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## Western Watersheds sues BLM over grazing, fence building

**Group alleges agency is threatening wildlife habitat in aftermath of Murphy fire**

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

Halley-based environmental group Western Watersheds Project has sued the Bureau of Land

Management, alleging the agency violated a 2005 settlement by authorizing reconstruction on 500,000 acres of federal land burned in last year's Murphy Complex Fire. The group wants a judge to block the agency from building fences and allowing livestock to graze on the habitat of sage grouse and pygmy rabbit — species under consideration for federal protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The U.S. District Court documents, filed Monday in Boise, ask a judge to halt fence construction in an area managed by the agency's

"(Western Watersheds) had their opportunity to appeal the rehab plan last fall just like everybody else ... and they did not do so. It's just remarkable."

— Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson

Jarblidge Field Office near Three Creek. The group also wants the court to prohibit livestock grazing on 20 allotments covered in the 2005 court-stipulated settlement and to block grazing on an additional 36 allotments until the agency prepares an environmental impact statement.

Since the July fire, which burned 650,000 acres and destroyed more than 70 prime sage grouse breeding grounds, the agency has worked to rebuild 99 miles of burned fence, remove 12 miles of hazardous trees and plant more than 1,600 shrubs at a cost of about \$25 million. The agency has authorized addi-

tional grazing in unburned areas and an additional 400 miles of fence repair while ignoring impacts to wildlife. Western Watersheds alleges, "BLM reported just before the Murphy Complex Fire that wildlife populations were already in great jeopardy." Katie Fite, Western Watersheds' biodiversity director, said in a statement, "Now the fire has taken out the heart of remaining sagbrush habitat. BLM's response is to intensify grazing in remaining unburned sagbrush.

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## Family of dead inmate files suit against M-C jail

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

She didn't have to die. That's what Martha Montoya's mother and three children argue in a civil suit filed last week in federal court against the McIntosh-Cassia Justice Center.

Montoya, who was being held at the jail for a felony probation violation, slipped into a coma at the jail the morning of March 31, 2006, and later died from blood poisoning.

Hours earlier, on the evening of March 30, her condition had deteriorated to the point that other inmates used a call box to complain to the jail's control center about her symptoms. Kent Jensen, the family's attorney said, she was incoherent, vomiting and losing consciousness, Jensen said.

Deputies waited until 6:30 a.m. on March 31 to call an ambulance. Montoya, 36, died from complications associated with diabetic ketoacidosis, vomiting and losing consciousness, Jensen said.

"They" — the family — "feel like things could have been handled a lot differently," he said.

The suit names Cassia and Minidoka counties, which run the jail jointly, and Cassia County employees who work there. Both counties are represented by Jim Davis, an attorney for Idaho Counties



Montoya

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## MORE THAN WORDS



Harrison Elementary School first-grader McKenzie Barnes looks through her hat at paraeducator Cindy Adams Monday, while Skyler Schaeffer looks on in their Twin Falls classroom. Schools across the country are celebrating Read Across America, a celebration of Dr. Seuss.

## Harrison Elementary special ed students celebrate Read Across America with Dr. Seuss stories

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

None of the nine special education students in Ms. Lindsay's kindergarten through second-grade classroom can read.

But on Monday they celebrated Read Across America anyway — a day of Dr. Seuss-inspired activities and stories, a program that began 10 years ago by the National Education Association.

"Our kids in this classroom, they need all the extra help they can get to language and the written word," said Linda Lindsay, special education teacher at Harrison Elementary School.

Lindsay reads at least two books to her students every day in her one-room class that smells of cookies and glue. Nine students of varying ages

and physical and cognitive abilities make up the Twin Falls School District's special education program for kids in kindergarten through second-grade.

An excitable first-grader with two bobby pins holding back her wispy chin-length hair attempted to read a Dr. Seuss book out loud. She emulated her teacher, holding up the book, speaking, smiling, laughing, and turning the pages.

Even though the young girl wasn't actually reading or speaking English, her teacher encouraged her anyway. "Good reading," Lindsay told the young girl.

"In her words she's reading us the story," Lindsay said. "She was attempting to get something from the pictures — hopefully she'll pick up more."



The girl needs extra assistance, and Lindsay gives it to her — even if it means a little bit of a mess. Brushing yellow paint onto

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## Texas, Ohio votes could decide long Democratic campaign

By David Espo  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton reached for the finish line of contentious Ohio and Texas primary campaigns on Monday as senior Democrats expressed concern the party could suffer this fall if their struggle goes much longer.

"I'm just getting warmed up," said Clinton, looking beyond this week's con-

tests and shrugging off 11 straight primary and caucus defeats as well as a three-digit deficit in delegates.

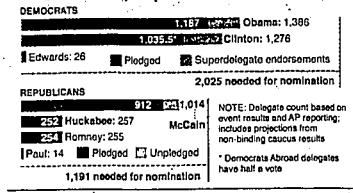
The former first lady campaigned from Ohio, where she accused Obama of double talk on NAFTA, to Texas, where her new television commercial questioned his readiness to serve as commander in chief.

Obama spent his day in Texas, a state

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## Election '08

**Obama has 110-delegate lead**  
Hillary Clinton hopes to reverse Barack Obama's momentum.



NOTE: Delegate count based on event results and AP reporting; includes projections from non-binding caucus results. \* Democrats Abroad delegates have half a vote

## Idaho Legislature 2008

**More than just leaving on a jet plane? Lawmakers use private jet owned by biz exec pushing bill**

By John Miller  
Associated Press Writer

BOISE — Ten Republican lawmakers flew across the state for a partisan rally last week aboard a pair of private planes owned by eastern Idaho businessman Frank VanderSloot and one of his closest associates, at a time when the Legislature is considering a bill being pushed by VanderSloot.

A Leontjeff 45 owned by VanderSloot, majority owner of Idaho Health, majority owner of Idaho-based health-care products company

**INSIDE:** Committee Melaleuca passes grocery Inc. and a tax relief bill. separate tur- See page A3

owned by Allen Ball, a Melaleuca co-owner, whisked House Majority Caucus Chairman Ken Roberts of Donnelly and others from Boise and Juntura Falls for Lincoln Day, a traditional Republican event, before returning them late Thursday evening.

Other lawmakers who made the trip were Reps. JoAnn Wood, of Rigby; Lenore Barrett, of Challis; Tom Loertscher, of Ben and Juntura Falls for Lincoln Day; Mathews, and Denn Mortimer, all of Idaho Falls. Also aboard were Sens. Mei Richardson, of Idaho Falls, Steve Blair, of Blackfoot, and Jeff Siddaway, of Terreton.

Richardson, of Idaho Falls, and Siddaway voted Friday in favor of a bill that would help strengthen an employer's ability to enforce noncompete agreements with key employees. The bill passed 25-10, and is now before the House.

VanderSloot is a lobbyist to push for the bill, after a similar measure failed a year ago. VanderSloot said he wasn't on either aircraft and there was no hint of impropriety because the secretary of state's office said lawmakers could use the out of their own pockets or disclose it on their next campaign finance reports as an expense or "in-kind contribution."

Some Melaleuca executives and accountants were already in Boise and were returning to

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Wednesday
Breezy and cool with cloudy periods
Clearing skies expected
Mostly sunny and dry

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Breezy and cloudy with a small threat of showers brewing. Highs low 40s.
Tonight: Clearing and chilly. Lows low 20s.
Tomorrow: Cool with fair skies. Highs low 40s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"March Winds" concert, presented by students in the College of Southern Idaho's Symphonic Band with variety of music for wind instruments directed by George Halsett, 7:30 p.m., C.S.I. Fine Arts Auditorium, Twin Falls, no cost (suggested \$5 donation), 732-6767.

CHURCH

Lenten Luncheon, a light lunch of soup with St. Nicholas School mime group performing in preparation for Easter, noon, church fellowship hall, Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., freewill offering, used for mission service and local church food pantry, 436-3354.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Magie Valley Toastmasters meeting and no-host lunch, with a focus on teaching and encouraging members in communication and leadership skills, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, new members welcome, 346-8534.
Magie Valley New Neighbors Club luncheon, guest speaker Dan Ruffe of Clear Lakes Trout Farm, 11:30 a.m., Snake River Grill (corner of State Street and Hagerman Avenue), Hagerman, 511, 731-2082 for reservations by today.
Mary Time Club meeting, with hostess Marie Webb, 2 p.m., at the home of Rose Crawford, Twin Falls, 735-5213.
Burley District Grazing Board annual spring meeting, 6 p.m., no host dinner and 7 p.m. meeting, Wayside Cafe (off exit 211 north of Burley), 436-6952.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Hiley, 788-8500.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln, 644-2700.
Albion City Council, 7 p.m., community center, 124 S. Main, 673-5352.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., city hall, 1401 Overland Ave., 878-2224.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A, 324-8138.
Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W., 423-4151.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., city hall, 624 F St., 436-9600.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., city hall, 207 S. Rail St. W., 886-2030.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., city hall, 300 Main St., 326-5000.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary and Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the old gym in Buhl, no cost, 732-6475.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Esbg, no cost, 737-5988.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magie 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.
SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.
Strong Women Strong Bones exercise program, beginning of six-week, Tuesday/Thursday strength training classes taught by certified Tufts University Instructor Rhea Langton, noon to 1 p.m., Twin Falls County Extension Office, 246 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls, \$10, weights provided, pre-registration required, 734-9490 ext. 24 or rhanin@uidaho.edu.
Arthritis Walking Class, 8:15 to 8:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988.
Mini-Cassia Shelter for Women & Children women's support group, 6 p.m., 123 S. C St., Rupert, (208) 436-0987.
Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 7:30 p.m., Magie Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 H Ave. E., Jerome, 324-7237.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "icy Worlds/Saving the Night/Live Sky Tour," 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 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@magievalley.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.

Snowpack levels
Watershed % of Avg. % season
Oakley 104% 89%
Salmon Falls 102% 80%
As of March 3
A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
Big Lost 99% 78%
Little Lost 111% 84%
Henry's Fork/Teton 100% 82%
Upper Snake Basin 96% 77%

MORNING BRIEFING



...say... Steve Crump

This is Idaho: Mind your knitting around here

From Frank Rowe of Kimberly comes "The Rules of Rural Idaho."
...Pull your droopy pants up. You look like an idiot.
...Turn your cap right, or your head isn't crooked.
...Let's get this straight: It's called a "dirt road." I drive a pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you get dust, you're going to get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.
...They are cattle. They're live steaks. That's why they smell funny to you. But they smell like money to us. Get over it. Don't like it? I-84 goes east and west, U.S. 95 goes north and south. Pick one.
...So you have a \$60,000 car. We're impressed. We have \$150,000 corn pickers and hay balers. Drive them only three weeks a year.
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...You bring "coke" into my house, it better be brown, wet and served over ice.
...You bring "Mary Jane" into my house, she better be cute, know how to shoot, drive a truck, and have long hair.
...College and high school football is as important as the Seahawks and the Sonics, and more fun to watch.
...We have golf courses. But don't hit the water haz-

ards. Spooks? The fish.
...I hope we have them all over. We have state universities, community colleges, and vo-techs. They still wave at everybody when they come home for the holidays.
...We have a whole ton of folks in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Mess with us and you get whipped by the best.
...Four inches ain't a blizzard, it's a flurry. Drive like you got some sense, and don't take all the bread, milk, and bleach from the grocery store. It'll melt. If not, may be a while. Buy without croissants until the pickups with snow blades finish up.
Steve Crump is the Times-News opinion editor.

AROUND THE WORLD

IDAHO

Committee passes bill to give conservation tax credits

BOISE — A House committee approved a bill Monday to offer income tax credits to farmers, ranchers and forest owners who protect their land for more than 30 years from subdivisions and urban growth.

Lawnmakers on the House Revenue and Taxation Committee expressed a number of concerns about the proposal but said it deserved further consideration.

The measure would issue up to \$3 million in credits each year for landowners who agree to preserve their property with conservation easements.

The program would offer tax credits of as much as \$500,000 for each qualified property based on 50 percent of the land's fair market value. Only landowners who donate a conservation easement on their property to a land trust or government entity would be eligible.

A nine-member advisory board appointed by the governor would approve applications and oversee the program.

A diverse coalition of ranchers, growers, loggers, sportsmen and conservationists supports the bill and has been trying for more than a year to sway lawmakers.

The committee voted 11-6 to send it to the House floor, where it will be debated for amendments.

TEXAS

Obama denies assuring Canada on NAFTA

SAN ANTONIO — Barack Obama said Monday that his campaign never gave Canada back-channel assurances that his harsh words about the North American Free Trade Agreement were for political show — despite the disclosure of a Canadian memo indicating otherwise.

According to the memo obtained by The Associated Press, Obama's senior economic adviser told Canadian officials in Chicago that the debate over free trade in the Democratic presidential primary campaign was "political positioning" and that Obama was not really pro-NAFTA.

The adviser, Austin Goolsbee, said his comments to those officials were misinterpreted by the author, Joseph DeMora, who works for the Canadian consulate in Chicago and attended the meeting.

In Carrollton, Texas, Obama told reporters: "Nobody reached out to the Canadians to try to assure them of anything."

ILLINOIS

Study: Teens driving together cited as most dangerous scenario

CHICAGO — Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens and teens, and a new study outlines some of the most dangerous circumstances: Riding unbuckled with new teen drivers on high-speed roads. These were the three biggest risk factors contributing to car crash deaths for passengers aged 16 to 17, the study found.

While young drivers have higher chances of dying, the six-year study focused on nearly 10,000 children passengers who were killed in car crashes. More than half, 51 percent, were riding with a teen driver. Drivers younger than 16 were the most dangerous.

Also, more than three-quarters of the fatal crashes occurred on roads with speed limits higher than 45 mph, and nearly two-thirds of the young passengers were not wearing seat belts, the researchers found.

Other dangerous circumstances for young passengers included drivers who had been drinking alcohol, male teen drivers, and driving on weekends.

ECUADOR

Ecuador breaks off diplomatic ties with Colombia

QUITO — Ecuador broke off diplomatic ties with Colombia on Monday following the strike on Saturday that killed a senior rebel leader and 16 other guerrillas on Ecuadorian soil.



Ecuadorian soldiers arrive to Angostura, next to the Colombian border, in Ecuador, Monday. Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa ordered the expulsion of Colombia's ambassador in Ecuador to Venezuela and Ecuador ordered troops to their borders with Colombia, denouncing the killing of a rebel leader and 16 other. Colombian guerrillas at a camp across the border in Ecuador. (See story below).

off diplomatic ties with Colombia on Monday following that country's strike against leftist rebels inside Ecuador, the Foreign Ministry said.

"The government of Ecuador has decided to break off diplomatic relations with the government of Colombia starting today," the statement said.

Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa earlier on Monday vowed to take "stronger measures" against Colombia following the strike on Saturday that killed a senior rebel leader and 16 other guerrillas on Ecuadorian soil.

Correa also denied allegations from a Colombian official that a computer seized where rebel leader Raul Reyes was killed Saturday suggested Correa is deepening relations with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, Colombia's largest rebel group.

IRAQ

Iranian president insists US power is crippling in Iraq

BAGHDAD — Iran's firebrand president warned Iraq of a landmark visit by Iraq with a bit of added swagger Monday — insisting that U.S.

GAZA STRIP

Pilottless planes emerge as top weapon in war with Hamas

GAZA CITY — Palestinians say they know when an Israeli drone is in the air: Cell phones stop working, TV reception falters and they can hear a distant buzzing. They also know what's likely to come next — a devastating explosion on the ground.

Observers say Israel's pilotless planes have been a major weapon in its latest offensive in Gaza, which has killed nearly 120 people since last week.

"Our experience is that the drone missile is successful in hitting its targets, and it's deadly," said Dr. Mahmoud Assali, a Palestinian physician who works in the emergency room of a northern Gaza Strip hospital that has often treated Palestinian gunmen hit by Israeli drones.

Israel is at the forefront of the drone technology that is increasingly being used in hotspots around the world. The unmanned craft provide a deadly and cost-effective alternative for armies to target enemies, without risking their own pilots' lives and reducing civilian casualties in heavily populated areas.

— The Associated Press

CORRECTIONS

Burley home sales increased

Due to incorrect information provided to the Times-News, home sales were misstated in a Feb. 28 Business article.

Sales of existing homes increased in January 2007 in 15 in 2008.

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

## Reading

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star blocks, the child proceeded to point over Lindsay's helpful fingers.

Then the first-grade student called her teacher "daddy."  
Lindsay gently corrected the young girl by patiently enunciating her first name. "Not daddy," Lindsay said. "Linda, L-L-Linda."  
"They all have different abilities," Lindsay said about her students.

Two of the students are in wheelchairs that resemble large strollers. A boy in second-grade with braces on his legs is learning how to walk

— he moves between his wheelchair, a classroom chair and a walker.

"He's phenomenal. He couldn't stand when he first came to us," Lindsay said about the second-grader, who's been in the country only about a year and a half. Lindsay nurtures her students' progress toward the goal of reading, but acknowledges they may not be literate after they leave her classroom.

