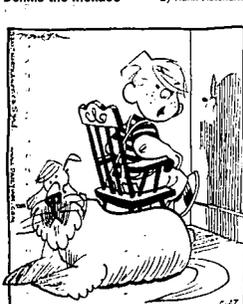
The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



# Man trapped by working two jobs should set himself free

**DEAR ABBY:** "Frustrated in Philly" (Jan. 14) wrote that he is burnt out from working two jobs because his wife, "Daria," is preoccupied with material things and "likes to keep up with the Joneses." He said they've been married 10 years and have three kids, and although she promises to get a job and help with the bills, it never happens.

Your advice to "Frustrated" should have included, "Sell some of your toys, quit one of your jobs, and spend more time at home with the family before you have a heart attack! Do not kill yourself to please a taker."



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

reason why going back into the work force scares you, let's talk about it."

—JERSEY GIRL

**DEAR ABBY:** "Frustrated" should not have to work two jobs just to keep up with his wife's spending. Marriage counseling is a good start, but there may be something more serious going on. It seems to me like his wife's behavior could be a sign of severe depression or bipolar disorder. It's worth checking out.

—HOLLY IN COLORADO

**DEAR ABBY:** I would remind "Frustrated" that raising three children under the age of 10 is a full-time job, even if it doesn't pay financially. Also, would a woman who has not worked outside the home in at least 10 years be able to get a job that pays enough to offset the cost of child care now that Mom's not home?

"Frustrated" needs to sit down with his wife, decide on mutual financial goals, and develop a budget. If sticking to a budget is impossible for her, then maybe he needs to take control of the finances, cut up the credit cards, and put his wife on an allowance to cover household expenses. Finances are one of the most common reasons for marital strife. I hope that couple can reach a compromise.

—JENNIFER IN FLORIDA

—JOHN C. SAGINAW, MICH.  
**DEAR JOHN C.:** I told "Frustrated in Philly" that in his own view, his role is to support her in the manner to which she aspires, regardless of its effect on him — and that he should offer her the option of marriage counseling or consult a lawyer. However, not all of my readers viewed the situation in the same light that you and I did. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm sad that you thought the wife who kept complaining "ambitious business" and failing to find a job was totally selfish and perceived her husband's role as "to support her in the manner to which she aspires" while her own role was simply to enjoy

it. Speaking from experience, I think her problem may be fear.

After an eight-year career, I was a stay-at-home mom for nine years. By the time I thought about going back to the work force, my confidence had been severely destroyed (because my husband was so controlling and hypercritical), and it made me afraid to try.

In spite of my husband's disapproval, I joined a direct sales company and struggled to succeed. Because of my low self-esteem, it was like trying to climb a mountain with a boulder on my shoulder. I am still with that company, but not longer with my (ex) husband, and I am finally very happy.

I'm afraid your answer to the husband will make him continue to be angry and confrontational. If only he'd stop trying to force her to get a job and take care of her about what's best for the whole family's future, there might be some hope. He could say, "Honey, we're on the same team. I'm afraid that working two jobs is ruining my health. If there's a

# No water, just fat in camels' humps

No, it's not true that camels store water in their humps. They are filled with fat to burn when they don't get enough food. Not that the humps disappear after weeks in the desert, but they can get flaccid and floppy enough to bounce from side to side.

This day in history: On Feb. 27, 1933, the German Reichstag parliamentary building was burned down in a still-unresolved case of arson. The Nazis immediately blamed Communist terrorists and used 2/27 as a club to suppress political opponents, consolidate power, suspend civil liberties, and scare the citizenry into supporting suppression, torture, and pre-emptive war.

The dogs we call American pit bulls were known as Staffordshire terriers until 1936.

Yes, it's true that if you chew a Wint-O-Green Life Saver in



**RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS**  
Erin Barrett & Jack Mingo

the dark, you can see blue-green sparks. When the crystalline molecules fracture, the free electrons make light through a process called triboluminescence.

More articles are grown in California than any other state in the Union.

The oboe got its name from hautbois, French for "high sound."

Don't ever have enough time? Consider a movie to Mars. A day there lasts 24

hours and 39 minutes, and a year lasts 687 days.

Despite the fears, 1993 was the safest year in the history of commercial aviation. Of about 19 million flights, there were only 25 incidents resulting in fatalities.

A worm is both male and female. When two worms mate, both become pregnant and lay an egg capsule a week later. After two to three weeks, up to five little squirmers emerge.

The male green spoon worm is so tiny compared to the female, that she inhales her mate into her body. There he lives inside her endoecium ("little man house"), where he fertilizes her eggs from within. A bookworm isn't really one species — the name is used for any larva that eats paper.

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# Officials may put time limit on barking dogs

CLIFTON, N.J. — The city of Clifton is not the only dog-dodder. At least not if the City Council has anything to do about it.

Later this month, the council is expected to introduce an ordinance setting a limit on how long dogs can bark.

Many counties will be defined as those that bark for more than 30 minutes on two consecutive days.

The city already has nuisance and "noise laws that can be used to address annoying and disturbing noises such as constant barking." But officials said those laws are sometimes difficult to enforce.

Police have to investigate complaints, and the city Health Department sent 11 letters last year warning that a summons could be issued if the barking continued, health officer John Biegel said. Clifton has issued 3,750 dog licenses this year.

Getting a summons is rare, because the person who complained must go to court to sign a complaint.

Fines for the new ordinance could start at \$250, Biegel said.

**Bargain hunter finds document worth 250K**  
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A rare, 184-year-old copy of the Declaration of Independence found by a bargain hunter securing a three-hour bidding valued by experts at about 100,000 times the \$2.48 purchase price.

Michael Sparks, a music equipment technician, is selling the document in an auc-

## Odds and ends

tion March 22 at Raynor's Historical Collectible Auctions in Burlington, N.C. The opening bid is \$125,000 and appraisers have estimated it could sell for nearly twice that.

"I'm told that it could go for between \$200,000 and \$300,000," said Sparks.

In a tale worthy of PBS-TV's "Antiques Roadshow," Sparks found his bargain last March while browsing at Music City Thift Shop in Nashville. When he asked the price on a yellowed, shellacked, rolled-up document, the clerk marked it at \$2.48.

Sparks forked over the money and walked out with what turned out to be an "official copy" of the Declaration of Independence — one of 200 commissioned by John Quincy Adams in 1820 when he was secretary of state and printed by William Stone in 1823.

"I saw that it said 1823 and I knew that the declaration was signed in 1776, and I was just interested. It also said 'by order of the government,'" Sparks said.

