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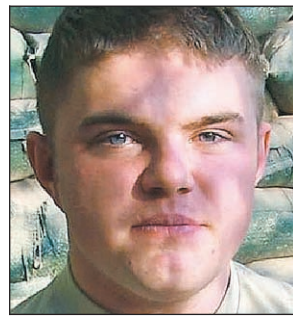
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**Spc. Carlo E. Alfonso**, 23, Spokane, Army. Died: 2008



**Spc. Ryan Michael Bell**, 21, Colville, Army. Died: 2007



**Spc. Robert Theodore Benson**, 20, Spokane, Army. Died: 2003



**Staff Sgt. Marvin Leslie Best**, 33, Prosser, Wash., Marines. Died: 2004



**Seaman Michael Ty Boswell**, 22, Newport, Wash., Navy. Died: 2006



**Staff Sgt. Chad Arthur Caldwell**, 24, Spokane, Army. Died: 2008



**1st Lt. Jaime Lynn Campbell**, 25, Ephrata, Wash., Army National Guard. Died: 2006



**Sgt. Maj. Bradley Dean Conner**, 41, Coeur d'Alene, Army. Died: 2007



**Sgt. Jason Chesley Cook**, 25, Malott, Wash., Marines. Died: 2004



**Sgt. James E. Craig**, 26, Spokane, Army. Died: 2008



**Staff Sgt. Timothy P. Davis**, 28, Spokane, Air Force. Died: 2009



**Sgt. Dariek Eugene Dehn**, 32, Spangle, Army. Died: 2007



**Sgt. Jacob Henry Demand**, 29, Palouse, Wash., Army. Died: 2004



**Spc. Blain Matthew Ebert**, 22, Washucna, Wash., Army. Died: 2004



**1st Lt. Forrest P. Ewens**, 25, Chewelah, Wash., Army. Died: 2006



**Cpl. Kelly Branden Grothe**, 21, Spokane, Army Reserves. Died: 2007



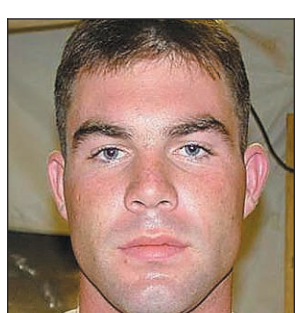
**Staff Sgt. Stephen C. Hattamer**, 43, Spokane Valley, Army. Died: 2003



**Sgt. Curt Edward Jordan Jr.**, 25, Greenacres, Army. Died: 2003



**Spc. Harley Miller**, 21, Spokane, Army. Died: 2004



**Sgt. Travis Wayne Nixon**, 24, St. John, Wash., Army. Died: 2005



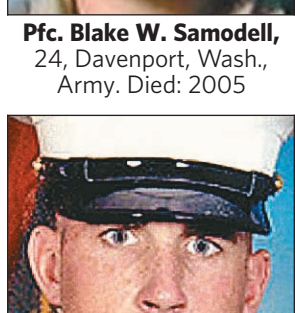
**Sgt. Travis Dwight Pfister**, 27, Richland, Marines. Died: 2007



**Pfc. Blake W. Samodell**, 24, Davenport, Wash., Army. Died: 2005



**Spc. Jeremiah Wesley Schmunk**, 20, Warden, Wash., Army Nat. Guard. Died: 2004



**Pfc. Bufford 'Kenny' Van Slyke**, 22, Nine Mile Falls, Marines. Died: 2007



**Sgt. Lucas Timothy White**, 28, Moses Lake, Army. Died: 2006



**Capt. Luke Charles Wullenwaber**, 24, Lewiston, Army. Died: 2004



**Sgt. 1st Class William Zapfe**, 36, Priest River, Idaho, Army. Died: 2007

## MEMORIAL DAY

# FACES OF THE FALLEN

The Inland Northwest has a strong military tradition. For generations it has sent its sons and daughters into harm's way when the nation is at war, knowing that not all will come back.

In the year that has passed since last Memorial Day, the Inland Northwest lost three men who had called the area home for all or part of their lives. Army Spc. Carlo E. Alfonso, killed in August by an improvised bomb in Iraq. Army Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin H. Todd, killed in January in a helicopter collision in Iraq. Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy P. Davis, killed in March by an improvised bomb in Afghanistan.

Those three are added to the newspaper's annual Memorial Day tribute to members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the course of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, as is Army Sgt. James E. Craig, killed in January 2008 by an improvised bomb in Iraq, who was inadvertently left out of last year's tribute. They are part of a national toll of some 610 military personnel who have died in Afghanistan since the fall of 2001 and 4,300 who have died in the Iraq war since March 2003.

By some measures, three war fatalities in a year's time would be considered small. It is the fewest for the area since 2003.