The goal is for them to at least understand how to recognize their own written name, and say their first and last names, she said.

For students can say word sounds and sustain them, and five other stu-

dents are learning letter and sound recognition.

Lindsay's classroom is blended with kids needing extra help along with others whose needs are less intense. That's how it's been since the 2005 school year when two special education programs were blended into one.

"I think it has been an improvement," Lindsay said about the blended program. "Every child needs to feel they can be a peer-helper. It's a win-win."

And peer-helpers aren't just the kids in Lindsay's special education classroom. They've also been coming since December from a sixth-grade classroom down the hall.

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## Death

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Risk Management Program, which can draw from a deeper pool of resources than a single county.

Montoya's symptoms ran the gamut of warning signs listed at [dihabetes.org](http://dihabetes.org). Ketocidosis usually develops slowly when acids build up in the blood and poison the body, but vomiting indicates

that the condition is life-threatening. If caught quickly, the condition is treatable. The Web site warns anyone exhibiting the symptoms to seek immediate assistance from a physician.

Jensen said often an infection, or other stressors, can trigger the condition. Montoya had been in custody for several weeks. Her cell holds as many as 14 inmates and has one phone

## Ride

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Idaho Falls on the planes, VanderSloot said.

"I was asked if we would furnish our plane to get some legislators here," he told The Associated Press. "They hitched a ride."

Mortimer said he organized the flight when he spoke with Bull Ventures, Allen Ball's company in Idaho Falls. Mortimer then asked several other lawmakers if they would accompany him.

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ers said the timing of the flights was suspect, coming just hours before a vote on legislation being pushed by VanderSloot.

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know it would cost anything," Barrett said Monday upon learning from a reporter about rules.

Others said they discussed the matter with Secretary of State Ben Yursa before the flight.

"I'll report it as an in-kind contribution. It'll be under the limit of \$1,000," said Matthews. "I'd do it again. It helped us serve our constituents in Idaho Falls better."

Current law limits contributions from an individual or organization to \$1,000 for legislative races.

## Suit

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This can only be seen as a policy of grazing for the purposeful extinction of sage grouse and pygmy rabbits."

The group's executive director, Jan Marvel, said ranches in the area managed by Simplot Livestock and Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, in particular, are "trampling our wildlife heritage" under the BLM's policies.

Brackett disagrees and questions the timing of the suits. "I find it amazing—not surprising—that they would do that," he said of the lawsuit. "They had their opportunity to appeal the rehab plan last fall just like everybody else ... and they did not do so. It's just remarkable."

BLM officials are reviewing the legal documents and could comment next week, said Heather Tiel-Nelson, a BLM spokeswoman in the agency's Twin Falls office.

Meanwhile, the BLM is proceeding with plans to amend its fire prevention program that would affect nearly all of southern Idaho. The amendments, which include changes to 12 land use plans written between 1975 and 1998, call for reducing vegetation and grasses the agency says are responsible for recent large fires like the Murphy blaze.

The proposal would increase fuels treatment from about 25,000 acres to 154,000 acres each year for the next decade. The plan targets trees and grasses in wildland-urban interface areas to protect private property, as well as forested areas where a dangerous amount of vegetation can accumulate.

The public has until the end of this month to protest the new fire proposal, which is available at <http://www.blm.gov>.

Eleven-year-old Mirzet Suljic read a Dr. Seuss book to two of Lindsay's students as they sat attentively, clad in paper hats.

"When I was little my brother would always teach me stuff," said Suljic, who moved from Bosnia to Twin Falls when he was 5 and had to learn English.

And Lindsay said this helps her students in more ways than meets the eye.

"It's difficult to have challenges," said Lindsay. "But with the older kids in the hallways being so accepting, it gives them so many more advantages."


Andrea Gates can be reached at 735-3380.

appropriately, he said, is "part of the litigation."

Late in the summer of 2006, Jensen filed a tort claim on behalf of the family to keep open the option of suing. The case was filed in federal court in Boise because the suit alleges the jail violated a federal statute.

"It's an action ... that involves deprivation of civil rights by a government entity," Jensen said.

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## Democrats

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ranch in military bases, where he pledged to begin the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq next year and announced a "seamless transition from active duty to civilian life" for men and women who leave the armed forces.

But he was shadowed by allegations that he had overstated his opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement to win votes back in Ohio. He told reporters his campaign never gave Canada back-channel assurances that his criticism of NAFTA, which is wildly unpopular in Ohio, amounted to political posturing.

"Nobody reached out to the Canadians to try to assure them of anything," he said at a news conference in Carrollton, Texas.

In addition to Texas and Ohio, Rhode Island and Vermont hold primaries today. The four races have a total of 370 national convention delegates at stake.

Obama has won 11 straight contests, and leads in the Associated Press delegate count, 1,386-1,276. His margin is greater among delegates chosen in the primaries and caucuses, 1,187-1,035, while Clinton leads among party officials, known as superdele-

gates, 241-199.

Obama has been gaining ground among superdelegates in recent weeks as his victories have piled up, and Clinton's support has begun to erode.

At the same time, senior Democrats have begun to speak out in private as well as public about the impact a continuation of the bruising campaign might have in a fall confrontation with


Sen. John McCain, the Republican nominee-in-waiting.

Several Democrats said the party's chairman, Howard Dean, told House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid last week he was concerned about the possible impact of a nominating campaign that stretched through the end of the primaries in early June.

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# Nuclear company in talks with Idaho utilities

## AEH offers state's big three first chance at power

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

The CEO of a company proposing to build a nuclear power plant in Owyhee County says he wants to give the state's three major utilities first dibs at his electricity.

Don Gillispie, head of Alternate Energy Holdings, said he's met with representatives from Idaho Power Co., PacifiCorp, and Avista Corp.

several times since August, when he sent the utilities letters offering them first chance at the power.

AEH is proposing a \$4.5 billion, 1,600-megawatt merchant nuclear plant near Bruneau and is expected to begin a federal permitting process this year.

So far, PacifiCorp and Avista are interested in the offer, Gillispie said, though Idaho Power has been reluctant to pursue discussions.

"Idaho Power has been the most standoff-ish," Gillispie said Monday.

Lynette Berliachon, an Idaho Power spokeswoman, said more than one company representative has met with Gillispie on numerous occasions, including for lunch, but said the nature of those talks is confidential. She described the discussions as "productive."

Gillispie said low-cost energy produced at the plant "cheaper than all other electricity besides hydro power" should appeal to the utilities, which import high-cost electricity from surrounding states, especially during peak-demand periods.

But it's too early to discuss prices, said Gillispie, because the plant isn't expected to be finished until 2015.

In related news, the company has cut ties with its site project manager, a Mountain

Home lawyer who helped broker the land deal for the nuclear plant, Gillispie said.

Jay P. Clark, a liaison for site, contracted with the company after helping it buy land near C.J. Strike Reservoir where his father farmed. The company announced last week it was no longer affiliated with Clark.

Gillispie declined to say why, and phone calls to Clark's law office seeking comment were not immediately returned.

The announcement comes just days after officials in Owyhee County threatened to suspend AEH's license application because the company had not paid a \$50,000 processing fee. Gillispie eventually paid the fee, calling the county's threat a misunderstanding.

The company said it is currently searching for a new site manager.

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## Perotto charged in crash

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

The driver of a PSI Waste Systems truck has been charged with vehicular manslaughter in an Oct. 31 crash that killed a Rupert man.

The Minidoka County Prosecutor alleges James Phillip Perotto, 23, of Burley knew the brakes on the company truck were not working but continued driving it.

Perotto ran a stop sign in the 1990 Volvo shortly after 12 p.m. and hit a 1994 Ford Escort driven by Lesley Morgan at the intersection of 700 North and 200 East in Minidoka County. Morgan died at the scene. Perotto later told police he couldn't stop due to brake problems.

"There's still a possibility that we may be able to charge them (PSI)," County Prosecutor, Nicole Cannon said. "We're looking into awareness of the company."

Cannon said she interviewed witnesses, reviewed a mechanical inspection of the truck by Idaho State Police, data from PSI and reports about the truck. She determined Perotto knew the brakes were not functioning while driving that day and his "gross negligence" meant that he "willfully, intentionally but without malice, killed" Morgan.

Cannon, who declined to detail evidence from her investigation, said her office is still investigating the possibility that the company also knew about the brake problem.

Perotto was on probation for a 2005 attempted burglary conviction in Heyburn. Cannon said she did not know if the new charge constitutes a probation violation. Perotto has been summoned to appear in magistrate court March 13.

PSI did not return a phone call from the Times-News on Monday.

## Luna lands on Summit



Alice Hocklander, principal of the new Summit Elementary School in Jerome, holds up a certificate during the school's dedication ceremony Monday night.

## New elementary school dedication ceremony draws about 150

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

The sprawling cafeteria at Jerome's newest elementary school was converted Monday night into an auditorium where the state's Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna spoke during a dedication ceremony.

"This beautiful school is a testament to your commitment to education," Luna said to a Monday night crowd of about 150 people.

The dedication ceremony for Summit Elementary School had been scheduled to occur about a month ago after it opened Jan. 7, but was rescheduled due to bad weather.

Luna said he was impressed by Summit's construction, citing attention to energy efficiency in lighting, heating and cooling systems.

"This school is innovative — I love innovation," Luna said. "This school is

a great example of how to get more money into the classroom."

The school is heated and cooled by a ground source hydronic heat pump system. Wells provide water to the building without a boiler or a cooling tower. School officials say this saves energy because water doesn't need to be heated with gas or electricity.

Most lights are also on sensors that turn off when rooms are vacant.

Luna said bricks and mortar are important, but education is about more than a building.

"Education happens in the classrooms but begins in the homes," Luna said. "The first math problem they solve should be at home, parent to child."

Alice Hocklander, the school's principal, was handed a flag from the American Legion for the patriotic-themed school.

"Here at Summit we're committed to honoring our country and teaching our students about patriotism and good citizenship," Hocklander said. "We will treasure this flag and fly it with great pride."

Ground broke at Summit, a 65,000 square-foot school for fourth- and fifth-grade students, in April 2006. The school has the capacity to hold 600 students. Funding for Summit, along with a 110,000 square-foot middle school across the street, stemmed from a school bond voters passed in October 2005, for \$26.5 million. Summit's construction cost \$7.9 million, which bumped up to \$9.2 after furnishing, equipment and all fees were tacked on.

The new middle school is set to open around spring break.

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## Revised bill changes retired state workers benefits

### Scaled down version pushed by Coiner

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — A Twin Falls lawmaker has introduced legislation that would drastically change health care for retired state workers, a scaled-down version of an earlier bill lawmakers say is more palatable.

The legislation, introduced by Sen. Chuck Coiner, R-Twin Falls, would mandate that starting in 2009, all retired state employees use Medicare once they are eligible. It would also require state employees to directly retire from the state in order to receive benefits.

"If we're going to provide benefits as part of the state system, it should be limited to who's worked for the state consistently, rather than people who use it as a career path," said Coiner, who spent more than a month working on the bill.

The legislation is a more scaled down proposal of several weeks ago: from Department of Administration Director Mike Gwartzney, and is supported by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter. It is scheduled for a hearing today in the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee, of which Coiner is vice chairman.

The new legislation requires the administration director — Gwartzney — to form an advisory committee composed of lawmakers, the courts, the governor's office and state agencies to help form medical plans for active and retired state employees. The older legislation said it

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## Head Start gets JFAC support

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

Head Start preschool programs have won some support in Boise following months of funding fears from the local front.

The Legislature's Joint Finance Appropriations Committee recommended last week that federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (or TANF) money be allocated through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to Head Start at the same level as last year, for about \$1.3 million.

Idaho law lets state public school money be spent on children 5 and older, so most early childhood programs are private or federally funded.

JFAC's move surprised and delighted local Head Start officials.

"We are so thankful," said South Central Head Start Director Mary Marshall. "My hats are off to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee. Thank you to them for including families living in poverty in the state."

"We are so thankful."

— South Central Head Start Director Mary Marshall

It also surprised Head Start advocates in the Legislature.

Before JFAC's decision, Sen. Diane Bilyeu, D-Pocatello, was concerned. "I believe that at this time, Head Start will not (be) receiving any TANF funding," she said in an e-mail to the Times-News Feb. 26, the day before JFAC approved Head Start funding. "I will continue to be a strong voice against this reduction."

But it's not a done deal until the rest of the Legislature signs on.

"We have a bit of a ways to go but it looks like the best it's looked in a long time for us," Marshall said.

Head Start is a federally funded poverty prevention program, which gives kids ages 3 to 5 structured preschool with health and nutrition services, along with home visits to bring parents into their kids' education. There

are 10 centers with waiting lists in nine Magic Valley counties, Marshall said.

Losing \$1.3 million in TANF money would eliminate 200 Head Start slots statewide, with 22 of those in south-central Idaho, Marshall said.

Fear of program cuts were rooted in budget proposals from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter and the Department of Health and Welfare. Both recommended pulling about \$1.8 million in TANF in the 2009 fiscal year, according to the Fiscal Year 2009 Idaho Legislative Budget Book.

Some state officials were under the impression that TANF funds could no longer be used for Head Start.

"There was previously a ruling, or an interpretation of a ruling that if (TANF funds) couldn't be used for Head Start," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Jerome, a JFAC co-chairman. "We have since come to understand it could be used."

Head Start funding fears resonated with JFAC decision-makers.

"We have heard the concerns," said Cameron. "We recognize the importance of the program."

## Senate panel clears climate change bill

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — The Senate Resources and Conservation Committee voted 6-to-3 on Monday in favor of a resolution that would ask two state agencies to submit a report on climate change to the Legislature, with support from GOP senators split over the controversial subject matter.

The resolution would begin addressing two parts of the Idaho Energy Plan adopted last year. The Office of Energy Resources and Department of Environmental Quality would together prepare recommendations if Idaho were to enter greenhouse gas regulation, and also place high priority on developing conservation and renewable resources in Idaho. The report would be submitted

to an interim energy task force.

Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Boise, told the committee Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter recently formed the new office and its responsibilities include the resolution's requests. She said that other Western states have policies that encourage renewable resources, and that Idaho will miss out on opportunities.

"This is just pulling together things that are already being done," she said.

Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, a co-sponsor, told the committee that Idaho's values in natural resources, and that the resolution will bring to light more economic opportunities.

"Idaho is rich with geothermal potential, one of the best

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Willis E. Cole

BURLEY — Departing on the 29th of February, Willis (Bill) Elmer Cole, tried hard to "leap" pass his last hurdle, death.

He was 84 years old, born April 24, 1923, in McGill, Nev., to Elmer David Cole and Edna Ruth Wood. He was raised in Colorado and then, after marriage, settled in Sacramento, Calif., where he worked as a foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad. His last seven years were spent in Burley, where he lived with his daughter, Nancy Bauer, and her husband and their eight children. He did not want to be alone and he certainly got his wish.

Bill Cole went to college at Brigham Young University, Utah State University and the University of San Francisco, but he felt he got his real education serving in the American Division of the 246th Field Artillery Battalion as a staff sergeant in the United States Army during World War II. He served in the Northern Solomon Islands and the Southern Philippines. Medals received during World War II included the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Arrowhead and Good Conduct Medal.

Bill married Ruth Fife on March 20, 1947, in the Salt Lake City Temple. As a member of the LDS Church, Bill Cole served as ward clerk, stake missionary, Young Men's leader, Sunday School president, and other capacities. He was an avid 49er football fan and was glued to the television during football season. He enjoyed family time, gardening, was handy around the house, even built his own home. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Bill is survived by his two daughters, Nancy (Wayne) Fife of Burley and Peggy (Peter) Ashman of Las Vegas, Calif.; a brother, Robert (Linda) Cole of Sacramento, Calif.; grandchildren, Rebecca (Brian) Dowdle, Stephen (Dayna) Blauer, Anne (Jim) Ringle, Charlene, Diana, Bill, Cole and Carol Blauer, and Andrea and Katherine Ashman; great-grandchildren, Jorana and Seth Dowdle, and Taj and Duncan Blauer. He is preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Ruth Fife Cole; parents, Elmer David and Edna Ruth Cole; brother, Paul Cole; and sister, Wilma Burrows.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Burley LDS 2nd and 4th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St., with Bishop Brent Lee conducting. The viewing will be held at 10 a.m. preceding the funeral. The burial will follow the service at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

PAUL — Wynn P. Tingey, a 91-year-old resident of Paul, passed away Saturday, March 1, 2008, at his home.

He was born Nov. 29, 1916, in Brigham City, Utah, the son of John E. Johnson and Aileen Poulson Tingey. He attended schools in Brigham City and was involved in the school band as a trumpet player. The school band's greatest achievement was first place for the state of Utah in marching bands when he was a senior. He married Barbara Johnson of Garland, Utah, on Dec. 18, 1942, in the Logan Utah LDS Temple, and four daughters were born to this union.