But he didn't know he had such a valuable piece until doing some online research and then having appraisers at Raynor's offer an opinion.

"When we quickly looked at it there was no question that it was authentic," said Raynor's president, Bob Raynor. The document matched

other authenticated official copies based on the size of certain random letters and the placement of the names of Adams and Stone.

Sparks said he has paid about \$4,000 to have the document conserved by removing layers of shellac.

**Termites launch surprise attack on Malay military**  
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysia's military is fighting a formidable foe — termites.

Many of the Southeast Asian country's 80 army bases are believed to be plagued by the pests, forcing authorities to assign special officers to combat the problem, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Deputy Defense Minister Zainal Abidin Zin said termites were a big problem at the camps.

These termites are like guerrillas inflicting damage on our facilities," Zainal was quoted as saying by The Star. "There are more termites than members of the force."

Officials have "found the termite steps of attack and wood but also the concrete sections of buildings," the minister said.

A ministry panel will appoint personnel to pinpoint which camps are afflicted and take steps to curb the menace, Zainal said.

Calls to Zainal's office Saturday seeking comment went unanswered.

**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

**Today:** Breezy with a chance of rain mingling with, or changing over to snow. Highs upper 30s.  
**Tonight:** A slight chance of snow showers. Lows 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** A chance of rain and, or snow showers. Highs upper 30s.

**TUBLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

**Today:** Bristle and gusty winds coupled with a mixed bag of winter showers. Highs upper 30s.  
**Tonight:** A blustery night with little in the way of snow likely. Lows low 20s.  
**Tomorrow:** Cold enough for passing snow showers. Highs low to middle 30s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 A steady flow of colder air will allow snow levels to drop. Periods of snow are expected with measurable accumulations today and tomorrow. Mountain travel may be difficult at times.

**BOISE**  
 Snow activity will be frequent this week as various storm systems pass by. Some lowland areas may see more clouds than rain, other areas may get a touch of snow.

**NORTHERN UTAH**  
 Wind and a round of snow showers on tap today. Cold for the rest of the week with arctic snows possible from day to day.



**Weather Service's Boise Forecast:** 27-31°C, 27-31°C, 27-31°C, 27-31°C. High: 34, Low: 21. Precip: 0.00. Wind: 10-20 mph. Clouds: Partly cloudy.

**GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
 "I feel like a serious criminal although I have nothing to reproach myself," he said. "People have made a name for themselves at my cost. Some were 100 percent lies. I wished I had gotten more support from some people, but I am not bitter."

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Chance of rain mixing with snow	Nighttime snow showers	A chance of rain and snow showers	More clouds than snow showers	Moderate, a trended shower threat	Shower chances persist
High 39	Low 28	37/25	38/25	44/27	46/25

**Yesterday's Weather**

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	37	16	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	41	34	0.04"
Idaho Falls	36	19	0.04"
Lowell	40	23	0.41"
Malden	41	19	0.27"
Rupert	31	24	0.11"
Twin Falls	26	15	0.20"

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Today's High: 39	Today's Precip: 0.00"	Today's Humid: 40%	Today's Press: 30.12 in	Today's Sunrise: 7:18 AM
Today's Low: 28	Today's Precip: 0.00"	Today's Humid: 40%	Today's Press: 30.12 in	Today's Sunset: 6:29 PM

**MOON PHASES**

Mar 3	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 25
New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter

**MOONRISE AND MOONSET**

Today	Tomorrow
Moonrise: 5:16 AM	Moonrise: 5:16 AM
Moonset: 5:16 AM	Moonset: 5:16 AM

**U. V. INDEX**

Low	Moderate	High
1-2	3-5	6-7

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	34-48	32-48
Idaho Falls	34-48	32-48
Rupert	34-48	32-48
Twin Falls	34-48	32-48

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	40-50	40-50
Chicago	30-40	30-40
Denver	30-40	30-40
Los Angeles	60-70	60-70

**WORLD FORECAST**

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

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**



**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	30-40	30-40
Edmonton	30-40	30-40
Winnipeg	30-40	30-40

**Ullrich retires from cycling**

**HAMBURG, Germany (AP)** — Jan Ullrich ended his cycling career Monday, but not the doping suspicions which surrounded the former four de France champion.

The 33-year-old German, who won the Tour in 1997 and was runner-up five times, announced his retirement eight months after being implicated in a Spanish doping scandal.

"I am ending my active career," Ullrich said. "It's not easy, but you have to listen to the voice inside you that the time is right. It was a good time and I would do it the same way again, even the bad times."

Ullrich criticized the way he had been treated by cycling officials in Germany and Switzerland and by the German media.

"I feel like a serious criminal although I have nothing to reproach myself," he said. "People have made a name for themselves at my cost. Some were 100 percent lies. I wished I had gotten more support from some people, but I am not bitter."

Ullrich has been under investigation for several months in Spain's "Operation Puerto" scandal, but has not been charged. He has not been without a team since being fired by the T-Mobile team last summer.

Some German officials said Ullrich wasted an opportunity to deal with the allegations which have tainted his reputation.

"Today Jan Ullrich didn't add anything to clear things up," said Rudolf Scharping, president of the German Cycling Federation. "This is a finish to a career which everybody wished had ended better."

"With today's statement he has probably missed his last chance to clear up the matter," said Thomas Bach, president of Germany's Olympic and Sports Federation.

Ullrich said he was still fit and had received offers from seven teams to race this season, but had decided to move on.

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Carl Hanson, Administrator  
Minidoka Memorial Hospital

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TS No. 07-00942 Doc ID 0003496215003N This Order No. W730044 Parcel No. RP 0951726077 The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the lobby of Alliance Truck & Excav located at 1411 Falls Ave East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 06/05/2007 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 10/23/2004 as instrument Number 2004-02232-1 and executed by Jason Scott, and Ginger K. Scott, as Grantor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, to Recon-Trust Company, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho, Township 9 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho Section 29; A parcel of land in the SW1/4SW1/4, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 29; Thence a distance of 772.11 feet on a Bearing of South 89° 39' 00" East along the South boundary of Section 29 to the real point of beginning; Thence from this real point of beginning and continuing along the South Boundary of Section 29 a distance of 180.00 feet on Bearing of South 89° 38' 00" East; Thence a distance of 269.72 feet on a Bearing of North 0° 32' 40" East; Thence a distance of 180.00 feet on a Bearing of North 0° 32' 40" West; Thence a distance of 269.72 feet on a Bearing of South 0° 32' 40" West to the real point of beginning. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 65-115, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 794 Canyon Rim Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, except of title regarding life, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due on 04/15/2005 of principal, interest, taxes and subsequent installments due therefor; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 10.500% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to an entering the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. Notice is hereby given that this firm is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose; and that the debt may be disputed. The above grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1006(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. Dated: 02/12/2007 Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: Recon-Trust Company, N.A. 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SWV-88 SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 91381-8210 Recon-Tru Trust Company, N.A. Successor Trustee Denise Stetler, Assistant Secretary ASAF# 823292