But for the friends and families of the men and women pictured here and at spokesman.com, each death is important because each life was important. The sacrifice of each life is important to remember every day, but especially on Memorial Day.

*Jim Camden*



**Cpl. Llythaniele Fender**, 21, Medical Lake, Army. Died: 2007



**Sgt. Damien T. Ficek**, 26, Pullman, Army. Died: 2004



**Sgt. Nathan Paul Hays**, 21, Wilbur, Wash., Marines. Died: 2002



**Pfc. Charles Brandon Hester**, 23, Cataldo, Idaho, Army. Died: 2007



**Pfc. Dennis Leland Mitchell**, 19, Spokane, Marines. Died: 2004



**Cpl. Darrel James Morris**, 21, Spokane Valley, Marines. Died: 2007



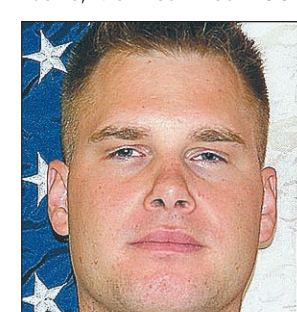
**Chief Warrant Officer Clint Jeffrey Prather**, 32, Cheney, Army. Died: 2005



**Pfc. Christopher John Reed**, 20, Craigmont, Idaho, Marines. Died: 2004



**Sgt. Jeffrey Shaver**, 27, Newport, Wash., Army. Died: 2004



**Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin H. Todd**, 29, Colville, Army. Died: 2009

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President Barack Obama speaks Tuesday at a memorial service for the 12 service members and one civilian killed last week by a gunman at Fort Hood, Texas. Associated Press

# Obama praises Texas fallen

‘Their life’s work is our security’

By Ashley Powers  
Los Angeles Times

FORT HOOD, Texas – President Barack Obama tried to console a grieving military Tuesday, telling the families of those killed in last week’s shooting rampage that “your loved ones endure through the life of our

nation.”  
“We come together filled with sorrow for the 13 Americans that we have lost; with gratitude for the lives that they led; and with a determination to honor them through the work we carry on,” Obama said.

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## Veterans Day

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Troops often struggle on return

By Angela Woodall  
McClatchy

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. – The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have taken thousands of lives, but many more thousands of military men and women are coming home wounded in body and spirit who need

more care than the nation is providing, says the head of a veterans group.

“That is the cost of war and we need more than Veterans Day to remind people of it,” Michael Blecker, executive director of the veterans group

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## ROYAL TREATMENT



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Props and merchandise are unloaded into the INB Performing Arts Center Tuesday in preparation for the run of “The Lion King” which begins today.

### Four-week run of ‘The Lion King’ expected to provide region timely economic boost

By Tom Sowa | [toms@spokesman.com](mailto:toms@spokesman.com), (509) 459-5492

If you want to know how Spokane downtown retailers see the return of “The Lion King,” check with Jim Rhoades, owner of Rock City Grill. “This show is a gift from the gods,” Rhoades proclaimed, in total seriousness. For most of this year, he said, the restaurant gods have

not been kind. Consumers’ tight budgets have left his downtown eatery down 7 percent in sales compared with a year ago, he said. Dining places are not the only expected beneficiaries of the four-week, 31-performance run of the award-winning musical which starts today at the INB Performing

Arts Center. Across the city’s downtown core, retailers, stagehands, parking lot managers, hotels and even bookstores can expect a hefty infusion of cash thanks to thousands of visitors traveling here to see the show. The local stagehands union, which represents about 70 techies and stage workers, estimates the show will generate roughly \$325,000 in paychecks for work done before and during the show. “This show is an anomaly for us,” said Jacel Evans, business agent for

Local 93 of the stagehands union. Most touring Broadway shows come to town for a week, then move on. Another large show may not come to Spokane for several more months. “This show is like four big shows in a row,” Evans said. Hotels in the downtown area are reporting spikes in out-of-town reservations. During the 2005, six-week run here of “The Lion King,” hotels reported booking 15,000 room-nights beyond what

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## Study links plastics chemical to male sexual dysfunction

Researchers focused on factories with high BPA levels

By Lyndsey Layton  
Washington Post

WASHINGTON – Exposure to high levels of a controversial chemical found in thousands of everyday plastic products appears to cause erectile

dysfunction and other sexual problems in men, according to a new study published Wednesday. The study, funded by the federal government and published in the journal Human Reproduction, is the first to examine the impact of bisphenol

ol a, or BPA, on the reproductive systems of human males. Previous studies have involved mice or rats. The research comes as government agencies debate the safety of BPA, a compound that is found in thousands of consumer products ranging from

dental sealants to canned food linings and that is so ubiquitous, it has been detected in the urine of 93 percent of the U.S. population. Researchers focused on 634 male

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