In less than a year, Wynn moved to serve in the United States Army. After training at Camp Shelby, Miss., and Fort Sill, Okla., he was sent to the European battlefield. He served in the 87th or Golden Acorn Division in the 3rd Army under General Patton. His first action was in the Battle of Bastogne and the big push across Europe to end World War II. He returned home in November of 1945. After his return, he and Barbara settled in Garland, Utah, and he began farming. In November of 1956, he made several trips to Rupert to select their homestead and named it "Meadow Lark Hill."

In March of 1957, the family loaded up and moved to their sagebrush homestead west of Paul. Wynn, along with the help of his family, cleared the sagebrush, built a farm and added dairy cows in the fall of 1957.

As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served in the Sunday school superintendency, two elder's quorum presidencies, sang in the choir many years with his wife in the Primary nursery and became "Grandpa" to many members of the Emerson 2nd Ward. He loved farming and music, and he encouraged his daughters to love the same. His greatest desire was for all of his daughters to attend college. After selling the farm, he learned to play the piano and did it well. He spent many years as a volunteer at Deseret Industries every Tuesday. He enjoyed the friendships he made there.

Wynn is survived by his wife, Barbara of Paul; his four daughters, Bonnie Marie (Lloyd) Burton of Afon, Wyo.; Kathleen (Gerald) Peterson of Hooper, Utah; Geniel (David) Miller of Hyde Park, Utah; and Sheryl Mae (Edward) Western of West Jordan, Utah. He has 26 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Virginia Thompson, Myrtle Johnson and Lila Ralphs, all of Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Neville, Leland and Ronald; also five sisters, Marquette, Ramona, Mary Lou, Letty and Beth; and one granddaughter, Laurie Burton.

The funeral will be held 1 p.m. March 7, at the Emerson Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul, with Bishop Cody Morgan officiating. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Hanson-Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. S., Rupert, and from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Friday at the church. Burial will follow at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Brigham City Cemetery in Brigham City, Utah, with military graveside rites.

Linda Marie Gunter Thomas

IDAHO FALLS — Linda Marie Gunter Thomas, 63, died March 2, 2008, of cancer at Life Care Center of Idaho Falls.

She was born March 29, 1944, in Twin Falls, to Udell Albert Gunter and Helen Marie Herman Gunter. She graduated from Twin Falls High School and attended the University of Idaho. She married James Edward Thomas on June 14, 1964, in Twin Falls. She was a mother and a homemaker. She loved gardening, knitting, spinning and weaving. She was a Master Gardener and a member of the Spinners and Weaver's Guild in Idaho Falls.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Thomas of Richfield; daughter, Patsen (John) Webster of Crystal, Minn.; son, Jim (Chris) Thomas of Idaho Falls; brother, Jim (Linda) Gunter of Boise; seven grandchildren, Elyssa, Alayna, Jonah and Grace Thomas, and James, Bill and Steve Webster. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Richfield Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Wood Funeral Home, 273 N. Ridge Ave. in Idaho Falls; phone (208) 522-2751. Online condolences may be sent to www.woodfuneralhome.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Dale T. Jensen

GLENNIS FERRY — Dale Theodore Jensen, 61, of Glennis Ferry, died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008.

A memorial celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 7, at the VFW Hall in Glennis Ferry. Arrangements are under the direction of Rust Funeral Home-McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home.

Dorothy M. Stanley

BURLEY — Dorothy M. Stanley, 84, of Burley, died Sunday, March 2, 2008, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 7, at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Brasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and

from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

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Robert D. Joosten

PAUL — Robert D. Joosten, 51, of Paul, passed away Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley of pancreatic cancer.

Robert was born Oct. 1, 1956, in Albuquerque, N.M., to John and Barbara Milner Joosten. He moved to Rupert in 1971, graduating from Minner High School in 1974. In 1980, he graduated from the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy. He married Jane Whistler in June of 1982. They have been married for 25 years.

For a short period of time, they lived in Nampan and Meridian and have lived in Paul for 18 years. He worked at Rupert Rexall, Directory of Pharmacy at the Idaho State School and Hospital and Cassia Regional Medical Center. He was a member of the Rupert United Methodist Church, United Methodist Men, Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow. Robert enjoyed skiing, gardening, cooking and Dutch-oven cooking, camping, fishing and being outdoors, wine

collecting and, most of all, spending time with family and friends.

Robert is survived by his wife, Jane Whistler Joosten of Paul; children, Geoff Joosten and Becky Joosten, both of Paul; parents, John and Barbara Joosten of Rupert; brothers, Matthew (Colleen) Joosten and Mark Joosten, all of Albuquerque, N.M.; and Daniel (Kaw) Joosten of Moscow; sisters, Kathi (Jim) Moore of Boise, Dorothy (Bruce) Haynes of Murray, Utah, and Linda (Joe) Layton of Paul. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Maude Milner and Christian and Elizabeth Joosten.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 11st., with Pastor Jerry Steice officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Viewing for family and friends will be one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Men's Scholarship fund or Idaho State University College of Pharmacy.

Many thanks to all the staff and friends at Cassia Memorial Hospital for their strong friendship and loving care of Rob.

Michael Roy Henson

BUIH — Michael Roy Henson, 47, died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2008, at his home.

He was born Nov. 26, 1961, in Pittsfield, Ill. Mike was the youngest of seven children born to Love and Sue Wright Henson. Mike had two sons, Travis, 21, and Thomas, 18, with his first wife. In November 1993, he married the love of his life, Cindra Brinkman; together they had two daughters, Hannah, 9, and Emma, 3. Mike graduated from Castelford High School in 1979. He was a gifted auto-diesel mechanic and worked with air conditioning at some area dairies. Mike was very involved in his children's lives; and enjoyed going to and supporting them in their different sports. He loved going to all of the games from baseball, basketball and football with the boys to T-ball, basketball and cheerleading camps with the girls. He loved his children more than anything. Mike was a huge

man with a huge heart.

He is survived by his children Travis of Okinawa, Japan, Thomas of Castelford, and Hannah and Emma of Buih; mother-in-law, Janice Brinkman of Buih; brothers, Tom Henson of Kimberly, Derrick and Amy Brinkman of Buih, and Rob and Angie Brinkman of Los Angeles, Calif.; sisters, Sandy and Robert Taylor of Tempe, Ariz.; Shella King of Buih, Teri and Gary Wilson of Jerome, and Diane and Jack Frey of Buih; numerous nieces and nephews; special close family friends, Roba Henson, Bart Blicik, Dennis Adams, Bob Hill, Reagan Hatch and many more too numerous to name. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cindra, his parents and a sister.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate Mike's life at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Castelford High School gym. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the trust fund for Hannah and Emma Henson, at Farnsboro in Buih. Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Norma Louise Smith Brown

Norma Louise Smith Brown passed away on March 1, 2008. A celebration of her life will be held June 29, 2008, in Filer.

Norma was born April 26, 1918 in Buih, Idaho to Raymond B. Bennett Smith and

Lula Bennett Smith. She was living with her family for a few years in Denver, Colo., they returned to farm in Buih. She attended schools in Buih and graduated from Buih High School in 1936. She then attended Albion Normal School, graduating in 1938 and began teaching in the Buih schools the same year. She taught in Buih until her marriage to Paul C. Brown on May 29, 1943, in Beverly Hills, Calif. They were both employed at Douglas Aircraft. She returned to Buih to teach in 1945 when Paul went to the South Pacific with the Navy and taught until the spring of 1946 when he returned. They then moved to the farm east of Filer where they have lived since.

She later completed her bachelor degree through ISU, and continued teaching in Filer from 1963 to 1971. Paul and Norma were associated throughout their marriage with two couples bridge and dinner dances, one in Buih and one in Filer. In 1951 she joined the American Legion Auxiliary based on Paul's membership in the American Legion. In the auxiliary, she found her passion for service in the community. She worked in the local state auxiliary for years and became state president, then national president in 1976 to 1977. As national president, Norma traveled to every state and many countries around the world visiting veterans

hospitals and legion and auxiliary Units.

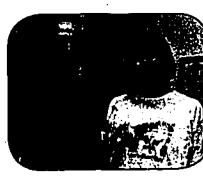
Norma is survived by her husband, Paul; two daughters, Leslie Kaiser of American Falls and Kay (Ralph) Jones of American Falls; two sisters, Lois Matheny of Twin Falls and Lella Ballis of Murray, Utah; four grandchildren, Brian (Nickell) Jones, Karri Kaiser, Kristy Jones and Kurt (Holly) Kaiser; six great-grandchildren and many beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls. Memorial donations can be made to the Filer Public Library.

Patient Spotlight

"Now I can talk to Ted at a normal volume - no more yelling!" -Carol MacNeil, Twin Falls

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EDITORIAL

ISTARS isn't going away; How can we do it better?

Wait 'til next year. Make no mistake: Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna's teacher merit pay initiative will be back in some form when the Legislature convenes in January 2009.

It was defeated 19-16 last Friday in the state Senate. Twelve Republicans — the natural consistency for pay-for-performance — joined all seven Senate Democrats to oppose the measure.

Luna had made some tactical errors, the most serious of which was underestimating the impact that individual school teachers could have on lawmakers such as Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert; Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, and Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer. Darrington, a retired teacher but one of the most conservative members of the Senate, expressed doubts from the beginning.

The superintendent did involve the Idaho Education Association in the Idaho State Teacher Advancement and Recognition System process, but clearly not enough. That has to change next year.

Still, the deal-breaker was the provision that made a school's performance on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test the sole test for teacher performance. Under Luna's plan, teachers would have been eligible for annual bonuses ranging from \$600 to \$1,200 at schools that demonstrated improvement or overall student excellence on the ISAT.

Teachers at schools that don't meet that criterion could expect a 1 percent raise.

Fact is, some good teachers work at poorly performing schools. And Luna's plan made the mediocre the enemy of the good.

No doubt, that will change in the next version of ISTARS. There are dozens of ways to reward good teachers working in bad schools — and, more importantly, to empower them to make their schools better.

Here are some of the elements we'd like to see in next year's version of ISTARS:

• Stop trying to trade tenure for bonuses: This is an in-your-face threat to the teachers union, and most teachers are scared to death of what they consider arbitrary criteria in Luna's evaluation plan. The emphasis should be on the carrot, not the stick.

• Go back to the drawing board on performance benchmarks: ISAT should be part of that equation, but only part. Group-based performance awards work well in other states, but they must be linked to improvement in student measured by multiple criteria.

• Add to the system, don't subtract: Individual teachers who don't want to participate shouldn't be penalized by having to forgo annual pay increases.

That said, Gannon was right when he said Friday that teachers should be forewarned: Lawmakers are warming to the idea of pay-for-performance.

So are the folks who elect them. There's widespread agreement among taxpayers that teachers must be held to some kind of coherent, uniform standards based on student achievement.

Luna, however, needs to rethink his relationship with the IEA. Sure, the union is associated with former Superintendent Marilyn Howard, a Democrat, and her anointed successor, Jana Jones, who lost to Luna two years ago.

But as a profession and as individuals, teachers have clout: they're respected by people who pay taxes — and who elect state legislators.

So the first phone call that Luna should make is to Sherri Wood, who heads the IEA. They should sit down and explore points of agreement, rather than focusing on what divides them.

Sooner or later — likely as soon as 2009 — teacher pay-for-performance will be a reality in Idaho. It will work far better if the IEA is a partner.

You say you want a revolution?

There's been so much ongoing talk about change that you kind of wish someone would come up with an occasional variation. Transmutation, perhaps.

It's not like Americans are anti-change. Haven't we always made it a point of historical pride that we are a flexible, open-minded people?



SUSAN SWARTZ

Yet change is what the candidates are selling like it's a new notion. Each one promises change, and that he or she is the changing-est of them all.

It's not like we're stuffy and set in the old ways. If we didn't change, we'd still be thinking black is the new black. We'd have our straight-blade but parted down the middle instead of an Auburn spike. We wouldn't pierce, tattoo or go in for new noses. We'd all be buying station wagons and avocado green refrigerators. We'd still think national health care was a Communist plot.

It's popular to speak of embracing change, as if it's something you hug to your chest and take home, like a soft kitten. But haven't we always nuzzled up to newness? We change names, religions, party affiliation and cling to the past, except for maybe some Elvis fans.

If we didn't embrace change we'd still be thinking that sliced bread was the greatest thing since uncut, sliced and could have never moved on to croissants.

Consider the changes in



our lifetimes. We've given up many things once embraced, like plastic and tobacco and smoking. We've seen America turn from burgers and beer to gut cheese and wine. We've seen bank tellers reborn as massage therapists. White wine drinkers switch to red. Presbyterians become Buddhists. Ralph becomes Reggie and even Rosemary.

We've seen potato chips turn blue and 50 become the new 30.

But look, too, at how sadly America has changed in just a few short years. We've gone from telling other countries to tear down their walls to building our own. We'll help them fight their mosquitos but we refuse to give them money for birth control.

We used to be known as a good guy. Now a lot of other countries think we're hoolies and arrogant and while they still like our movies, they don't like our attitude.

Some Americans also don't like how their country has changed. How did voters have become the enemy. How war has become the only answer. How corporate and government gangsters don't seem to get caught or if they do, never seem to serve as much time as some pot farmer.

They don't like how rich people get tax breaks. They don't like how some people in our country have claimed their practice of patriotism as the only way. They don't like how religious tricksters have taken over. And that so many Americans have come to distrust immigrants, think poor people are slackers and blame every bad thing on teachers.

It's been an unhappy change that we now openly talk about what parts of torture are OK. That the breakfast of champions has become a shot in the behind. We've changed the American dream to be the ability to

hold onto your home and not lose your health insurance.

Are those the things that people want fixed when they say they want change? Or do they just feel that things are generally on tilt and someone has to make it right again? Are the candidates who promise they are more about change than the others really going to be able to significantly alter any of those conditions?

There's reason to hope. Change is already here when you consider that we've got white people voting for a black man. And men voting for a woman. And young Americans excited about getting involved in what happens to their country. But that's not a change. That's a reformation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Obama brings hope for the future of U.S.

Cal Thomas' recent column states that "hope is a dangerous thing." The hope Sen. Obama promises will be crushed because "placing hope in politicians absolves too many of us of our responsibilities." Obama's nearly 1 million supporters — who are donating, calling, canvassing and volunteering — do not take our responsibility very seriously in choosing to move this country in a positive direction.

Sen. Obama has detailed plans to make citizens participatory and politicians accountable. He co-sponsored the strongest ethics legislation ever passed. His Google for government will allow everyone the ability to track online federal grants, earmarks and lobbyist contracts. Ordinary citizens can access it. He co-sponsored the strongest ethics legislation ever passed. His Google for government will allow everyone the ability to track online federal grants, earmarks and lobbyist contracts. Ordinary citizens can access it. He co-sponsored the strongest ethics legislation ever passed. His Google for government will allow everyone the ability to track online federal grants, earmarks and lobbyist contracts. Ordinary citizens can access it.

These are concrete things that can be accomplished by Republicans, independents and Democrats if we work together.

Yes, there are other options. The first is to hope that the status quo remains. If so, you can "hope" that you don't lose your house while the upper 1 percent of the wealthy get tax breaks; you can "hope" that we don't fight a hundred-year war, and you can "hope" that we have no natural disasters.

global warning or infrastructure failures because the EPA, FEMA and other governmental agencies have been gutted — or you can hope to elect Obama.

Thomas ends with "President Obama might be worth the risk in peacetime, but with crafty enemies seeking to destroy us, can we afford to make ... a mistake?" If Gen. Powell, Sen. Clinton and others had listened to Sen. Obama, we wouldn't have made so many enemies. Fear and lack of hope have taken us into this quagmire of economic ruin and despair. Americans deserve more. Vote Obama so we can truly hope.

DIXIE SEGEL Twin Falls

Support Paul's call to abolish Federal Reserve

In reference to the story on the front page Feb. 25 titled "Can they really bring economic change?" featuring pictures of Obama, Clinton and McCain, I would answer, "None of these candidates."

Financial literacy is at an all-time low. We need to stop how the private Federal Reserve (which is neither federal nor a reserve; Google: Federal Reserve private) prints money out of thin air, then sells this money at full face value plus interest while also controlling the supply of money (M3) whereas the "money" we use is charged interest, where do you suppose the money comes from to pay this interest? From the same source

(Federal Reserve) that charges us interest on the money we use to pay down the interest (upon interest) from the money we borrowed before. This system is by design — a trap! There is no way out of debt.

We must address the financial situation in America and we must demand Congress use its constitutional powers and amend and print our own money interest free! This would allow money to become the servant and not the master of society.

These candidates have no policy that would bring economic change but rather more of "stay the course." Ron Paul is the only candidate who has sponsored legislation to abolish the Federal Reserve, thus saving the American people trillions of dollars in interest; just as Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy have done and as demanded by our founding fathers.

Mike Simpson needs to co-sponsor Ron Paul's H.R. 2755 and bring the power of money back to the people where it rightfully belongs.