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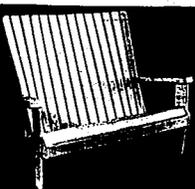
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WEST ♠ 6 3 ♣ K 9 7 6 2 ♣ A 7 ♣ J 5 4 3 EAST ♠ 8 4 ♣ A Q 10 4 ♣ 9 8 4 ♣ A 10 9

SOUTH ♠ A K Q 7 5 ♣ 8 5 ♣ 5 3 2 ♣ 8 6 2

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: East

The bidding: South West North East 1 ♠ 1 ♥ 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart six

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South holds: ♠ 6 3 ♣ K 9 7 6 2 ♣ A 7 ♣ J 5 4 3

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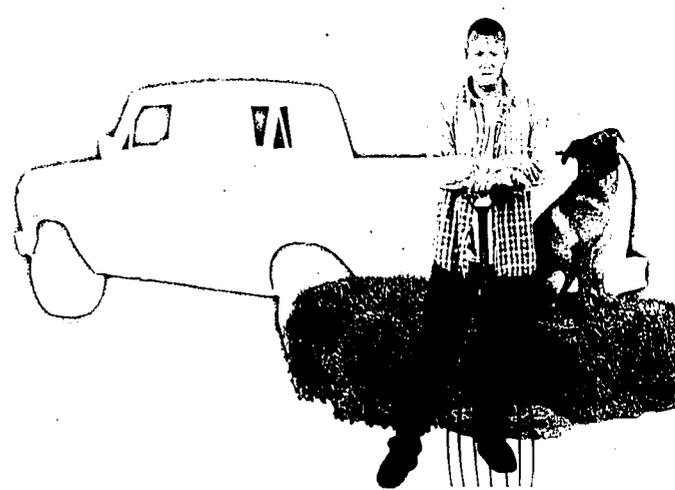
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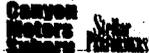
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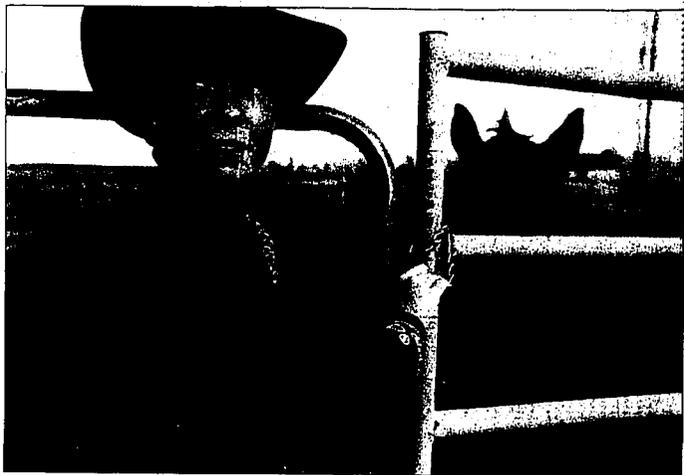
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## A girl and her horse



The Idaho State Horse Show Association's Magic Valley group named 11-year-old Breanna Mahle of Twin Falls 'Rookie of the Year.' LEFT: Breanna proudly wears her 'Rookie of the Year' belt buckle.

Photo by MELISSA BERTZ/NewsPhoto.com

"I can talk to them (the horses) and tell them how I feel, even though they don't know what I'm saying."

— Breanna Mahle

## Twin Falls rider's passion earns her 'Rookie of the Year' award

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The belt buckle is silver, with gold detailing, and it's as big as Breanna Mahle's open hand.

It's falling off the 11-year-old's slim waist, but as she looks down to adjust it, the corners of her mouth turn up.

Breanna has a lot to be proud of. Along with dozens of candy-colored ribbons that line her bedroom walls, the buckle is proof of the exceptional first year she had showing horses.

"We knew she was a good rider, but we didn't know she could compete at that level," said Cathy Mahle, Breanna's mother. The buckle symbolizes Breanna's "Rookie of the Year" award from the Idaho State Horse Show Association of Magic Valley Inc. Breanna joined the association last year at the urging of her neighbor, Pam Bolton — president of the group — after Bolton saw Breanna's interest in equines.

"Kids just love horses, and she kept coming over and coming over and coming over," Bolton said. She soon offered her young neighbor use of a few of her horses along with informal lessons on how to care for them and ride them. "She was extremely eager to learn."

Breanna has been interested in horses since she was 5, after cousins

she visited in North Dakota led her around perched on a saddle.

"I just felt really tall on the horse, and how sweet it was," Breanna said, remembering that first equine experience. The family was living in California at the time, and Breanna began incessantly requesting lessons until her mom signed her up at a local stable.

"There were some times she couldn't even walk, she was so sore," Cathy Mahle said, remembering the hours Breanna spent on horseback. Today, those hours have strengthened Breanna's legs, while lifting endless leaves of hay and shoveling manure have given her arms the definition of a young gymnast.

Shortly after the Mahles moved to their property near Shoshone Falls in late 2005, Breanna received every horse-er's ultimate gift: a yearling of her very own, to care for, love and train. Through the quarter horse, nicknamed "ZZ," won't be ready to ride in a show for one more season, Breanna is most proud of the first-place ribbon she earned in a lead-line class with ZZ.

"I did it perfectly, then I saw all the other kids in my age group do it," she said. "When I heard my name called first place by both judges, it just blew me away."

When she isn't in her sixth-grade class at Sawtooth Elementary School, Breanna can most often be found in



Ribbons line the bedroom of 11-year-old Breanna Mahle.

the barn, cleaning up, or in the rink, working ZZ for hours. Like most girls she likes listening to popular songs, but she combines that with her love of horses by taking the radio into the barn.

"I can talk to them (the horses) and tell them how I feel, even though they don't know what I'm saying," Breanna said. "Sometimes when I'd come home (ZZ would be) laying down, and I'd go over and lay down on her stomach."

A bit shy, Breanna was friends with her horse before she made friends at her new school, and her mom

remembers with just a little distaste how Breanna would come home wearing her barn jacket and describe the contortions she got from horse scent on her clothes.

Breanna's experience with horses — particularly with showing them — has taught the girl life lessons as well, agreed both her mother and her neighbor.

"You've had to learn a lot of patience, haven't you?" Cathy Mahle said, as Breanna turned ZZ in a circle to calm the 2-year-old. "I wanted her to learn to be a good sport, too."

"She's getting quite a respect for

horses and herself," Bolton said. "I really enjoy this young lady. She's so willing to listen and she tries so hard."

All that hard work has paid off. At the horse show association's annual banquet last month, Bolton surprised both Breanna and her parents by presenting the girl with the "Rookie of the Year" award, given to the most accomplished rider who started showing that year.

"I thought she was going to cry," Bolton said.

"I went, 'Oh my gosh, I can't believe it.' Of all the rookies, they picked me," Breanna said, remembering the moment.

If the hand-painted horses on her bedroom walls and the dozens of horse figurines that fill her bookshelves are any indication, Breanna isn't likely to quit loving horses.

"I'm really interested to see how she performs this year," Bolton said, hoping Breanna's riding talent will translate into a lifelong calling to show.

How long will she keep riding? Breanna's instant answer: "The rest of my life."

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## THE GREAT SANTA FE TRAIL HORSE RACE

# Plans under way for endurance horseback ride in New Mexico



Rob and Beverly Phillips stand with one of their horses, Apache, at their home near Lawrence, Kan., on Jan. 18. The couple is organizing an endurance race on horseback along the Santa Fe trail from Santa Fe, N.M., to Independence, Mo.

By Carl Manning  
Associated Press writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Job Phillips still remembers his first horse, a paint named Mickey he got more than 50 years ago. It was the start of a lifelong love affair with horses that's led to plans for an endurance race over the Santa Fe Trail.

For the past year, the 62-year-old retired real estate developer and his wife, Beverly, have been putting together The Great Santa Fe Trail Horse Race. It starts Sept. 3 in Santa Fe, N.M., and ends Sept. 15 in Missouri, broken down into 10 rides of about 50 miles a day over 515 miles.

Phillips got the idea after hearing the story of Francis X. Aubry, a trader who in 1848 made a \$1,000 bet that he could traverse the trail from Santa Fe to its start in Independence, Mo., in six days. He took five days and 16 hours to cover the 800-mile route that normally took a month and established a record that stands to this day.

**The Great Santa Fe Trail Horse Race:** An endurance ride, starting in Santa Fe, N.M., on Sept. 3, and ending in Missouri on Sept. 15; <http://www.thhorsearace.com> or 785-218-3265.

(The total distance from start to finish is about 800 miles, but riders will travel on horseback only about 515 miles; they will be transported by vehicles to starting points for the each leg of the race.) Spectators are encouraged to turn

"When I heard that story, I thought we've got to do something about the Santa Fe Trail and get the world excited about it again," Phillips said.

So he came up with the endurance ride which will follow the wide, meandering trail. The riders will cover the sweeping landscape of open prairies and rolling plains that greeted travelers heading west with trade goods or

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out to greet the riders at "race villages," which will be overnight stopping points for the riders and their horses. The race villages are in Santa Fe, N.M., Sept. 1-2; Las Vegas, N.M., Sept. 3; Springer, N.M., Sept. 4; Clayton, N.M., Sept. 5; Elkhart, Kan., Sept. 6; Dodge City, Kan., Sept. 7-9; Lamar, Kan., Sept. 9; Lyons, Kan., Sept. 10; Council Grove, Kan., Sept. 11-12; Burlingame, Kan., Sept. 13; and Gardner, Kan., Sept. 14-15.

In search of a better place to live. "It will always be near to what we consider the trail. We're in real close proximity and I doubt we'll spend a night on land that wasn't camped on by people in covered wagons," Phillips said.

Spectators will be encouraged to turn out to greet the riders at "race villages" where participants and

# COUNTRY ROADS

## Santa Fe

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their horses will spend the night in 11 locations across New Mexico and Kansas. Phillips said he expects more than 100,000 people in total will be on hand to watch as the competitors arrive.

The Santa Fe Trail opened in 1821 when Missouri trader William Becknell brought the first to use it to haul goods by mule train to Santa Fe, then part of Mexico.

Although some settlers used the trail, it primarily was a trade route for bringing manufactured goods to Santa Fe and taking silver and other valuables back to Missouri. By 1880, the trail was eclipsed by the railroads and only the wagon runs remained.

"I set up a new excitement about trading and the expansion in the West," said Rita Napier, University of Kansas history professor. "It represents a reaching out

to expand." Napier said the trail was important because more trade meant more manufacturing, but it was especially important to Kansas because it helped shape the state's growth.

"Once the territory was opened, it was a route that traders grabbed onto because there was a certainty of money coming in through trade," Napier said. "The Santa Fe Railroad followed the trail, which resulted in more towns."

With that historic backdrop, Phillips put together what he hopes will be an annual event. "If you are going to do something, you might as well do it big, and if it's big you can see it," he said.

He expects to have 100 teams with about 500 horses dashing over the landscape. Already, people from 17 states have signed up, paying entry fees ranging from

\$3,500 to \$4,500. At first there was talk of prize money, but Phillips discarded the idea because he wanted the race to be more about the love of the sport than getting money. But, he added, winning has its own rewards.

"It's about pride. It's a once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment," Phillips said. "You can imagine you can say you rode a race on the Santa Fe Trail and won."

After a long day in the saddle, riders will be able to rest at the nice villages. Each village will consist of a 30-acre area resembling a traveling fair, with food vendors, a dining tent, merchants, parlors for entertainers and facilities for riders to clean up and rest.

Phillips said the race has attracted several sponsors. Including the RFD-TV cable-satellite network, the U.S. Postal Service, the Bureau of

Land Management and the Kansas Lottery. The Imus Ranch, a New Mexico ranch owned by radio personality Don Imus that helps children with cancer, is the event's designated charity and will get a portion of the entry and sponsor fees.

There also will be a re-enactment of the Pony Express ride, with riders carrying mail from Santa Fe to Independence with plans to stop in more than 40 towns along the way.

With the original Pony Express, young men rode 75 to 100 miles before handing off the mochila, or mail pouch, to the next rider. This time, it will be six riders alternating in relays over the 800 miles that won't be on the trail but close to it.