Furthermore, maintain this as a litmus test for your candidates, ask them: "Will you honor your vow to the Constitution and bring the power of money creation back to the people, interest free?" JEREMY SASSERCOLLINS Twin Falls

Career politicians must go; elect someone new

John Wayne once said, "Life's tough, it's even tougher if you're stupid."

We have three U.S. senators running for the presidency, all the while on the payroll of the U.S. tax payer. They have to have procreation by Secret Service agents (how many is unknown) at what cost?

The good citizens of Idaho have a lieutenant governor who is running for a U.S. senator's position. All these folks should be made to resign their current position before being able to run for another office on our dollar.

Come on, folks, let's elect people who are willing to change the system. Stop electing career politicians. CARL JEFFRIES Hagerman

Obama, Clinton not the best choices for U.S.

I thought Obama might make a good president, but I'm having second thoughts after hearing what his platform is.

Cutbacks for senior citizens when they are already struggling. Cutbacks for college students. This will determine whether you get a higher education or not, which leads to not so good jobs and more people (young and old) without options.

Hillary has her own agenda, and I'm not sure it's for the good of the people. We already have cutting subsidies through our own communities. Use the money elsewhere to benefit more people.

So, if you don't want more and bigger problems, get out and vote. LOIS HEIRIG Jerome

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### Delmore 'Pete' Petersen

Delmore "Pete" Petersen, passed away peacefully Feb. 25, 2008, in Othello, Wash. Pete was born Aug. 26, 1914, in Min d e n, Neb., and later moved to southern Idaho, where he was a longtime resident. In 1934, Pete and a friend went to a barn dance in Bladen, Neb., where he met Wilma Andersen. Pete ended up taking Wilma home, forgetting that he was leaving his best friend at the dance. Wilma and her family were moving to Twin Falls and leaving the next day. Several days later Pete and his friend thought it would be a good idea to go to Idaho, too. It took almost a month of searching before Pete found himself standing on the Andersen doorstep in Twin Falls asking her dad if he had a daughter named Wilma. They were married a few months later, a marriage that lasted 57 years.



members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Twin Falls until he moved to Othello, Wash., five years ago. Pete was a great father and loved his family—camping and fishing at Red Fish Lake just north of Galena Summit in southern Idaho, precious memories that still live on. Pete's wife, Wilma, passed away in 1992. Two years later, he and a longtime family friend, Irene Harris, were married, a union that lasted 10 years. He will always be remembered for his quick sense of humor, his warm, ready smile and his willingness to share with others. He was a beloved friend, brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Pete will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his children, Joyce (Roger) Thieme, Janet (John L.) Royston and Martin (Shirley) Petersen; sister Virginia Johnson; sister-in-law Beverly (Dean) Atkinson; stepchildren, Shirley (Bryon) Harris and Lloyd (Vivian) Harris; grandchildren, Dan (Craig) Thieme, Kelly (Craig) Andrews, John W. Royston, Michael (Leah) Boyston, Kim Hutchens, Karl (Brad) Miskell, Martin Petersen, Shane (Rhonda) Johnson, and many much-loved great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Stella Petersen; a brother, Leroy; a grandson, Bruce Thieme; his wife of 57 years, Wilma (Andersen) Petersen; and by his second wife, Irene (Harris) Petersen.

The burial will be in Minden, Neb. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held later in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Diabetes Association.

Pete worked hard to establish his young family's economic future in the area by accepting any job he could find. He learned a lot during those early years, like how to top and load sugar beets, buck potatoes, shovel coal and pull lumber from a chain table. Pete took a lot of pride in the fact that, during these very tough times, he always had a job and was able to support his family. During the Second World War, he joined the defense effort as a technician, testing B17 engines at Mountain Home Air Force Base. Following the war, he went into the LP gas business, which was his occupation until he retired. Pete and his family were

### SERVICES

Dr. Duane Edwin Cutright of Bliss, service at 11 a.m. today at the United Methodist Church, 805 Main St. in Gooding (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Lee E. Niemiste of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Cron-Sheehy Funeral Home in Eveleth, Minn.

Celeste Constante "Chet" Dalplaz of Rupert, funeral Mass at 1 p.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Flint Wright of Paul, visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1550 E. 16th St. in Burley; funeral will be in Hurricane, Utah.

Carolyn Thaxton Peterson of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Paul LDS Stake Center; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Wednesday at the church.

Ferne Kalland Moss Atwood of Jerome, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Sherman Joseph Higley of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation one hour before the service Wednesday at the mortuary.

Agatha "Aggie" Doty Cochrn of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl; visitation 7 p.m. Wednesday at Farnier Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Nona Henry of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Burley man celebrates 90 years



Walker

Murray Walker of Burley celebrated his 90th birthday on Feb. 27. A family celebration in his honor was held Saturday, March 1.

Birthday greetings and well-wishes can be sent to him at Highland Estates, 2650 Hilland Ave., Burley, ID 83318.

Walker was born Feb. 27, 1918, in Minersville, Utah. He married Thelma McBride on Nov. 19, 1936.

Walker moved to the Magic Valley with his family when he was two months old and has lived here since then. He farmed in the Pella area for 50 years and worked for Northwest Pipe Line for 25 years. After that he worked at Impact Athletic

until age 83 when he retired. He enjoyed growing banana trees and sharing the bananas with his friends and neighbors. He is a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

His children include Hetta Mae (Chickie) Kelley and Diann (Ray) Gules, all of Burley; Jan (Bob) Hogge of Layton, Utah; Ken (DeAnne) Walker of St. George, Utah; Judy (Bruce) Grant of Twin Falls; and Carrie (Brian) Johnson of Boise.

He has 23 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

#### Blakeslee selected as student ambassador

Halle Blakeslee, 15-year-old daughter of David and Shirley Blakeslee of Twin Falls, was selected for the People to People Student Ambassador Program and will travel to Japan this summer.

Her trip includes meeting the mayor of Tokyo, visiting the Tokyo Meiji Shrine,

Tokyo City Hall, Asakusa Temple, Nakanishi Market, the Nagasaki or Hiroshima Peace Park. Participants in the program also enjoy a Japanese tea ceremony, home-stay with a Japanese family and attending a local school.



Blakeslee

She is the only student selected from the Twin Falls area this year. She was nominated and had to complete an extensive application process that included getting letters of recommendation from three adults outside of her family and an interview.

Halle is in the ninth grade at Robert Stuart Jr. High, where she is an honor student. She is also listed in the United States Achievement Academy 2007 National Awards and was involved in community theater.

### Bicyclist taken to St. Luke's after being hit

Times-News

A bicyclist was taken to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center with possible injuries after he was hit by a car at about 8:50 p.m. Monday.

The accident occurred near the 1000 block of Blue Lakes Boulevard, said Twin Falls Police Sgt. Charles Garner. The bicyclist, whose name was not released Monday night, was traveling northbound in the southbound lane when a vehicle leaving a parking lot ran into him. The driver's name was also withheld Monday night.

Garner said it was unclear who was at fault and how serious the biker was hurt, if at all. Alcohol was not involved.

"We're just following normal procedure and are having him looked over," he said. The accident is still under investigation.

### Climate

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in the nation. Geothermal is Idaho's oil," she said. "Gentlemen, there's a new gold rush on the horizon, and we in Idaho have the gold."

Still, resistance came from the three Republican senators who opposed the measure when it was introduced last month.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert—who when the legislation was introduced questioned whether global warming was a "factor" in climate change—questioned the bill presented as not having a fiscal impact.

"I don't think anyone does anything in government for free," said Cameron, co-chairman of the state's joint budgeting panel.

Sen. Jeff Sidaway, R-Terreton, said he wondered if the study would mean too much government affecting the economy, and said that ethanol plants receive tax breaks.

"They were barely functional with \$1 a quart and now we have \$10 a quart," he said. "I wonder if the market would be better served than if government just kept out of the way."

DEQ Director Toni Hardesty said the agency is currently tracking how other states operate to stay aware, aims to reduce energy consumption and improve air quality, and senses momentum is building to regulate greenhouse gas emissions.

"I'm certainly not the person to stand up and debate the science of climate change," she said. "What I can say to you is that when you look at the actions we're taking on the executive branch side, there are so many co-benefits associated."

### Benefits

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was optional for the director to consult with the committee.

"We thought this was a good compromise," Gwartney said.

The legislation is also more accepting to both House and Senate leadership teams. Senate Assistant Majority Leader Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, and House Majority Caucus Chair Ken Robert, R-Donnelly, are listed as co-sponsors.

Starting in 2009, retired employee care coverage would not be available to retirees and their spouses if they are eligible for Medicare. A spouse would be eligible for a subsidy if the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare first until the spouse also becomes eligible.

For retired workers between 55 and 65 years old, the state will pay the first \$15 a month or \$1,600 a year. Gwartney said that the amount was determined because the state currently pays out between \$1,800 and

\$2,000. The state is simply freezing the subsidy amount.

Gwartney said he's spoken to two major groups of retirees, who are accepting of the changes, and said switching retirees onto Medicare once eligible is common in other states and in the private sector.

Unlike the earlier legislation, the new bill authorizes the director to combine the active and retired employee benefit plans, rather than devise separate plans. Gwartney said the change is better for the retired workers.

The legislation will reduce the state's estimated Governmental Accounting Standards Board liability from \$-42 million to \$13 million. Otter has said that if the changes aren't made, the liability will reach more than \$800 million by 2016.

When an employee retired and is entitled to the state's health care, the state has set aside a "liability" or money to fund the health care, but to a pension plan but the costs are estimated.

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# Fires that burned luxury homes outside of Seattle could be linked to ecoterror group

By Elizabeth M. Gillespie  
Associated Press writer



Firefighters walk past a house still in flames at the scene of where four multimillion dollar homes burned Monday in Woodville, Wash. Crews battled the fire early Monday in a suburb north of Seattle, and a sign with the initials of a radical environmental group was found at the scene.

WOODINVILLE, Wash. — Three seven-figure dream homes went up in flames early Monday in a Seattle suburb, apparently set by eco-terrorists who left a sign mocking the builders' claims that the 4,000-plus-square-foot houses were environmentally friendly.

The sign — a sheet marked with spray paint — bore the initials ELR, for Earth Liberation Front, a loose collection of radical environmentalists that has claimed responsibility for dozens of attacks since the 1990s.

The sheriff's office estimated that Monday's pre-dawn fires did \$7 million damage to the "Street of Dreams," a row of unoccupied, furnished luxury model homes where tens of thousands of visitors last summer eyed the latest in high-end housing, interior design and landscaping. Three homes were destroyed and two had minor fire or

smoke damage. Crews removed incendiary devices found in the homes, Snohomish County District 7 Fire Chief Rick Eastman said. Later, however, Kelvin Crenshaw, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Seattle, said there was no evidence such devices had been used.

The FBI was investigating the fires as a potential domestic terrorism act, said FBI spokesman Rich Kolko in Washington, D.C. No injuries were reported in the fires, which began before dawn in the wooded subdivision and were still smoldering by midmorning. The sign left behind said in red scrawled letters, "Bullt Green? Nope black!" and "McManstons in RCDs r not green," a reference to rural cluster developments.

# Committee passes grocery tax relief bill

BOISE (AP) — A House committee approved a bill Monday to boost rebates on the 6 percent sales tax Idahoans pay on groceries.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee voted 12-5 to send the measure to the full House.

Some lawmakers who opposed a nearly identical measure that the committee rejected last month said Monday they would grudgingly support the bill as the only chance at tax relief this session.

"We can't continue to ride a horse that won't move," said Rep. George Saylor, D-Coeur d'Alene. "This is not the bill I would prefer, but it's the bill I'm going to support."

The bill's backers describe it as a compromise that allows the governor and lawmakers to move past last year's deadlock over the issue.

Currently, almost every Idaho resident gets a \$20



credit annually for what they pay in taxes on groceries, with seniors getting \$35.

Last year, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter favored a plan that would direct as much as \$90 in tax relief to Idaho's poorest residents. Lawmakers criticized that as "social engineering" that takes tax relief

from most people who get it now and gives it instead to the poor.

Otter ended up vetoing a \$47 million proposal that legislators passed last year, saying it was too expensive.

The proposal that advanced Monday would give \$50 to each member of a family of four earning less than about \$25,000, while members of families earning more would each get \$30. The rebates for each resident would rise by \$10 each year to a maximum of \$100, and \$120 for seniors.

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# Two dead, five injured after shooting at Wendy's near West Palm Beach, Fla.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A 60-year-old handyman in a jacket, tie and baseball cap walked into a Wendy's on Monday and headed straight for the bathroom. He came out trembling, brandishing a 9 mm handgun.

Without a word, authorities say, Alburn Edward Blake shot a paramedic vaulting at the counter in the back, point blank, killing him. He slowly turned to his left and kept firing, wounding four more people in the restaurant and carrying at least one clip before killing himself with a gunshot to the head.

"This was not a robbery. He didn't demand anything," said Paul Miller, a Palm Beach County sheriff's spokesman. "Looks like this was just another random shooting like we've seen around the United States."

Except, perhaps for one tragic twist: The man Blake gunned down, Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue 14, Rafael Vazquez, had left the restaurant with his wife and 4-year-old son and their food before the shooting started. The 42-year-old had come back because his son's kids meal had the wrong toy, authorities said.

"Our officer probably didn't even see him," Deputy Fire-Rescue Chief Steve Delai said. Vazquez's wife, a law enforcement officer in nearby Palm Springs, and their child were still in the parking lot when the shooting broke out.

The mayhem unfolded just after noon during the lunch hour rush at the eatery on a major suburban road lined with strip malls, car dealerships and fast food restaurants, about five miles from downtown West Palm Beach.

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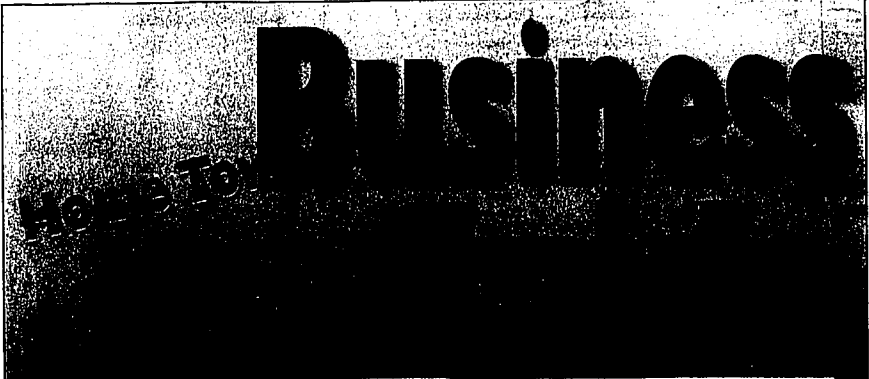
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## Moss back with Patriots on multi-year contract

By Jimmy Cole  
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Randy Moss is staying with the New England Patriots. The defending AFC champions re-signed, the record-breaking receiver on Monday to a three-year deal worth \$27 million, his agent said.

The signing was confirmed by the team shortly after Moss posted a message to fans on his Web site. "I want to take time out to thank all of the fans for their support and for wishing me well in my return to New England," his personal Web site, <http://therandymoss.com>, quotes him as saying.

"I'm ready to get back. We have some unfinished business to take care of," Moss' agent, Tim DiPiero, said

the deal included guarantees of \$15 million, including a \$12 million signing bonus to the receiver who set an NFL record with 23 touchdown catches and helped the Patriots reach the Super Bowl in his first season with the team.

"Randy was serious about wanting to stay," DiPiero wrote in an e-mail. "Because of Randy's record-breaking year, the interest in him was very high. Randy took less than he could have to rejoin his teammates."

Pairing Moss with NFL MVP Tom Brady, who broke the league record with 50 touchdown passes, the Patriots breezed through the regular season with a perfect 16-0 record.

They improved to an unprecedented 18-0 before blowing a

chance at the league's longest unbeaten season with a 17-14 Super Bowl loss to the New York Giants.

"What Randy did for our team last year was outstanding," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said in a statement.

"It is one of our most consistent, competitive and team-oriented players and it is undoubtedly a relationship we are excited to continue."

Moss, 31, has caught 774 passes for 12,193 yards in a 10-year career.

"His 124 career receiving touchdowns are fourth-most in NFL history."

A four-time All-Pro, Moss took a pay cut to get out of Oakland and come to New England last April in exchange for a fourth-round pick

in last year's draft.

In addition to his 23 touchdowns, he caught 98 passes for 1,493 yards and largely avoided the type of turmoil that characterized his previous NFL stops.

During seven years with Minnesota, where he made five Pro Bowls, he was fined \$10,000 for pretending to pull down his pants and moon the Green Bay crowd during a Vikings playoff win.

Moss drew heavy criticism for leaving the field with 2 seconds left in a loss to Washington.

Adding to his checkered record, he also bumped a traffic control officer with his car in 2002, verbally abused corporate sponsors on a team bus in 2001 and squinted an official with a water bottle in 1999.