"Now we have cell phones and pickup trucks," Phillips said. "Our riders won't be going that far."



Don Phillips walks Apache while his wife, Beverly, is seen in the background at their home near Lawrence, Kan.

# Finding honeybunches among the oats

By Dan Morgan  
The Washington Post

Nmy Portschy, 23, was a Nebraska schoolteacher who easily got dates. "His 'city countryers' but wanted the country life she'd known on her parents' farm.

Erik Schlimmer, 26, was a corn and soybean farmer from rural South Dakota, too overworked and removed from civilization to play the dating game.

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—Darrin and Anna

*I live in a very rural, country area - beautiful but rural where it is very hard to meet someone who isn't your relative or that you haven't known your whole life. I just want to say "Thank you" for this site.*

—Daria

*My fiance, Nicholas, and I met on FarmersOnly.com. I was moving to his area to begin a career with the Farm Bureau and his profile caught my eye.*

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Any Portschy, whose hometown is McCook, Neb., says she didn't need an online dating service to get dates. But after she and a friend signed up, she was surprised by the people she met online - especially by Erik. Something struck a chord. She grew up on her parents' dry-land wheat farm, and she still helped out there 60 weeks end. She didn't want to end up in a town or city.

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800 miles to Volga, S.D., spent the night in a motel and met Erik for breakfast.

"They hit it off. She toured his farm. He visited her in Nebraska and saw her dad's beef cattle. Then last fall, right before harvest time, he paid a surprise visit to her middle-school classroom in McCook and proposed. Word spread, and other teachers snapped pictures.

Such happy endings have been legion in the two-year history of FarmersOnly.com.

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## Importance of Dental Care in Horses

Taking care of your horses teeth is as important as taking care of your own. The importance of dental care in horses is as important as taking good care of his feet. If he can't eat properly, he will not be able to maintain his weight and energy.

Most people give no thought to their horse's teeth until they begin to lose weight. At that point desperation kicks in, and they try every supplement under the sun to try to boost their horse's weight. When nothing else works, they call their vet, who suggests checking the horse's teeth. Teeth? Horses have teeth?

As with anything else, proper care of your horses teeth will make life a lot better for you and for him in the long run. With age, a horse's teeth will deteriorate or become uneven. Even a young horse could have sharp points on his teeth, which may make chewing difficult. It is imperative that you maintain an even chewing and biting surface on your horse's teeth so his chewing is not compromised.

So how do you know if your trusty steed has any mouth disorders? Has he been eating as normal? Does food fall out of the sides of his mouth as he chews? Catching these signs and symptoms early, and treating them in a timely manner will help prevent premature tooth loss, allow for easier feeding and tooth replacement, and may lower the incidence of colic and impaction in your horse.

If your horse is losing weight, dropping food from the sides of his mouth, or is emitting a foul odor from his mouth, he may have an abscessed tooth. You will need to consult your vet immediately if you notice an odor.

It's kind of hard to miss a gulf or softball sized swelling on the side of your horse's face. If you see something of this nature, you can almost bet your horse has an abscessed tooth. Your vet will have to make an accurate diagnosis and take the appropriate treatment measures.

How do poorly cared for teeth cause colic and impaction? This is part of the importance of dental care in horses. If a horse cannot properly chew his food, and is swallowing large amounts of improperly chewed food, it can get stuck in his intestines, which becomes a blockage, or impaction. When he cannot eliminate, he will be more prone to colic. Trust me, taking care of his teeth once or twice a year is by far the easier route.

Another sign your horse has poor teeth is to notice large chunks of undigested food in his manure. Not all cases of poor teeth are attributed to abscessed teeth. Some of the problems with teeth go much deeper.

Dental disease is more common in horses than one would think. With dental disease, the horse may not want to be bit- ted up, and may shake his head often when he is being ridden. In more advanced cases of dental disease, your horse may have broken or cracked teeth or an abscess, or all three

afflictions. As in people, infected teeth are painful. These teeth are more sensitive to hot and cold, so is the same for your horse.

Diagnosing a dental problem includes a thorough exam of your horses mouth, and just like you would get at the dentist, your vet will test each tooth for soft spots and decay. Some vets will go so far as to x-ray your horse's teeth. This is not uncommon anymore.

Preventive maintenance is essential. Routine yearly examinations by your vet or equine dentist should be part of every horse owner's routine. It is especially important to make a dental exam part of any pre-purchase examination for your protection.

When your vet comes to your farm to do a dental exam, he may find your horse needs to have his teeth floated. This simply involves rasping your horse's teeth to a point of being level and without sharp points. Some horses will tolerate this procedure without sedation, some will need to be sedated to complete, or even attempt such a procedure. It is a painless procedure, much like filing your fingernail with an emery board. Most horses require floating only once a year. Many get by with a good rasping every two to three years. It's up to you to make sure your horse is taken care of. Information obtain from: allabouthorses.com



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## Plea agreement reached

### Clerk of Buhl cemetery district to plead guilty to embezzlement

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

**BUHL** — A 75-year-old veteran clerk and board member of the West End Cemetery District will plead guilty to embezzling more than \$30,000 from the cemetery over the past two years.

Colleen Brewer will pay \$23,000 to the cemetery district she worked at for at least 25 years and will stay out of jail.

At sentencing, a judge will decide how long Brewer stays on probation. The official conviction will be granted theft, a felony.

Her arraignment was scheduled for Monday, but the plea agreement pushed that back for at least two weeks. No date was set.

"That (\$23,000) is not the amount that our audit shows was taken," said Curtis Darrow, a fellow cemetery board member with Brewer. "It was closer to \$31,000. I don't believe it will be a problem. Of course, we would like to have it all back. But I think that it could possibly be all we're going to get."

A phone call from the district's bank in October alerted board members Darrow and Bob Lindeman their account was overdrawn. When they reviewed paperwork showing Brewer had been writing checks to herself, they put her on administrative leave.

"I think this is a very fair resolution to this case," said Mike Wood, Brewer's attorney. She had agreed Feb. 16 to the offer from the prosecutor's office.

Brewer was earning \$691.64 after taxes, according to a Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department affidavit.

The restitution Brewer pays will go to the cemetery's general fund, which includes general operating costs, Darrow said.

Brewer declined a comment to police and then to the *Times-News*. According to the affidavit, she told her fellow board members on her last day of work after 25 years on the board: "I hope I didn't embarrass the cemetery and I don't want to embarrass myself. I probably already embarrassed the cemetery. I hope that if you find that I owe anything, you give me a chance to pay it back."

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# Mower scheduled for sentencing today

## Main suspect in ISP Trooper Glenn shooting faces three felony charges

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn gets released from the hospital today as the suspect in his

shooting faces punishment for the first of six charges.

Adam Mower, 24, is scheduled for sentencing at 9:30 a.m. today after pleading guilty Jan. 30 to drunken driving.

Glenn will be released from St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center after 10 weeks of treatment and rehabilitation.

Mower's guilty plea stems from a misdemeanor charge that came Dec. 18, two days before the alleged confrontation that would change both his and the trooper's lives.

Mower was spotted at 1:30 a.m. Dec. 18, weaving north along Blue Lakes Boulevard North. He posted \$10 on a \$500 bond and was released. Then, on the morning of Dec. 20, police say Mower committed three felonies by:

- Illegally changing a gas station clerk in Twin Falls.
- Shooting Glenn when the trooper tried to stop Mower.
- Attempting to flee through a checkpoint.

On Oct. 5, Mower was charged with the felony aggravated assault and attempted strangulation of his wife. He was convicted a judge to allow Mower back into his home with his family.

Mower still maintains his innocence in all but the drunken driving charge.

The domestic violence charges have been scheduled for a status hearing on June 25 as a result of Mower's latest charges. A status hearing on the shooting-related charges

has been scheduled for April 30.

Glenn, who was paralyzed from the chest down by a gunshot wound to his neck, will leave the hospital with his family, accompanied by a special honor guard salute and motorcycle procession.

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## THE BAND PLAYED ON



Twin Falls High School senior Elizabeth Ha plays the Suite Modale by Ernest Bloch on her flute Monday night during the fourth-annual spaghetti feed for the school's band. Organizers are hoping to raise \$2,000 for new instruments, music and scholarships.

## Ag test results bill resubmitted a third time

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — The Idaho State Department of Agriculture hopes the third time is the charm.

After being rewritten yet again amid confusion from concerned groups, a proposal to seal certain test results from seed and livestock companies was introduced Monday for the third time.

More than a month ago, the ISDA proposed to keep private the test results submitted by seed producers and livestock companies. They said that the companies were leaving Idaho to avoid disclosing information to their competitors.

However, amid pressure from interest groups, the agency rewrote the proposal and reintroduced it to the House Agricultural Affairs Committee. It was referred to the State Affairs Committee — and then returned back to the agriculture committee.

On Monday, the legislation was proposed as a split — separate bills for seeds and animals, and the House Revenue and Taxation Committee approved it for a hearing. It will now go to the House Agricultural Affairs Committee.

The amended version from several weeks ago simply eliminated the word "records" but left in "test results." The new animal bill is somewhat tighter by requiring dis-

"We changed the language quite a bit and separated the two labs because that seemed to be causing some confusion for folks."

— John Chaburn, the director deputy administrator in the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's division of animal industries



closure when:

- The test results show either state or federally regulated disease.
- State or federal law mandates disclosure.

"The results show a threat to animal or human health or the livestock industry, as determined by the ISDA or U.S. Department of Health."

"We changed the language quite a bit and separated the two labs because that seemed to be causing some confusion for folks," said John Chaburn, the director deputy administrator in the ISDA's division of animal industries.

It will be the third time the committee will review the legislation. While opponents have said the test results are handled by a government agency and should be open, sup-

porters have maintained they are not condoning secrecy but say Idaho laboratories need to be used and keep businesses from going out-of-state.

In related news, the House approved, 49-17, to enact fees when livestock companies register animal remedies, including pharmaceuticals and veterinary products.

Wanting to stabilize livestock disease control while the cost of doing so rises, the ISDA wants to begin charging manufacturers when registering their health products. It has said the sole reason for the law is to raise money.

Chaburn has said each product used in-state would be charged about \$200,000. The registration would be accompanied by an additional annual registration fee, according to the proposed law.

Current law requires registration, but it is free.

Statehouse reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at 343-0901 or [jhopkins@magicvalley.com](mailto:jhopkins@magicvalley.com).

## Lawmakers kill bill on day-care safety

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — Changes made to a bill on day-care safety didn't do enough to get the bill out of committee Monday.

House Assistant Minority Leader George Sawyer, D-Neur d'Alene, last week amended the bill — essentially altering its aim — to define day-care facilities as those where there are less six — not two — children.

The original bill would have made it difficult for rural areas to meet minimum health and safety standards and for the state to inspect smaller, in-home businesses, said Health and Welfare Committee Chairwoman Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, a former kindergarten teacher.

The changes, however, did not matter, conservative committee members said, because they would not fix anything. Despite hearing on child-care providers oppose the bill, they killed it on a 6-5 vote.

Rep. Tom Loertscher, R-Iona, in an emotional account, said day care are run by individuals who do not care about children unrelated to them and reliance on them is due to a society that de-emphasizes family values and demands parents work too much.

"I am suddenly beyond belief that we are not willing to back up and look at how we've gotten here," he said. "It's gut-wrenching for me to see what our society has gone. We've come to a place where we are willing to put our children in a situation that we are not in control of."

Rep. Steven Thayer, R-Emmett, echoed similar sentiment, and suggested that child care is so problematic that a sign warning parents that day care could be "harmful" be posted outside facilities.

"I have learned day care can be a dangerous place to go," he said. "I'm not sure what licensing does to solve the problem."

Reliance on in-home daycare providers has grown due to the high cost of sending kids to professionals. In-home providers have said parents prefer them because their children receive more attention and better care.

"Obviously I'm disappointed," Sawyer said afterward. "I'd like to see how Loertscher is going to solve all of these problems that are addressed."

Sawyer has said that not all in-home providers are problematic, but he was hoping to create a uniform policy to help parents. Those supporting the measure said the legislation would have updated state policies for an industry rapidly growing.

The new bill would have:

- Increased training and decreased child-staff ratio.
- Prohibited facilities being where a sex-offender lives, and require criminal background checks.
- Prohibited smoking, alcohol or having weapons or firearms.
- Outlined restrictions on open water areas like pools.

Rep. Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain Home, said the child-care advocates would return to stronger regulations whether the bill passed or not.

"You can bet your bottom dollar they'll be back to reach the goals of the original bill," he said. "It will happen, it will happen, it will happen."

Karen Maves, executive director of the Association for the Education of Young Children, said that is exactly how she sees it.

"I'm just appalled," she said. "They can expect to hear from us every year until we get it right."