Toward the end of a tumultuous run in Oakland, he openly cam-

paign to be traded to a team with a chance to win.

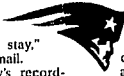
With the Patriots, he avoided controversy until the playoffs, when a woman sought a restraining order against him, claiming that he committed "battery causing serious injury."

Moss denied the allegation and said the woman was trying to get money from him.

Also Monday, the Patriots signed free agent wide receiver Sam Akin.

The 27-year-old has played five seasons with the Buffalo Bills with 19 career receptions for 250 yards and 61 career special teams tackles.

"Competing against Sam many times over the years, we know firsthand what he brings to us," Belichick said of his newest offensive weapon.



## The best of both worlds



Bobbi Wing, a College of Southern Idaho student from Montana, takes off a calf during a rope practice session Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Crest Hughes Arena in Filer.

### Small-school all-stars hoop it up at Valley this week

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The Class 2A/1A North-South Senior All-Star game will be played at Valley High School on Wednesday. The girls game starts at 6 p.m. with the boys game following. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with activity cards.

Here is a list of the players:

North Girls — Jennifer Cenarrusa (Carey), Jessie Curran (Community School), Tammy Anderson (Dietrich), Moe Hubsmith (Richfield), Kimberly Twichell (Richfield), Shaynee Gaifford (Shoshone), Jamie Cathorn (Valley), Zandrea Nelson (Valley), Shannon Sizemore (Valley), Whitney Gines (Wendell)

Coach: Brian Hardy (Valley)

South Girls — Michelle Hill (Castelford), Rachel Rodgers (Castelford), Ashlea Gramkow (Glenns Ferry), Chancee Axelson (Hagerman), Shambray Pendley (Hagerman), Christine Regnier (Hagerman), Abby Curry (Hansen), Taylor Kirkdorffer (Lighthouse Christian), Natalie Greenwood (Raft River), Nicole Harper (Raft River)

Coach: Jeremy Qualls (Raft River)

North Boys — D.J. Simpson (Carey), Tyler Parke (Carey), Spencer Harris (Community School), Mac Whittington (Community School), Anthony Pitman (Dietrich), Aiden Buckner (Richfield), Mike Dehoney (Valley), Ruben Cortez (Wendell), Devin Hosack (Wendell), Eric Lopez (Wendell)

Coach: Garr Ward (Richfield)

South Boys — Aaron Crane (Glenns Ferry), Jesus Rodriguez (Glenns Ferry), Damian Valle (Glenns Ferry), Nick Urey (Hansen), Jeremy Eldredge (Lighthouse Christian), Jesus Cabral (Murtaugh), Taylor Wilson (Murtaugh), Colton Becke (Oakley), Doug Hurst (Raft River), Jacob Williams (Raft River)

Coach: Kevin Cato (Hagerman)

## CSI cowboys, cowgirls mix rodeo, higher learning

By Diane Phillips  
Times-News writer

Cowboys, cowgirls and higher education. Those words aren't often used together but aspiring rodeo stars like the College of Southern Idaho's Lily Sheehan and Zack Elliott are bridging the gap between the rough-and-tumble rodeo world of rodeo and the subdued scene of academia. Members of the CSI rodeo team are striving for future success on the professional rodeo circuits and beyond.

Yes, they're country, but the Golden Eagles cowboys and cowgirls aren't bumpkins. They're multi-faceted student-athletes who love their sport but have interests that extend much farther.

"I loved basketball and rodeo in high school," said Sheehan, a former Gooding High multi-sport standout who competed under her maiden name, Italy Jo Eames. "I had to make a choice between the two sports when I went to college and I bid farewell to basketball. It was a big thing to me to go to college and rodeo."

After four earning her stripes with Idaho high school District V all-around cowgirl honors from 2001-04, Sheehan chose to attend the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and join its highly successful rodeo program.

"I left a good team at UNLV after two years when I was offered a nursing scholarship at CSI," Sheehan said. "I needed a real job to support my rodeo hobby."

Sheehan's hobby is professional rodeo barrel racing in the summer. She gives most of the credit for her success to Darby, an 18-year-old gelding that Sheehan has been riding since eighth grade.

"I have a phenomenal horse that has carried me a long way," said Sheehan.

Darby and Sheehan's seven-year-old backup horse Rebel have carried Sheehan to more than buckles, saddles and the associated financial gains. They've taken her to college and helped her meet her husband of eight months, Brett Sheehan.

"I love the family aspect of rodeo. Everyone in the family can be a part of it," Sheehan said. "And the friends you make last forever."

### 32nd Annual CSI Indoor Rodeo

At Eidon Evans Expo Center, Twin Falls  
When: Action starts at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday.  
What: CSI hosts its Rocky Mountain Region competitors for two nights of National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association action.

Also: Special attractions include J.D. Platt's K9 Kings Flying Dog show, other entertainment, and a tribute to former CSI cowboy Walter Parke. A mini rodeo sponsored by Latham Motors featuring mutton busting and other events for kids will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday at the expo center. Entries will be accepted starting at 5 p.m., Thursday.

Tickets: Adults, \$9; children age 4-12, \$5. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the expo center from 4:30-6:30 p.m., this week, and are also available at Latham Motors, Vickers Western Store in Twin Falls and EZ Money Pawn and Auto in Burley.

Sheehan lost one of those friends to a Nov. 9, 2007 automobile accident. Walter Parke, a long-time Gooding cowboy who competed for CSI in the early 1980s served as a mentor to Sheehan and countless Magic Valley cowboys and cowgirls after a career as a professional calf roping.

"He only lived two miles from me so if I ever had a problem, I'd get on my horse and ride over to his house," Sheehan said. "He made a big impact on my life and was also a big part of my life. He was like a second father to my brother, Cy."

College rodeo is also a family affair for Golden Eagles Zack and Tag Elliott. Zack, the older of the brothers from Thatcher, Utah, decided to leave behind the cowboy life after high school to attend Boise State University on a full-ride wrestling scholarship. After two years as a Broncos wrestler, the lure of the arena brought Zack into the world of college rodeo where he hoped to join his younger brother this season.

However, Tag suffered major injuries last July in Salt Lake City after his head collided with Werewolf, a 1,500-pound bull, at the Days of '47 Rodeo. The 2007 College National Finals bull riding reserve champion underwent 10 hours of



Shae Prescott, a CSI student from Kimberly, swings her lasso while practicing calf roping Wednesday in Filer.

reconstructive surgery after the collision before returning home to recuperate.

"Tag has taught me everything," Zack said with a smile. "Tag says he wants to return to CSI next fall to continue his education and wants to get back to bull riding in a couple of months. Knowing him, he will ride again."

Though circumstances have kept him from competing with his brother, Zack has made many friends at CSI that he feels he will keep for life and thinks this year's men's team "is a good bunch of guys."

Like many collegiate cowboys, Zack is getting a paid college education and like Sheehan, he also competes as a professional.

Who says you can't have it all!

# Tarheels are new No. 1, Tennessee falls three spots

NEW YORK (AP) — North Carolina was back at No. 1 again Monday, thanks to a micromolar few days in the state of Tennessee.

Tennessee started last week at No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll after defeating previously top-ranked Memphis. But the Vols then lost to Vanderbilt on Thursday.

Up stepped North Carolina, which ran its record to 27-2 with a win over Boston College and returned to the top spot it held for the first 10 weeks of the season.

Memphis (28-1), which held the top spot for five weeks, stayed at No.

2. UCLA (26-3) moved up one spot to third while Tennessee (26-3) three spots dropped to No. 4.

North Carolina, which rallied from 18 points down to beat BC 90-60 in its only game last week, received 38 first-place votes and 1,745 points from the 72-member national media panel.

Memphis, which bounced back with wins over Tulsa and Southern Mississippi last week, had 21 first-place votes and 1,706 points.

UCLA, which swept Arizona and Arizona State on the road last week, was No. 1 on 12 ballots while Tennessee, which beat Kentucky 63-

60 on Sunday, had one first-place vote.

Davidson (23-6) was 25th in the poll, the Wildcats' first appearance since the final poll of the 1969-70 season.

Many teams return to No. 1 in the same season but North Carolina did it for the most part without starting point guard Ty Lawson. The sophomore sprained his left ankle early in a win over Florida State on Feb. 3. He missed six games — including the loss to Duke — and returned against Boston College on Saturday, playing 21 minutes.

"We have gotten better defensive-

ly and have had to withstand some adversity," Tar Heels coach Roy Williams said Monday. "We had a player who went through four years of adversity step up at the point in Quentin Thomas. We've had a nice little run here with defense and toughness. What I'm most proud of is they always did the best they could for 40 minutes, 50 in one case."

"If we can get Ty back completely healthy, our team is stronger because guys who were forced up because of the injuries have stepped up. I'm proud of the toughness of our team."

Thomas, a senior who has battled

injuries his whole career, took over many of Lawson's minutes, but it was Junior forward Tyler Hansbrough, who leads the Atlantic Coast Conference in scoring and rebounding, who remained the key to the Tar Heels returning to No. 1.

"I like it better later in the year," Williams said of the top ranking, "because it shows you accomplished something."

Kansas, Duke and Xavier all moved one spot to sixth through eighth. Texas, which had an eight-game winning streak snapped at Texas Tech, dropped four places to 10th. Wisconsin remained No. 10.

N B A

## Williams leads Jazz over Dallas

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams had 20 assists and 17 points, and Utah rallied for a 16-0 run late in the fourth quarter to beat the Dallas Mavericks 116-110 Monday night after the Jazz blew a huge lead.

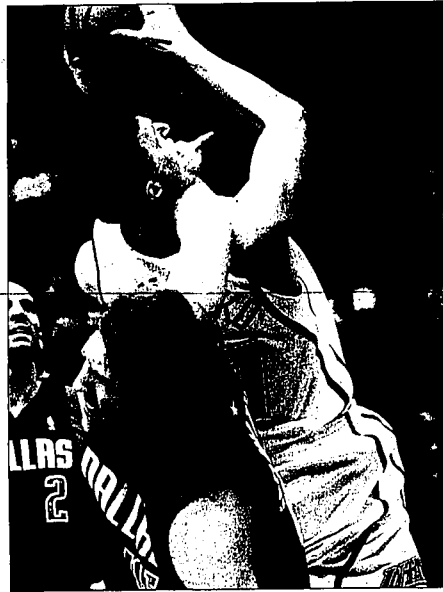
The Jazz took a 21-point lead shortly after forward Andrei Kirilenko was knocked out of the game with a hip injury on a flagrant foul by Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki in the first quarter.

But they allowed the Mavericks to creep back and take a late lead before Utah's rally at the end.

Utah made all 18 free throws in the fourth quarter and improved to 26-3 at home, the best home record in the league.

Mehmet Okur had 20 points and 12 rebounds and Carlos Boozer scored 28 points and three steals, stripping the ball two times in a row from Nowitzki as Utah pulled away in the final minutes.

Josh Howard scored 25 points and Nowitzki finished with 23 for Dallas, which fell to 4-4 since acquiring Jason Kidd.



Utah Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko, back, is sent to the floor as he is fouled by Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki (41) during Monday's game in Salt Lake City. Kirilenko was taken to the hospital to be examined as a result of Nowitzki's flagrant foul.

**HORNETS 100, KNICKS 88**

NEW YORK — Chris Paul scored 27 points and had a hand in three clutch baskets in the final minutes, leading the Hornets to the win.

Tyson Chandler added 15 points and 18 rebounds for the Hornets, who sent the Knicks (18-42) to their seventh straight losing season.

They did it by controlling the final minutes behind Paul, who finished with eight assists, five rebounds and three steals.

The Hornets pulled within 1 1/2 games of Southwest Division leader San Antonio, which is percentage points ahead of the Los Angeles Lakers for the best record in the Western Conference. New Orleans is third.

Jamal Crawford scored 20 points and Eddy Curry ended a month-long slump with 19 for the Knicks, who played without starting forward Zach Randolph (frustrated right foot).

**Yao surgery successful**

HOUSTON — Yao Ming underwent surgery to repair a stress fracture in his

left foot on Monday.

Houston Rockets team doctor Tom Clanton and Dr. Bill McGarvey performed the surgery on the All-Star center Monday morning.

"Yao is comfortable and recovering well after surgery," Clanton said in a news release.

"We will continue to monitor his recovery and begin an aggressive rehab-

ilitation once he is physically deemed ready."

Clanton has said the surgery would involve placing screws across the bone to hold it together with a recovery time of about four months. Doctors do not expect the injury to keep Yao from playing for China in the Olympics in Beijing in August.

— The Associated Press

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## Big Ben nets 8-year extension with Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger signed an eight-year extension Monday with the Pittsburgh Steelers that is worth \$102 million and makes him one of the league's top-paid players.

"He's a Steeler and he'll always be a Steeler," team chairman Dan Rooney said.

The agreement comes after Roethlisberger re-established himself as one of the NFL's best quarterbacks last season, and nearly two years after his life and career were threatened by a motorcycle crash. The accident happened a few months after he led the Steelers to a Super Bowl victory.

Roethlisberger's contract guarantees him \$36 million, and is easily the largest in the Steelers' 76-season history. The quarterback, who turned 26 Sunday, gets \$25 million immediately as a signing bonus.

"I told them I didn't want to go anywhere the day I walked in (as a rookie in 2004)," Roethlisberger said Monday. "I love Pittsburgh. I love the fans. Got probably the best organization and fans in all of sports."

Nor did the Steelers want to lose the club's most successful quarterback since four-time Super Bowl win-

ner Terry Bradshaw. Roethlisberger, drafted in 2004 as part of the same QB class as the Giants' Eli Manning and the Chargers' Philip Rivers, won all 13 regular-season starts as a rookie, began his career 27-4 and already has appeared in two AFC title games and seven playoff games.

In four seasons, Roethlisberger has steered Pittsburgh to two AFC championship games, one Super Bowl and three playoff appearances. No Steelers quarterback, not even Bradshaw, had a better start to his career; Bradshaw didn't win a Super Bowl until his fifth season.

Roethlisberger wants to be "like Tom Brantino, like the John Elway, guys who played with one team their whole career."

The Steelers felt some urgency to get a deal done because of Roethlisberger. Director of football operations Kevin Colbert called it his top off-season priority.

Roethlisberger was due a \$2.95 million bonus this month that, if paid, would have put the Steelers over the salary cap. By reworking Roethlisberger's contract now, the team ruled that bonus into his new contract and can prorate his signing bonus over the

**Atlanta grants Dunn's release**

ATLANTA (AP) — Warrick Dunn was released by the Atlanta Falcons on Monday, one day after the club signed free agent running back Michael Turner.

Last season, Dunn became the 22nd back in NFL history to rush for 10,000 yards.

But his days in Atlanta were numbered after the Falcons doled out a six-year contract to Turner, reportedly for \$39.5 million with about \$15 million guaranteed.

The 33-year-old Dunn had three straight 1,000-yard seasons with the Falcons, helping the team lead the NFL in rushing from 2004-06.

He ran for a career-high eight years.

"Ben never said, 'I need a record-breaking contract.' He never said, 'I need the most money in the history of anything,'" said Roethlisberger's agent, Ryan Tollner.

"He said, 'I need a fair deal.'"

Roethlisberger, who played in his first Pro Bowl last month, is now focused on getting "a bunch more trophies."

"I believe that the guys

## Traditional powers find themselves in bubble trouble

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — In many years, Arizona, Kentucky, Maryland and Syracuse would be a strong Final Four.

This year, it might be the NIT Final Four.

As the regular season winds down and conference tournaments tip off, the Terrapins, Orange and Wildcats — the Arizona and Kentucky varieties — are in bubble trouble.

If neither were all that matters, they'd have nothing to worry about on Selection Sunday. But while these powerhouse are long on tradition, at the moment they're short on victories.

"We are in desperation mode now," Arizona forward Chase Budinger said.

Arizona has reached the NCAA tournament 23 straight years, the nation's longest active streak.

Kentucky has played in a record 48 NCAA tournaments, with seven titles and 13 Final Four appearances.

Maryland and Syracuse have each won national titles in this decade.

They aren't the only big names sweating the stretch run. Florida (21-8, 8-6 SEC), but has lost five of its last six.

Big East bully Villanova (17-12, 7-9 Big East) also has work to do.

"We know we've got to win some games to get in the (NCAA) tournament," Florida freshman forward Adam Allen said Monday. "Nobody wants to go to the NIT. It's like the champion of the losers if you win that."

Allen was talking about the Gators, but he could have been speaking for all the elite teams scrambling to improve their tourney resumes.

Start with the Arizona Wildcats (17-12, 7-9 Pac-10), who have picked a bad time to hit the skids. They've lost six of their last seven and were swept over the weekend by USC and No. 4 UCLA at McKate Center their once-impregnable home.

Even so, interim coach Kevin O'Neill believes his team deserves strong consideration from NCAA selectors.

Just want to play through the rest of the season and see what they say," O'Neill said. "I doubt there are 64 teams better than us, but we will see."

The Wildcats finish the regular season at last-place Oregon State on Sunday, and this weekend. The Wildcats split with those teams in January.

Kentucky (16-11, 10-4 SEC) is going in the other direction. After a 7-9 start, including an unthinkable loss to Gardner-Webb, the Wildcats looked as if they had no prayer of making the tournament.

But with nine wins in their last 11 games, they're closing with a rush, and on Saturday they threw a scare into their No. 1 Tennessee, losing 63-60 in Knoxville.

The Wildcats have lost freshman Patrick Patterson, their No. 2 scorer and leading

rebounder, for the rest of the season with an ankle injury.

Kentucky visits South Carolina on Wednesday and wraps up the regular season against Florida on Sunday.

"I know they can win these games without me," Patterson said. "I know they can play because if they couldn't, they wouldn't be here. We have total confidence in ourselves and our team."

Kentucky last missed the NCAA tournament in 1991, Rick Pitino's second season in Lexington — and it wasn't because of performance. The Wildcats went 22-6 but stayed home because they were on NCAA probation.

The last time the Wildcats were eligible and failed to qualify for the NAAs was in 1988-89, when they went 13-19 in Eddie Sutton's last year.

To put that into perspective, Patterson was born on March 14, 1989, four days after Kentucky ended its season with a loss to Vanderbilt in the SEC tournament.

If Syracuse and Maryland don't make the NCAA tourney, they will look back on last weekend with regret.

Both blew double-digit leads and lost at home, and if there's one thing the selection committee doesn't like to see, it's home losses.

Syracuse (17-12, 7-9 Big East), the 2003 national champs, blew an 11-point second-half lead to Pittsburgh on Saturday and gave the game away with a turnover under their own basket in the final seconds.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, a 32-year veteran who has led his alma mater to 25 NCAA tournaments, called it "the most disappointing game I've ever been involved with."

It was the fifth loss in six games for Syracuse, which will try to bounce back at Seton Hall on Wednesday night. The Orange finish the regular season against No. 21 Marquette on Saturday.

"It's going to be hard recovering from this," freshman point guard Johnny Flynn said.

The Terrapins know the feeling. Maryland (18-12, 8-7 ACC) coughed up a 20-point second-half lead to Clemson and lost on Terrence Ogblesby's 3-pointer with 2.3 seconds to play.

They have only one regular-season game remaining, at Virginia on Sunday, and then they'll try to make some hay in the ACC tournament.

For many of the nation's elite programs, conference tournaments are something to endure until the real post-season tips off.

Not this year.

For some, it may be the only way into the NAAs.

AP Sports Writers Andrew Bagnato in Tucson, Ariz., Mark Long in Gainesville, Fla., John Kassis in Syracuse, N.Y., and Will Green in Lexington, Ky., contributed to this report.

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Vandals senior Crowell wins WAC Player of the Week honors

DENVER — Idaho senior forward Mitchell Crowell has been named the Western Athletic Conference men's basketball player of the week for Feb. 25-Mar. 2. This is the first career WAC Player of the Week honor for the senior and the second for the Vandals this season. Crowell, a senior from Mesa, Ariz. (Central Arizona College), earned his first career double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds in a road win at Hawaii. He shot 58 percent from the floor and 50 percent from the three-point line in the two games. Crowell led the Vandals to their first two WAC road wins ever, as Idaho defeated both Hawaii\* and San Jose State on the road. The senior led the Vandals in scoring in each game and rebounding at Hawaii\* (11 rebounds). He made a career-high eight field goals (2 at Hawaii\*) while playing a career-high 40 minutes against the Warriors. He also scored 21 points against the Spartans with eight rebounds.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The leader board keeps changing at this year's Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Dee Dee Jonrowe was the first musher to leave the Rainy Pass checkpoint. She spent only five minutes in the cabin checkpoint, leaving at 1:21 p.m. Monday. The Willow musher took the lead from 2004 champion Matt Senoway, who was the first among the 95 mushers to reach Rainy Pass, 224 miles into the race.

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The top-ranked Swiss had not lost in the first round since his defeat to the Dominican Hrbay in the Cincinnati Masters in 2004.

JRD offers spring soccer sign-ups

JEROME — Jerome Recreation District is offering registration for Co-ed Spring Soccer through Friday. The league is for youth ages 4 through grade 6. The cost is \$15 for those residing within the district and \$25 for those outside the district. Sign-up starts on March 29 and runs through April. Register by phone (324-3389) or at the JRD office.

No. 5 Kansas humiliates Texas Tech

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Russell Robinson's 15-point led No. 5 Kansas in a 109-51 thrashing of Texas Tech Monday night, the second time in three games the Red Raiders suffered the most lopsided loss in school history.

Federer loses second straight match

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Roger Federer lost his second straight match, beaten by Andy Murray 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4 Monday in the first round of the Dubai Tennis Championships. This was Federer's first match since he lost to Novak Djokovic in the Australian Open semifinals in January and his first opening-round defeat in 3 1/2 years.

Men's softball meeting soon

Twin Falls Men's Softball League is having its organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 19 at the Parks and Recreation Office upstairs meeting room at 6:30 p.m. Discussion topics will include rules, tournament dates and the league will be played. For more information contact 736-2265.

Bull holds youth soccer sign-ups

BUIH — The Buih Youth Soccer Association will hold registration for its spring league from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday at La Plaza restaurant, and from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday at Popplewell Elementary School.

WINTER FOUR FORECAST

Today: Breezy and cool with cloudy periods. Highs low to middle 40s.
Tonight: Clearing skies expected. Lows under 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and dry. Highs low to middle 40s.

WINTER FOUR FORECAST

Weather forecast table for Today, Tonight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes icons for clouds, sun, and moon, and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing yesterday's weather conditions for Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, and Lewiston, including high/low temperatures and precipitation.

WINTER FOUR FORECAST

Today: Breezy and cool with a small threat of showers blowing. Highs low 40s.
Tonight: Clearing and chilly. Lows low 20s.
Tomorrow: Cool with fair skies. Highs low 40s.

IDAHO'S FOUR CAST

Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for Sun Valley, Boise, and other regions. Includes text about precipitation chances and temperature trends.

AT MANAGE WINTER FOUR

Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, and Sunrise and Sunset data for the region.

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Today, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, including moonrise and moonset times.

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WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table listing cities and their weather conditions for Today and Tomorrow.

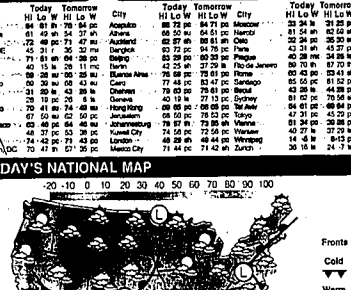
REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for cities including Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, and others, with weather and temperature details.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various US cities including Denver, Chicago, Dallas, and New York.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

Weather is a major factor in the success or failure of any event. As sponsors and organizers of any major event, it is to help those who are affected by the weather.

Gordon fights for his NASCAR future before appeals committee

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Most of the attention was on Tony Stewart when he limped away from a hard wreck at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. And as the two-time NASCAR champion explained how the hit on his legs, few people even noticed that Robby Gordon had just pulled his crippled race car into the garage. Neither driver was hurt, but the effects aren't equal. The incident caused Gordon to finish 42nd on Sunday, just one spot ahead of Stewart. But unlike Stewart, the outcome sent Gordon plummeting in the points standings to 37th. Now he needs a near-miracle to prevent a season that started with so much promise from imploding.

With just a few days to make the transition, his team scrambled to build him race cars and used whatever parts the manufacturer sent. Gordon said the un-approved bumper came from Dodge, and with zero familiarity in the new equipment, the team had no way of knowing the part had yet to receive NASCAR's approval for competition. NASCAR had little wiggle room on the issue. Since implementing a zero tolerance policy on modifications to the Car of Tomorrow, the sanctioning body has ruled with an iron fist on teams that run afoul of the inspectors. Add in an increased effort to sweep the culture of cheating out of the sport, and penalties have been brutal: late suspensions are lengthy and fines, which averaged about \$200,000 a year over the past decade, totaled almost \$1 million in 2007. Gordon doesn't think every issue is always black or white. "It was something that we didn't build, we didn't fix, we didn't supply," he said. "It was a clerical error from the manufacturer and all we did was install it actually on the race car ... it's almost like you put yourself in a position that if someone steals your car and robs a bank, but because it's your car, you're going to jail." The case Gordon will make Wednesday to a three-member panel that will hear his appeal. It's a tough process and teams rarely get penalties reduced, much less overturned. If the panel gives him back his points, he'd jump all the way to 21st in the standings. If the deduction stands, then he heads into Atlanta this weekend behind the all-important top 35 mark with just two events left to race his way back into a guaranteed spot in every race. Gordon knows if he starts missing races, his days as a car owner could be numbered. He's worked too hard and too long to see it all crumble, something even NASCAR privately admits. "But personal feelings can't enter these proceedings, and that's sobering when Gordon's future is on the line. "We don't want to fight NASCAR," Gordon said. "If this sticks, I don't know what our plan will be. "But there is... I think open wheel got back together, and I know I can drive one of those cars."

Advertisement for Snow Center featuring snow reports, 5-day snow forecast, and mountain cams. Includes a photo of a snowboarder and a skier.

Large advertisement for Career Fair 2008. Features the text 'If your business name is missing, call for a booth!' and lists various career opportunities and employers like APX Alarm Security Solutions, BHSI, and the College of Southern Idaho.

**Stocks fall following mixed readings**

(AP) Stocks fell Monday as investors digested a manufacturing report that was weak but not as bad as many on Wall Street had feared, and also absorbed another disappointing construction sector report.

Dow Jones Industrials	-7.49	Nasdaq composite	-12.88	Standard & Poor's 500	+0.71	Russell 2000	-1.96
	12,258.90		2,258.60		1,331.34		684.22

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## Mef Mortgage and PriceWaterhouseCoopers reach settlement

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The Metropolitan Mortgage & Securities Co. investors' trust has agreed to a \$30 million settlement with an accounting firm accused of making mistakes that led to the financial conglomerate's downfall.

The settlement marks the first time that PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLC has agreed to pay for its role in the Spokane company's demise, the Spokesman-Review newspaper reported Sunday.

Lawyers for the trust and PriceWaterhouse will brief

U.S. District Judge Fred Van Sickle on the settlement Monday morning, when a 20-day trial had been scheduled to start.

If the settlement is approved, the money would be disbursed among thousands of investors who got burned when Metropolitan went bankrupt four years ago. Most were Northwest retirees who held more than \$460 million in unsecured bonds called debentures.

No other details about the settlement were immediately available. Metropolitan trustee

Maggie Lyon told the Spokesman-Review she was pleased a tentative settlement had been reached but declined to disclose specifics, citing a secrecy clause. PriceWaterhouse confirmed a settlement had been reached, but also provided no details.

The investors' trust had sought to blame PriceWaterhouse for Metropolitan's collapse, alleging the accounting firm violated its duty as independent auditor in 1999 and 2000. The trust claimed PriceWaterhouse helped

Metropolitan hide significant financial failings and its poor preparation to enter the high-risk commercial lending business.

The trust alleged PriceWaterhouse concocted an offshore investment scheme that turned out to be a cleverly disguised tax shelter for Metropolitan, which wound up failing apart under an Internal Revenue Service crackdown.

A lawsuit the trust filed against PriceWaterhouse in 2005 seemed destined for trial until a series of rulings and summary judgment

decisions went against the accounting and consulting firm during the past month.

Much of the trust's case relied on steps the Metropolitan board of directors said they would have taken had the PriceWaterhouse audits reflected the true financial condition of the company. Board members said they likely would have hired a turnaround specialist.

The trust argued that such a specialist would have curtailed spending and sold insurance affiliates, perhaps raising enough money to

keep the company solvent.

Instead, Metropolitan's problems worsened until 2003, when the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission cut off its richest source of new cash: the sale of stocks and bonds to investors.

Without an infusion of new investors, and with an onslaught of investigations, Metropolitan defaulted and declared bankruptcy.

PriceWaterhouse argued that its audits accurately reflected the financial condition, as represented by Metropolitan executives.

## Dozing on the job

One-third of workers so tired they could sleep at work

NEW YORK (AP) — Hey you! Dozing at your desk? Wake up, go home and get more sleep!

That could be the message from a survey released Monday by the National Sleep Foundation. The survey of 1,000 people found participants average six hours and 40 minutes of sleep a night on weeknights, even though they estimated they'd need roughly another 40 minutes of sleep to be at their best.

Roughly one-third of those surveyed said they had fallen asleep or become very sleepy at work in the past month.

Just how big a deal that is depends, of course, on your job. Last week, the chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission acknowledged it should have done more to investigate a tip that security guards routinely took naps while on the job at a Pennsylvania nuclear plant.

It wasn't until a videotape of guards sleeping in a "ready room" at the Peach Bottom plant in south-central Pennsylvania surfaced several months after it got the tip that the NRC announced in September a special investigation.

While sleepy workers know they're not performing as well as they could during the day, work is what's keeping them up at night, according to the survey, which found workdays are getting longer.

**Surging oil**

Truck driver Mike Monnin fills his tank with diesel fuel at a cost of \$3.959 per gallon at a truck stop off the New York State Thruway near Buffalo in Pembroke, N.Y., Monday.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Micron to build new manufacturing plant in Boise

BOISE — An executive for Micron Technology says the computer chip maker intends to build a new manufacturing plant in Boise.

Micron Chief Operating Officer Mark Duncanson said the new facility is not likely to create many new jobs, but would help secure the company's existing work force in the Treasure Valley.

The company says the decision to build in Boise is tied to the proximity of existing research and development offices, as well as tax incentives approved by the Legislature three years ago to encourage expansion in Idaho.

### Job fair set for laid-off North American Foods workers

GLENN'S FERRY — A job fair will be held on March 5 in Glenn's Ferry for former workers of North American Foods.

The fair will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall at 132 E. Fifth St. and will include representatives from Amalgamated Sugar, Right Staff Foods, Jerome Cheese, ConAgra Foods-Lamb Weston, Marathon Cheese and Glanbia Foods as well as Wal-Mart, Waddell and Reed, D'Angelo Brothers/DBI Inc. and the state Department of Health and Welfare.

— from staff reports

## Record prices to impact just about everyone

By Jeanine Aversa  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The price of oil gushed to a record high Monday, spreading dangerously to factories, groceries, gas stations and every citizen's pocketbook.

Builders are building less, the government reported. Manufacturers are cutting back, another report said. General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. said they would cut second-quarter production.

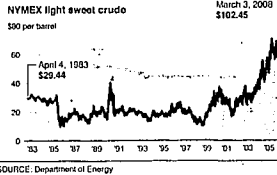
The galloping energy prices are doubly painful as the nation teeters on the edge of recession: High energy costs push companies to charge shoppers higher prices, then those consumers and businesses cut back in turn, dumping more cold water on the economy.

"It's like throwing sands in the wheels of the economy," said Brian Bethune, economist at Global Insight.

"Things slow down. There is more friction and there is

### Oil price gushes to another record

The price of crude oil rose to a record near \$104 a barrel before settling up 61 cents.



more complaining."

Oil prices marched past \$103 a barrel on Monday, the latest in a recent string of record-high oil prices, before settling at \$102.45.

The steep run-up in oil and other energy prices "hits deeper and deeper into the consumers' ability to spend. With a lot of households stretched by high food prices as well, it creates real

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## Construction spending plunges during January

WASHINGTON (AP) — Construction spending took its biggest nosedive in 14 years and manufacturing activity contracted, fresh trouble signs for a struggling economy.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that construction spending plunged by 1.7 percent in January. Builders slashed

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## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	22.18	▲ .08	Dell Inc.	19.94	▲ .04	Idacorp	29.76	▼ .04
Lithia Mo.	11.10	▲ .82	Micron	7.17	▼ .35	Supervalu	28.09	▲ 1.84

## COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	92.65	▼ 1.68	April Oil	102.45	▲ .61
April gold	984.2	▲ 9.2	March Silver	20.27	▲ .462

What to expect today in business • WASHINGTON — Fed will auction four-week treasury bills.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for Name, Last Chg, % Chg, and various fund categories like Domestic, International, and Bond.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table titled 'CLOSING FUTURES' showing market data for various commodities like oil, wheat, and soybeans.

CHEESE

October cheese futures at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Prices for various cheese types like Cheddar and Swiss.

POTATOES

March potato futures in USDA - Major potato markets. Includes information on Idaho, Colorado, and Washington potatoes.

LIVESTOCK

International livestock prices. Includes data for various types of livestock such as cattle, hogs, and sheep.

METALS/MONEY

Key exchange rates and metal prices. Lists rates for various currencies and prices for metals like gold and silver.

MARKET SUMMARY

Large table summarizing market activity across different sectors: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, INDEXES, and HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT. Includes stock volume, price changes, and market indices.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

- List of unclaimed property for Twin Falls County, including names and addresses of owners and claimants.