Sawyer has said there are about 900 small in-home day cares, and Renee Robbins, owner of the Little Gems Center in Twin Falls, estimated "three or four" homes per neighborhood in the Twin Falls area have providers with six or fewer kids.

## Several injured on icy roads

For the Times-News

**BRILEY** — Vehicle slide-offs and rollovers kept emergency crews busy Monday morning in Cassia County, including two separate incidents about 8:30 a.m. near milepost 210 on Interstate 84.

Several people were taken to the hospital after a white van rolled. Three ambulances were called to the scene, but no information about the condition of the occupants was available.

Conditions were hazardous due to slick roads caused by combined rain and snow overnight. Snow and freezing temperatures are expected to continue for the rest of the week.



Several people were taken to the hospital after this white van rolled Monday morning on Interstate 84 near milepost 210. Three ambulances were called to the scene, but the condition of the occupants was not available.

## Snowpack Levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of Norm.
Salmon	81%	62%
Big Wood	71%	56%
Little Wood	66%	51%
Big Lost	67%	49%
Little Lost	78%	56%
Helen Park/Fulton	78%	61%
Upper Snake Basin	76%	58%
Oakley	81%	66%
Salmon Falls	74%	59%

As of Feb. 25

\* A comparison of beam snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average.

\*\* An indicator of beam snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in June.



**Connie Benkula Huse**

LAS VEGAS — Connie Benkula Huse, formerly of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, in Sand Valley, Nev.

Connie was born in Twin Falls on March 11, 1960, the daughter of Al and Donna Benkula. She graduated from Twin Falls High School. She started her working career with Taco Bandito for Randy Gies. She then went to work at McDonald's in Twin Falls for Bill and Donna Kyle. Over her career, she managed many McDonald's restaurants, such as Heyburn, Idaho; Yuma, Ariz.; Lisbon, Maine; and one on the Naval Air Base in Brunswick, Maine. She married Brian Michale, and from this union came her son, Steven, and twin girls, Jessica and Nicole. Brian and Connie later divorced. Connie moved from Maine to Sandy Valley, Nev., and married Robert (Bob) Huse and described him the most wonderful husband a girl could have.



home in a Volkswagen van and was tied up in the orchard for a couple of days while they hunted for a pasture. She had horses all her school days. Come her love of her horse friend, Lenny, went to Yuma, Ariz., for a very fine quarter horse. When she was younger, her dad and she picked up her first dog at a animal shelter, which was white terrier that she loved the love of her life. Presently, she has four horses and three dogs, which she has left behind.

Connie is survived by her husband, Bob Huse; son, Steven; daughters, Jessica and Nicole; her parents, Al and Donna Benkula; brothers, Bill (Dana) Benkula, and Steve (Carol) Benkula; nephews, Adam Benkula and Brock Benkula; nieces, Kalya, Desiree, Jenna and Ashley Benkula; aunt, Marion (Evan) Gies; uncle, George Larson; and many cousins who all loved her very much.

To Connie, family meant everything. She adored her children, her husband and her mom and dad. She was her mom's best friend. Connie's winning personality, bright spirit and contagious laughter will be missed very much.

A funeral is being held Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Davis Funeral Home, 6200 S. Eastern Ave. in Las Vegas, NV 89119; (702) 736-6200. A memorial service will be held in Twin Falls at a later date.

**Yvonne Joyce Alexander**

TOLEDO, Ohio — Yvonne Joyce Alexander, age 80, formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Southern California, passed away Feb. 24, 2007, in The Darlington House in Toledo, Ohio.

She was born May 11, 1926, in Toledo, Ohio, to Lloyd Sabn and Beatrice Bell (Mench) Alexander. Ms. Alexander worked for The McDonald Douglas Corp. for 35 years as a Xerox operator.

Ms. Alexander was predeceased in death by her parents and brother. Surviving are her sister, LaShelle L. Alexander.

There will be no funeral service or visitation. Memorials can be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Roy-VanWynant, Scott Funeral Home, 5655 Secor Road in Toledo, Ohio.

**Virgil Stuart Cross**

SEQUIM, Wash. — On Feb. 16, 2007, Virgil Stuart Cross, age 100, a resident of Sequim, Wash., died of natural causes in Fort Angeles, Wash.

Virgil was a University of Idaho county extension agent for many years in Jerome and after an extension potato specialist in Burley. He was awarded the Citizen of the Year Golden Potato Award and the rank of Professor Emeritus by the University of Idaho.

Virgil published his first novel at the age of 37, "The McKenna Dynasty," PublishAmerica, Boston; and became the oldest, first-published novelist in the United States.

He is survived by his son, Dallas Cross in Issaquah, Wash.; his daughter, Susan Andersen in Murray, Utah; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**William W. Glasmann Jr.**

OGDEN, Utah — William W. Glasmann Jr., 88, of Ogden, Utah, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Lindquist's Ogdan Mortuary, 3409 Washington Blvd.

Friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary. Interment will be at Lindquist's Washington Heights Memorial Park, 4500 Washington Blvd. where military honors will be accorded. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hearts for Hospice or the Alzheimer's Foundation. E-mail condolences to the family at [lorie@lindquistmortuary.com](mailto:lorie@lindquistmortuary.com)

**Velma O. Owsley**

HAGERMAN — Velma O. Owsley, 79, of Hagerman, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, in San Diego, Calif.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Hagerman United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in Hagerman Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding. A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's newspaper.

**Deana L. Hite**

RUPERT — Deana Lee Edwards (Osterhout) Hite, 52, of Rupert, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A memorial service will be for obituary rates and information, call 735-3268 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for newsday publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obituaries@timesherald.com](mailto:obituaries@timesherald.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

**Egenio Zampieri**

RUPERT — Egenio Zampieri, 80, of Rupert, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at the Minnie Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Wayne K. Clifford**

FAIRFIELD — Wayne Keith Clifford, 74, of Fairfield, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Arrangements pending and will be announced by Demary Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

**Baby Boy Tamme**

TWIN FALLS — Baby Boy Tamme, infant son of Kevin and Darria Tamme of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

**Marilyn J. Huber**

JEROME — Marilyn J. Huber, 67, of Jerome, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at her home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Environmental activists use cell phone ringtones to make an instant statement**

By Susan Montoya Bryan  
Associated Press Staff Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Amid the cacophony of cell phone ring tones, these activists add these: the clunky-click of a rare Central American poison arrow dart frog, the howl of a Mexican gray wolf and the bellows of an Arctic beluga whale.

An environmental group is hoping that the more people hear these sounds from threatened animals, the more they'll wonder where they came from — and question the fate of the animals and birds that make them.

"The point here is education and inspiration," said Michael Jobinson, a conservation advocate at the Center for Biological Diversity's office in Elms Alton, N.M.

Like other activist groups,

the center is looking to use the immediate attention cell phones can bring to its cause. Already, some 24,000 people have downloaded the rare ring tones for free from the center's Web site.

Four in five voting-age Americans have cell phones, and that number is expected to keep growing. By 2008, as many as 30 percent of wireless users are likely to forego their hand lines and nearly all cell phones will have Internet capabilities, according to a study by the New Politics Institute.

"With the ring tones, this is the 'tip of the iceberg,'" said Peter Layden, director of the institute, which studies the impact of cell phones — what he and others call "mobile media" — on politics and social campaigns.

Take for example the efforts

of US2 front man Ilono. He got thousands of people to sign up for the ONE Campaign, a nonprofit dedicated to fighting global AIDS and poverty, by asking fans to send a text message during the band's concerts.

Amnesty International also uses text messaging to send action notices to members around the world.

Karin Verchis, executive director of the Nonprofit Technology Network and a coordinator with MobilizeActive.org, said there's a lot to be learned as campaigns — both political and social — try new ways to connect with people.

"Nonprofits have been using online tools such as Web sites and e-mail to get out a message, but the handwriting is on the wall as far as the possibilities for mobile devices,"

he added to that mix," she said. "Mobile phones are just another piece of the equation. There is still so much room for experimentation."

Peter Galvin, a co-founder of the Center for Biological Diversity, came up with the idea for the free ring tones of endangered and rare species as a way to educate people — especially the younger, technologically savvy generation.

"The riffs are certainly interesting in addition to the wolf and the whale, there are ring tones from several species of frogs from around the world, a few South American birds and North American birds. The poison arrow dart frog will be added to the list once Galvin gets back from Panama. He spent three days in the jungle, patiently listening for the calls of the tiny frog.

**House Committee OK's rehiring the retired**

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — When school ended last year, Oakley High School found itself having to fill nine positions.

It began classes without a hitch, but barely four spots were filled after Aug. 1.

"As you get closer to the start of school the pool becomes thinner," Debbie Critchfield, the Cassia County School Board president, told the House Education Committee.

"That becomes a scary situation," Critchfield and other public school officials are hoping to avoid such scenarios in the future and lawmakers agreed Monday when the House Education Committee approved a bill that would make it easier for districts to hire retired teachers as full-time employees.

The bill is in response to teacher shortages and a struggle to meet the needs for the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Eligible people must have reached the "90-rule," which mandates most state workers' combined age and years of service to receive full benefits; retired on or after age 62; and not participating in the early retirement program.

"We would like to open every door we can use every tool in the shed," Critchfield said. "Occasionally, the best tools are the well-used and experienced ones."

The legislation is aimed to assist rural areas encountering roadblocks in finding federally mandated "highly qualified" teachers. They could work for as little as several months.

Critchfield said her district would likely need just one or two retired teachers. There are 115 school districts in Idaho, but Critchfield has said in the past that the program might warrant as few as 12 teachers.

Officials have said retired teachers work in other industries, including service and retail, and are traveling to other states, such as Utah, to teach.

Support for the legislation largely relied on the approval of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho, as the bill would keep districts' free of financial problems from the Internal Revenue Service.

Under the new law, districts would continue to contribute to PERSI, but the rehired teachers would not because they receive retirement packages.

"The important thing is that

we're not double-dipping," Clifford Green, the executive director of the Idaho School Boards Association, said last week.

After initially expressing skepticism, Jim Shackelford, executive director for the Idaho Education Association, which represents teachers, said he supported the bill and was satisfied that efforts to recruit younger teachers

would not be compromised. "It's a very limited set of circumstances this legislation will meet," he said. "This will meet the emergency situations."

Officials have said pay is negotiable, but the proposed program — planned for a five-year trial period — would have no financial effect on the districts since they are filling positions already budgeted.

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# AROUND IDAHO

## BOISE

### Senate clears parental consent abortion law

A bill that would require unmarried girls under 18 in Idaho to get consent from their parents before getting an abortion has moved a step closer to becoming law. The Senate voted 23-12 Monday for the measure that would require most girls to get written permission from one parent before the procedure could be performed. Girls who don't want to tell their parents can petition a judge to allow an abortion in cases of incest or abuse, a medical emergency or if the judge decides the girl is mature enough to decide on her own.

"We require parental consent for an aspirin or a bandage to be administered at school, yet she can go in and get an abortion with no consent whatsoever," said Sen. Russ Fulcher, R-Meridian, who is sponsoring the bill.

### Mayor speaks out against proposed gold mine

Mayor David Bieter announced his opposition Monday to a proposed gold mining operation near the headwaters of the Boise River, and is seeking a resolution by the Boise City Council against the mine.

Twin Mining Corp., a Toronto, Canada-based mining company, wants to use cyanide to leach gold from the ore left from an old mine near Atlanta on a tributary upstream from the Boise River. Environmental groups have warned it could pollute the source of drinking water, irrigation and recreation for the state's most populous river valley.

Bieter said that in opposing the mine, the city is taking a stand for Boise's livability. He called the mine "an intolerable threat to the river, the environment and the citizens of Boise."

## GRANGEVILLE

### If money is there, state will battle noxious weeds

State weed-control managers say they're ready with a plan to fight noxious weeds and to spend whatever money lawmakers designate for the battle.

Carl Crabtree, Idaho County weed management director and a member of the state invasive species council, said a strategic plan was developed in 1999 and updated in 2005 that laid out how the state would approach weed management in anticipation of eventual funding.

"We're set up to spend the money at the state level and the council level as well," Crabtree said.

The plan initially focuses on detecting and responding to new invaders.

"We have got to find these new ones that are coming in and get on them immediately," he said.

The Idaho Department of Agriculture coordinates the state's noxious weed eradication efforts, taking applications from counties to help fund their efforts.

Roger Batt, statewide coordinator for the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign, has estimated noxious weeds and other invasive plants cost the state about \$300 million a year.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has proposed spending \$10 mil-

lion this year to fight invasive species. Otter has said that without the money, Idaho can treat only about 130 acres a year.

His proposal is still working its way through the Legislature, but weed control experts were encouraged by it. Until now, Crabtree said, there has been only about \$2 million to go around for weed management projects throughout the state, and some of that money has been from the federal government.

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