For more information about unclaimed property, call the Idaho Tax Commission at 800-972-7680 ext. 7627 or 334-7623.

- Continuation of unclaimed property list for Twin Falls County, including names and addresses.

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Oil

Continued from page C1. Oil problems, said Joe Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors. Reports Monday showed factories feeling the sting of soaring costs for oil as well as other raw materials - pushing production costs higher even as some have to cope with fallout from a sour housing market.

Construction

Construction spending plunged by 1.7 percent in January, the biggest decline in 14 years, the government said. Cutbacks covered a wide range, from home building to hotels to highways. Unsurprisingly, the Dow Jones industrials dropped 7 points. The average price of a gallon of gasoline stalled at \$3.165 Monday, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. The Energy Department expects gas prices to peak at a record level near \$3.40 this spring, and some analysts predict pump prices could rise to nearly \$4 a gallon when the busy summer driving season arrives.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given pursuant to Idaho Code 45-805 that Oregon Trail Storage, 471 So. Park Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, will repossess the contents of the following units:

Crystall McNeill, Unit A-39, last known address: 1771 Blue Lakes South #11, Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
Cathy Ann, Unit F-14, last known address: 1655 East 100 South, Eden, ID 83225.

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**SAMPLE, OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**SPECIAL SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES RESERVE FUND LEVY ELECTION**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 411  
TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO  
March 11, 2008

**QUESTION:** Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, Idaho be authorized and empowered to levy a School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy in the amount of up to Three Million Three Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$3,300,000), for ten (10) years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring school sites, and constructing, furnishing and equipping schools, and/or making improvements to any existing building, including all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities, and all subsequent improvements necessary to maintain and operate said buildings and facilities, the purchase of school buses, the payment of loans purchased pursuant to any state or federal statute, and the payment of loans from commercial lending institutions extended to pay for the construction of school plant facilities, all as provided in the ballot adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 14, 2008?

**YES** LEVY  
IN FAVOR OF SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES RESERVE FUND LEVY OF UP TO \$3,300,000  
JYES

**NO** LEVY  
AGAINST SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES RESERVE FUND LEVY OF UP TO \$3,300,000  
JNO

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:** To vote on the provided question, please mark "X" in the square to the right of the words "IN FAVOR OF SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES RESERVE FUND LEVY OF UP TO \$3,300,000" or "AGAINST SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES RESERVE FUND LEVY OF UP TO \$3,300,000" according to the way you desire to vote on the question. All distinguishing marks are forbidden and make the ballot void. If you, by mistake or accident, mark, check, or otherwise mutilate the ballot, return it to the Election Judges and obtain another ballot.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
T.S. No. 09-0066 Title Order No. W830125 Parcel No. RP B7381002001B  
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 Title & Escrow located at 1411 Falls Ave. East, Suite 1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 08/30/2008 at 11:00 am, (frozen/legit local sale) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 08/17/2007 as Instrument Number 2007-020646, and executed by JOSE C. LEAL, A MARRIED MAN, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, together with RECONSTRUCT COMPANY, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: SEE LEGAL ATTACHMENT. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 205 FLORAL AVENUE, BURLEY, ID 83316 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, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by the deed of trust, but for purposes of compliance with that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 10/01/2007 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due hereafter; plus late charges, with interest current accruing from the date of default together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$55,230.00, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred for the benefit of the lender and/or in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustee's 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 directs 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 45-1506(4)(A) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Trustee is RECONSTRUCT COMPANY 2380 Performance Dr., RGV-D7-1450 Richardson, TX 86028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 RECONSTRUCT COMPANY Successor Trustee Cathy Craig, Assistant Secretary AS#991584

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The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and maintain and operate said buildings and facilities, the purchase of school buses, the payment of loans purchased pursuant to any state or federal statute, and the payment of loans from commercial lending institutions extended to pay for the construction of school plant facilities, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, on January 14, 2008. Said election shall be held at the following polling places:  
Bickel Elementary School  
1607 2nd Avenue East  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
Lincoln Elementary School  
2380 Birch Street  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
Oregon Trail Elem. School  
600 Park Avenue  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
Sawtooth Elem. School  
1771 Stadium Boulevard  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
Vern C. O'Leary Jr High  
2350 Elizabeth Boulevard  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
Absentee Address:  
School District No. 411  
Administrative Offices  
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**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 411, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO**  
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES RESERVE FUND LEVY ELECTION**

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and the Levy Election Resolution of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, Idaho, adopted on January 14, 2008, notice is hereby given that a Special School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy Election will be held on the District in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the hour of 7:00 A.M. and closing at the hour of 8:00 P.M. on said date, for the purpose of taking a vote upon the following question, to wit:

**QUESTION:** Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, Idaho be authorized and empowered to levy a School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy in the amount of up to Three Million Three Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$3,300,000), for ten (10) years, commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring school sites, and constructing, furnishing and equipping schools, and/or making improvements to any existing building, including all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities, and all subsequent improvements necessary to maintain and operate said buildings and facilities, the purchase of school buses, the payment of loans purchased pursuant to any state or federal statute, and the payment of loans from commercial lending institutions extended to pay for the construction of school plant facilities, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, on January 14, 2008. Said election shall be held at the following polling places:  
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Twin Falls, Idaho

Notice is further given that only qualified electors of the District, eighteen (18) years of age or older, who have resided in the District for thirty (30) days preceding the Levy Election, who are registered or who register at the polls on the day of the Levy Election, as provided by law, are entitled to vote at said election. Any registered elector of the District may make written application to the Clerk of the District in accordance with law for an absentee ballot, provided that an absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk at the above Absentee Address not later than 8:00 P.M. on the day of the election, in order to be counted. If at said Special School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy Election sixty percent (60%) of the qualified registered electors eighteen (18) years of age or older voting at such election assent to the School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy for the purpose of financing and facilitating the purchase of school sites; and/or construction, furnishing and equipping schools; and/or making improvements to any existing building, including all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities, and all subsequent improvements necessary to maintain and operate said buildings and facilities, the purchase of school buses, the payment of loans purchased pursuant to any state or federal statute, and the payment of loans from commercial lending institutions extended to pay for the construction of school plant facilities, such levy shall be certified by the Board of Trustees of the District and shall become effective, as provided by the Idaho Code.

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**FOUND** Australian Shepherd, Friday 2/28 in Twin Falls. Call 293-4784.

**FOUND** cat, Siamese mix, young male, light tan/white color with stripes, 12 weeks old. Found on Hwy 200, near Ave. E and Madrona in Twin Falls. Call 735-1184.

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**205 Dairy**

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**DRIVER**  
Delivery Driver The North Side News has an opening for a full time newspaper bundle Delivery Driver. This is a full time job day a week, usually on Wednesday but occasionally will be on Tuesday or Thursday. Must be 18 yrs of age or older. Must be a resident of the area. Must be able to drive a van. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Must be able to work in all weather conditions. Must be able to work in the area of the North Side News, 2100 N. Shoshone, in Jerome. The Goodwin County Leader is a full time job day a week, usually on Wednesday but occasionally will be on Tuesday or Thursday. Must be 18 yrs of age or older. Must be a resident of the area. Must be able to drive a van. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Must be able to work in all weather conditions. Must be able to work in the area of the Goodwin-Shoshone Canal Maintenance program. Must be a resident in the Hunt area. Send resume to or pick up application at: 1125 2nd Street, Shoshone, ID 83352. Openings Close March 12, 2008

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**209 General**

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MINI DACHSHUND, AKC reg... PUGS black, male, 1 1/2 years old...

709 Hay Grain and Feed

BARLEY STRAW for sale... HAY 185 tons 3'x20'...

801 Antiques and Collectibles

OAK TABLE 4 chairs, 66 claw foot tub with brass feet...

810 Furniture & Carpet

KITCHEN TABLE, oak with 6 chairs and seat 3 years old...

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DISHWASHER, \$100, built in range, \$500, microwave...

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LATHE Southbend, 1414 x 40, milling and taper attachments...

Wanted To Buy

Wanted Dead or Alive... WANTED \$4000 for 4 Toyota Tundra wheels...

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FREEZER large Kenmore, 23 cu. ft., like new...

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AIR COMPRESSOR 125 LBS, inflator mount, gas, clean, works well...

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Wanted To Buy Gold and Silver old jewelry from Idaho Banks...

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SPRINGER Spaniel pup, AKC, ready for home... STANDARD POODLE AKC, 7 mo. boy...

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RICHFIELD 40 acres, with water for rent... 714 Pastures Wanted

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REFRIGERATOR, 20 cubic ft., like new, side, ice and water...

810 Furniture & Carpet

SLIGH BED solid wood, brand new, still in box... TWIN LOFT BED, metal, with desk underneath...

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814 Lawn Garden JOHN DEERE '00 Craftsman, automatic...

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BOB CAT 4438, skid steer, 30 inch bucket, new factory Kubota engine...

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CASE 1070, 105 hp, 16-9-38 tires, snap on duals... CASE International, 210 cu. in. dth, 24 hole, 6 inch...

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Tuesday, March 4, 2008

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Overly intelligent performances are not clues to the workings of minds; they are those workings.

Gilbert Ryle

Accurate carding is the cornerstone to good defense. And one of the most important areas of signaling is suit preference.

Finally this deal from the final of the 2005 European Open Championships Ladies' Pairs; North and South did well to stop short of the spade game.

Heather Dhondy led her lone club in response to her partner's bid, and when South played low from dummy, Smith won with her 10, cashed her club ace.

After ruffing the club queen, Dhondy dutifully returned a heart, as requested, to Smith's ace, and now a fourth club promoted West's spade queen to the setting trick.

NORTH A 10 8 2 4 6 K Q 7 5 A 3 4

WEST A 9 3 8 5 2 10 6 4 3 2 6

EAST A J 6 A J 4 3 8 7 A Q J 10 4 3

SOUTH A K 7 5 4 A K 7 5 4 10 9 7 J 9 8 5

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: North

The bidding: South West North East 1 2 2 3 2 3 3 4

Opening lead: Club six

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: A 10 8 2 A 6 K Q 7 5 A K 7 2

South West North East 2 3 3 3 2 3 3 4

ANSWER: Your partner's three-spade call is fourth-suit forcing, trying to get to three-trump if you have either spade length or an honor.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbyw@springer.com

Sudoku Answers:

Grid of numbers for Sudoku answers, including rows 1-9 and columns 1-9.

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# MAKE AN OFFER

## Haggling isn't as hard as it sounds

By Melissa Davlin  
Times-News writer

Eric Watte has never been one to pass up a good deal. While on his honeymoon, Watte dug carpeting out of a trash bin for his first house. For his business, Twin Falls-based New Leaf Properties, he buys houses in any condition, fixes them up and sells them to investors. He manages a hotel and furnishes it with used, mismatched furniture that has been cleaned and restored.

And he'll be darned if he pays full price when he can get a lower one.

"You don't always get it," Watte said. "But if you want it, you can ask."  
Forget urbanites' brand devotion. This is the rural version of consumer bragging rights.

Haggling is something of an art form at flea markets, antique stores and family-owned businesses in southern Idaho. Budget-minded customers like Watte bargain for bottom prices, benefiting both buyers and sellers.

Dana Cameron, manager of the Indoor Flier Flea Market, encourages new customers to learn the delicacies of haggling. Her own booth is a fine place to start.

"I say, 'Let me teach you a lesson,' and they say, 'What's that?'" Cameron said. "And I say, 'Ask me if this is my bottom price.'"

Haggling doesn't always guarantee a lower price, though, and pushing too much or offering too little can offend the seller.

It depends on how long she has had the item and how many sales she has made that day, Cameron said. Hit her up for the right price on the right item at the right time, though, and you've got a deal. One that Watte would be proud of.

"From the seller's point of view, I'll go ahead and haggle so I can turn my money over to invest in something else," Cameron said.

Haggling is also acceptable at antique stores, said Claudia Reese, owner of 2nd Time Around Antique Mall in Twin Falls.

"You know, it doesn't bother me," she said. "It's just part of the antique world."

Used china and vintage jewelry aren't the only fair game. Some locally owned stores are occasionally open to making a deal. Tony Bozzato, owner of Shoshone's Bozzato Furniture & Appliance, said if he has had an item for a while, he is more willing to bargain.

The same is true for the Twin Falls Farmers Market, said manager Charles Stevens.

"They've been selling carrots, for instance, for 50 cents a bunch," he said. "They've got three bunches left and it's a quarter till quilting time and someone comes by with a buck, they let all three bunches go for a buck."

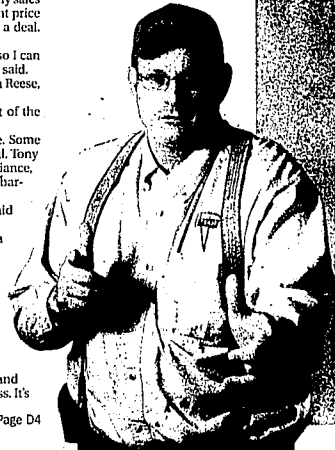
Willingness varies vendor to vendor, Stevens said. Some at the farmers market are open to bargaining, while others won't budge. He also noted that Latino and Eastern European customers are more likely to haggle than other customers.

Like Stevens, Reese said haggling doesn't assure a lower price. Antique shop owners buy their goods from dealers and need to make a return on their investment to stay in business. It's

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Eric Watte and the faces of haggling.



## HAGGLING HOW-TO

**Be respectful.**

**Phrase the offer as a question.**

**Don't lowball.**

**Be patient.**

**Work with sellers.**

**Put one person in charge.**

## PRACTICE YOUR HAGGLE

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## Five tips to greener gardening

Growing your own is about as green as it gets, right? On one level, yes. But being an environmentally responsible gardener this spring may mean changing your gardening practices.

Using toxic chemicals is out, obviously. Here are a few more hints:

- Choose drought-tolerant plants and flowers to cut down on water use. Install a rain barrel that can help conserve precious water and feed your greenery.
- Keep away the creatures with organic repellents using natural oils and odors.
- Buy plants grown locally instead of paying for plants shipped to your area. Many community gardening groups — like the Twin Falls Farmers Market — host spring plant sales.
- Substitute locally made compost for peat, soils and manure shipped from as far away as Canada.
- Need to light your garden path at night? Go for solar lighting that absorbs energy all day for illumination all night.

## Selling your cabbage and crafts

### Farmers market offers incentive to attract new vendors

Times-News

Gardeners, if you expect to have more fresh produce than appetite this season, this might be the year to join the Twin Falls Farmers Market.

The not-for-profit market is inviting artisans, green thumbs, chefs and crafters to sell their wares without fees on May 10, the first day of the season.

"It's a great way to try out the farmers market, to see if it's a good fit for you," said manager Charles Stevens. "All fees will be waived for the first day."

May 10 through October, in a field north of the College of Southern Idaho. It's off North College Road, across from the Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Products must be made, grown or produced within 150 miles of Twin Falls, and all vendors must preregister. New-vendor packets include basic information on health regulations.

Normal vendor fees are \$20 annually for \$10 for new vendors or for vendors whose sales were below a minimum level last year, plus 5 percent of sales. But the market's organizers — an unpaid board of directors — are eager to draw new growers, bakers and others into their ranks, so they're making the fee-free offer for May 10.

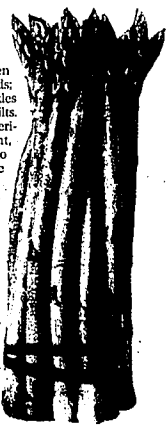
Typically, on the Twin Falls market's first day of the season, growers offer some produce (thanks to greenhouses, winter storage vegetables and early offerings like

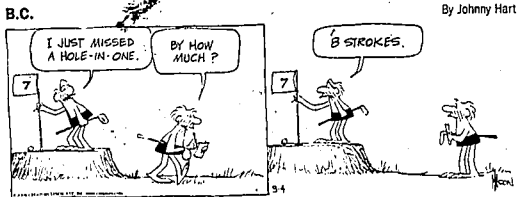
asparagus and herbs); garden and flower bedding plants; seeds; crafts; canned goods like pickles and jams; baked goods; and quilts. This year, expect a social experience, too: live entertainment, free samples and a chance to reconnect with others who have been cooped up all winter.

One new vendor this year is an old hand at leatherwork. Gayle Bennett, who retired years ago from his leatherwork and repair business, has been busy all winter producing scabbards and saddlebags.

The market plans a meeting for established and new vendors, at 1 p.m. March 8 at the Obenchain meeting room, 264 Main Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

To register as a vendor or for information: 316-1291, or tfarmersmarket@yahoo.com.





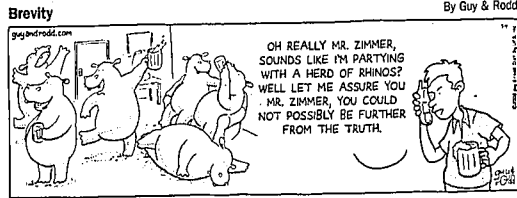
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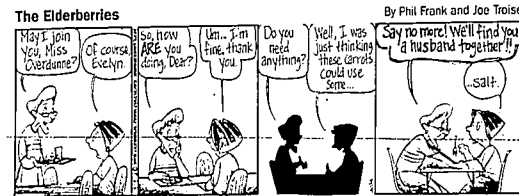
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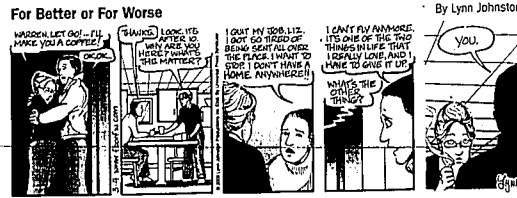
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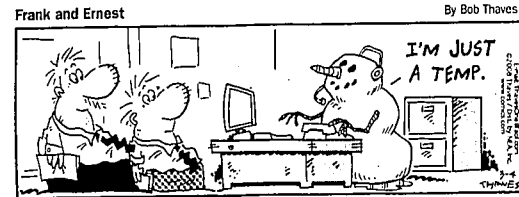
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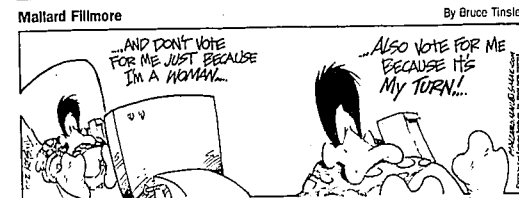
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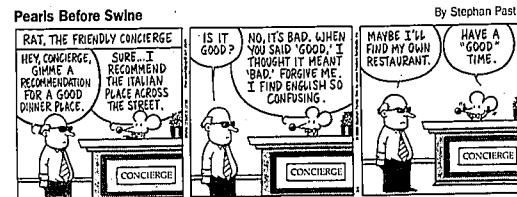
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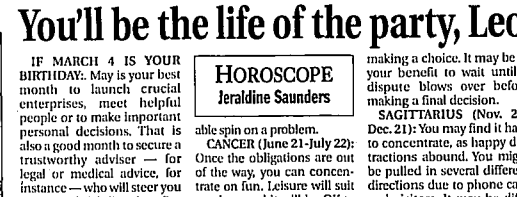
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By Pat Brady



By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

**IF MARCH 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY.** May is your best month to launch crucial enterprises, meet helpful people or to make important personal decisions. That is also a good month to secure a trustworthy adviser — for legal or medical advice, for instance — who will steer you in a beneficial direction. Put many key projects into motion as possible before the summer because your ability to succeed is not as great later in the year.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Today you will be ready for fun and may have the opportunity to find within mundane tasks. Competitive endeavors may be your strong suit, but don't ignore matters of love and friendship.

**TAUROS (April 20-May 20):** Pick up the phone and get in touch with key contacts. You might score some points in business by doing a follow up call or receive a sizeable order. Someone is glad to hear from you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can charm the socks off any audience. So this is a fabulous time to explain your viewpoint. Stave off an impending argument and avoid confrontations by putting a favor-

able spin on a problem.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Once the obligations are out of the way, you can concentrate on fun. Leisure will suit your heart, and it will be OK to spoil yourself a little. The more the merrier, so bring a friend.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll be the life of the party! A bubbling personality will draw others to you. Enjoy being the center of attention. Your new star power can bring you new friends and admirers that you can trust in a pinch.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You may feel the need to keep chipping away at a key project, but someone close to your heart might have amorous plans in mind. It doesn't need to be all work and no play.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Today your talent may truly stand out and receive rave reviews. Use your vivid imagination as a tool to simplify the most difficult of endeavors.

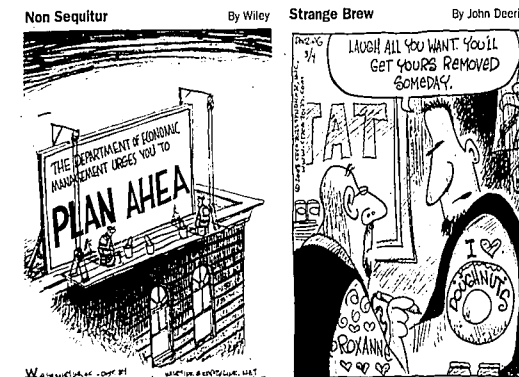
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Carefully deliberate all aspects of a matter before making a choice. It may be to your benefit to wait until a dispute blows over before making a final decision.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may find it hard to concentrate, as happy distractions abound. You might be pulled in several different directions due to phone calls and visitors. It may be difficult to focus on one particular task.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stick to your guns. Do not allow yourself to be influenced in your decisions, especially by those who have not yet earned your trust. Follow your instincts about who and what are reliable resources.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Play ball. You could be asked to step up to the plate — and if you do your best, you'll hit a home run. Now is the time for you to show what you can do and display your versatile talents for all to see.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** The worm may turn. You may alter your viewpoint when a new person enters your life. This could be a new love interest or a friend, but this person will have a strong impact on the events of your near future.



By Wiley

Strange Brew By John Deering

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



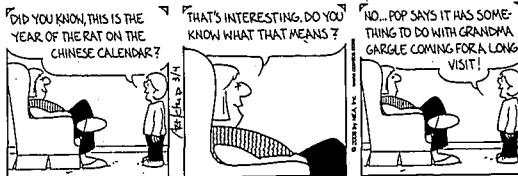
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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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 Bil Keane



# Keeping track of passwords is word to the wise online



DEAR ABBY  
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Allow me to draw your readers' attention to the importance of keeping track of their online log-in information. We all know it's smart to keep photocopies of our driver's license, credit cards, etc. With as much time as some of us spend online, in addition to the billions of dollars we spend there as a nation, it's wise to keep track of sundry log-in details as well.

I keep track of the various Web sites from which I make purchases — the Web site name, user name and my password — because various Web sites require different information.

Please suggest that your readers copy this information in a single document and print it out from time to time. Keep a hard copy in a safe place with other important papers. That way, if anything should happen to them, family members will be able to access their Web sites. I'd love to save credit card information and close the accounts.

— KATHERINE V. EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO.  
DEAR KATHERINE V.: You have offered an excellent suggestion, and I'm pleased to print it along. Readers, because none of us know when an emergency such as incapacitation (or death) should strike,

this "insurance policy" could be invaluable to those left to handle our affairs. (This does not apply to those of you who plan to die forever.)

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DEAR ABBY: At what age do you discontinue using the term "Master" before a young boy's name when addressing an envelope? I have searched books without success. I hope you can help.

— MS. D. IN POIT CCHARLOTTE, FLA.  
DEAR MS. D.: Good question. According to my 16th Edition of "Emily Post's Etiquette" by Peggy Post: "Boys may be addressed as 'Master' on envelopes and formal correspondence until

they are about 7 years old, and 'Mr.' when they become 18. In between, no title is used."

DEAR ABBY: Most people complain about their jobs because they feel they don't make enough money. My problem is the opposite. I love my job, but I think I make too much money.

My job is mostly simple work that could be done by anybody — yet I earn almost as much as my husband, who is a supervisor in a technical field. My boss always gives me excellent reviews and doesn't seem concerned.

It's nice to have the kind of job that isn't stressful. But I feel guilty that a lot of people with more difficult jobs make less than I do. Should I tell my boss to give me a pay cut, or take the money and run?

— CUT OR RUN IN WINSOIN  
DEAR CUT OR RUN: I won't reveal your exact location because many people would like to have your job. The answer to your question is you should neither ask for a pay cut nor take the money and run. Feeling as you do, you should donate every cent you feel you are overpaid to a charity (or to a therapist who can help you overcome your sense of guilt).

## TODAY-IN-HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 4, the 64th day of 2008. There are 302 days left in the year.

### Today's highlight:

On March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

### On this date:

In 1601, England's King Charles II granted a charter to William Penn for an area of land that later became Pennsylvania.

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1850, Sen. James Henry Hammond, D-S.C., declared, "Cotton is King" in a speech to the U.S. Senate.

In 1850, Matthew Calbraith Perry, the American naval officer who'd opened trade rela-

tions between the U.S. and Japan, died in New York at age 63.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated president. In 1906, a fire at Lake View School in Collinwood, Ohio, claimed the lives of 172 children and three adults.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge's inauguration was broadcast live on 21 radio stations coast to coast.

In 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated president, pledging to lead the country out of the Great Depression.

In 1952, actors Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were married in San Fernando Valley, Calif.

In 1977, some 1,500 people were killed in an earthquake that shook southern and eastern Europe.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment at work can be illegal even when the

offender and victim are of the same gender.

Five years ago: The Army's oldest armored division, "Old Ironsides," got orders to head for the Persian Gulf as the total of U.S. land, sea and air forces arrayed against Iraq or preparing to go neared 300,000. A bomb in a backpack killed more than 20 people at an airport terminal in the southern Philippines.

One year ago: NAACP President Bruce S. Gordon announced he was quitting the civil rights organization after just 19 months at the helm, citing growing strain with board members over the group's management style and future operations.

Former Sen. Thomas Eagleton, who resigned as George McGovern's running mate in 1972 after it was revealed he'd been hospitalized for depression, died in St. Louis, Mo., at age 77.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Folk singer Miriam Makeba is 76. Movie director Adrian Lyne is 67. Singer Bobby Womack is 64. Rock musician Chris Squire (Yes) is 60. Singer Shakin' Stevens is 60. Singer Chris Rea is 57. Actor Ronn Moss is 56. Actress Kay Lenz is 55. Musician Emilio Estefan is 55. Movie director Scott Hicks is 55. Actress Catherine O'Hara is 54. Actress Patricia Heaton is 50. Actor Mykelti Williamson is 48. Actor Steven Weber is 47. Rock musician Jason Nevins is 45. Actress Stacy Edwards is 43. Rapper Grand Puba is 42. Rock musician Patrick Hannan (The Sundays) is 42. Rock singer Evan Dando (Lemonheads) is 41. Actress Patsy Kensit is 40. Country Bono is 39. Actor Nick Sobotnik is 38. Rock musician Fergal Lawler (The Cranberries) is 37. Country singer Jason Sellers is 37. Jazz musician Jason Marsalis is 31. Actress Andrea Bowen ("Desperate Housewives") is 18. Actress Jenna Boyd is 15.



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# PREPPING FOR SPRING

By Joel M. Lerner  
Special to The Washington Post

Until now, fallen leaves and other winter debris have been piling up on your plants. Now it's time to clean up before new growth begins.

## Break out the rake

Before mid-March, grab your leaf rake. If you do it soon enough, you can clean up around dianthus, hostas, daylilies, daffodils, tulips and other perennials without damaging them. Even now, you should be careful not to tear flowers and foliage when raking around the snowdrops, winter aconites and hellebores that are already blooming.

Remove accumulations of leaves around plants, but don't blow the beds bare. Leave behind any fine-textured, crumbling foliage that slips through the holes of your leaf rake. With a little moisture, those leaves decompose quickly and nourish most plants.

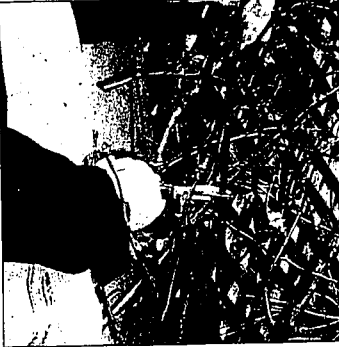
Ornamental plants that are prone to disease, such as roses, peonies and boxwoods, and any other plants that have had disease problems, should be blown clear of leaf particles over the roots. Fungal spores on last year's foliage can spread disease this growing season.

## Prepare for pruning

After cleaning the beds, assess which woody broadleaf evergreens need to be rejuvenated. Renewal pruning of broadleaf evergreens is best done now. Hard pruning is necessary only if a plant has overgrown its boundaries and is losing ornamental value.

Many hollies and azaleas can be pruned drastically; rhododendrons and boxwoods, less so.

Cutting back a holly to stubs often called "hat-racking." If the holly has a pyramidal habit, you can renew it by topping the trunk and pruning the side branches back to bare sticks while maintaining the plant's shape. Prune selectively, cutting one branch at a time, shaping the holly into a tree or shrub form. The American or Chinese holly, while slower growing, will be covered with new foliage within one year.



Prune roses before growth begins.

Hollies and azaleas grow new leaves by forming adventitious buds under the bark as growth begins in spring. They also renew with new shoots from their roots.

Sometimes azaleas are cut back to a few inches tall and expected to regrow completely from their roots. This has been quite successful for me, but you can lose an azalea using this method. If you have the philosophy that if you lose the plant, it was meant to happen, it is an expedient way to deal with an overgrown azalea. Most grow back quite well.

Renewing boxwood and rhododendrons takes patience. Reduce foliage by a maximum of one-third annually over a period of three years. Retaining two-thirds of the greenery for the following year gives the shrubs the opportunity to renew slowly and develop new foliage and flowers throughout the inside of the plant.

Greenery that is removed with hand pruners must be healthy. Do not prune wilted or dead sections of rhododendron or boxwood and then prune healthy wood without sterilizing the blade with bleach. Bleach is corrosive, so the pruner should then be lubricated with a little light oil, such as WD-40.

Cut the longest stems to reduce the size of plants. Prune back to a leaf, leaf bud or branching stem, or cut all the way to the base. In the case of boxwood, make

and shrubs) using these methods. They do not renew in the same manner.

• Most deciduous shrubs should be pruned after they bloom, not now.

## Inspiring ideas

Develop your garden ideas, and find organic material for preparing your new beds. If you left behind a one- to two-inch stubble from each plant last fall, you'll be able to remember where your perennials are.

Begin to cut beds and prep new ones; add plants; move others where necessary. Dig those big clumps of daylily, hosta, Siberian bugloss, astilbe, ferns, liriope, echinacea, black-eyed Susans, coreopsis and other plants you have been meaning to divide.

Always pull weeds or treat winter and cool-season weeds when they appear, before they flower and go to seed.

If you cultivate composted leaves and other organic debris into the beds, mix them into the top few inches of soil. This will improve soil drainage and aeration and reduce populations of soil-borne pathogens. The more well-composted organic material you use dug deeply into the soil, the better it is for plants.

Prune roses before growth begins. Cut hybrid tea roses back to about knee height. Leave the healthiest four or five green stems on each rose. Prune just above and slant-cut away from a bud. Prune floribunda and shrub roses for shape and size. Miniature roses might not need pruning.

"holes" throughout the entire shrub to allow in light and promote air circulation, encouraging growth on the inside stems. Rhododendron branch or whorl of leaves, maintaining a natural-looking habit. When foliage regenerates, plants will look fresher and fuller. Renewal is slower from a hard pruning. Leave as much lower foliage as possible.

A few pruning caveats:  
• In extreme shade, shrubs will be slow to renew and should be pruned only if necessary.

• Never prune when plants are wet; it's the easiest way to spread disease.

• Don't cut more than 15 percent of foliage on newly installed shrubs.

• Never cut conifers (needle- and cone-bearing trees



Hellebores are blooming. Clean out leaves with care.

## Gain intimate knowledge of trees — and arborist certification, if you want it

Times-News

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Information or to register: [www.csl.edu/communtyed](http://www.csl.edu/communtyed) or 732-6442.

## More sun, less pruning for more vibrant viburnums

By Scott Aker

Special to The Washington Post

Q: Our 3-year-old Korean spice viburnum had just one bloom last spring. We would also like to trim back several long stems that have grown. What would be your advice? Is it worth keeping?

A: The shrub should be well-established and free-flowering after three years in the ground. It has failed to bloom either because it is

in deep shade or because you are pruning it too much and removing the flower buds.

It is still young enough to be moved to a sunnier location and to a place where it doesn't have to be pruned. Leave it alone, and it should flower within the next two years.

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

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## Tip of the Week

### Plants for relocating need to be transplanted now

The Washington Post

Young trees and shrubs that need relocating should be transplanted before breaking out of winter dormancy. Dig a root ball that extends to the drip line of the woody plant and take care to preserve as much of the root system as possible.

A garden fork will do less damage than a shovel. Trees

or large shrubs that have been in the ground for more than two years may be too rooted for the do-it-yourselfer to move. Replant the tree or shrub immediately, and keep it well-watered this spring and summer.

## Haggling

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not always an issue, though — Reese's customers are often willing to pay the asking price for the store's high-quality items.

"Real collectors don't mind paying a good price for something that is hard to get," she said.

Bozzuto agreed. His customers often come to him because he has good prices in the first place, he said.

"I think probably now, more so than before, we try and get our prices as sharp as they can possibly be to

start with," he said. "We're trying to make some money and we're in a very competitive market and to interest people to start with, you at least have to have a good tag on there."

"Those good tags aren't going to stop die-hard hagglers like Wate, though."

"The general overall rule is why pay retail when you can get it for less?" he said. "It never hurts to ask."

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