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WEATHER

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Reprimand: A stripper's performance at SIRCOMM led to reprimands but did not compromise public safety.

Expansion: Emergency room expansion at one local hospital will alleviate crowding.

MONEY

Talking bulls: The Dow and Nasdaq surged past two benchmarks Wednesday in what some say is the end of a two-year-long down cycle.

OUTDOORS



Time for snow: Cross-country and downhill skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, even bird watching, highlight the Winter Outdoors issue.

SPORTS



Power outage: No. 1 Duke proved too powerful a foe for Temple Wednesday in men's college basketball.

OPINION

Calling the police: The war on terror means police need to help in questioning suspects, today's editorial says.

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Dell might hire more

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dell Computer Corp. has not publicly amended its job-creation forecast. Spokeswomen have said the Texas-based computer giant will employ 200-250 workers in the foreseeable future at the Twin Falls technical-support center that Dell will open in early

Fine-tuning the deal — D1

February. Nevertheless, there are indications the company could be shooting much higher. Local economic-development leaders are talking about 700-900 Dell jobs; Urban Renewal Agency board member Tom Ashenbrenner

said Wednesday. "The number will be dictated by the market," said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls' economic-development director. That is, the labor market. A time will come when everyone here who wants a Dell technical-support job and is qualified will already be working for Dell, McAlindin said. He doesn't know whether that will be at 250 or

900 jobs. "Neither does Dell know where that number is," he said, adding that Dell hasn't given him a timeline for its growth in Twin Falls. But the company has moved to expand its capacity for employment growth in Twin Falls. It now aims to secure more than 700 parking spaces — with Urban Renewal Agency board member Tom Ashenbrenner

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Errant strike kills U.S. soldiers

Three die; tribal fighters attack bin Laden caves

Combined wire reports

TORA BORA, Afghanistan — On a day in which three U.S. Special Forces soldiers died when a bomb strike they called in went astray, anti-Taliban forces battled guerrillas loyal to Osama bin Laden with tanks and mortars, fighting their way through remote mountains toward a cave complex where they believe the terror suspect is holed up.

Twenty Americans were injured and when a 2,000-pound "smart bomb" missed its Taliban target north of Kandahar and exploded within 100 yards of the American forces — and a group of opposition fighters, five of whom died.

The Pentagon identified the three Americans who died as Master Sgt. Jefferson Donald Davis, 39, of Watonga, Tenn.; Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Henry Pettit, 32, of Cheshire, Mass., and Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser, 28, of California. Prosser's home town was not released.

All were members of the Army's 3rd Battalion, the 5th Special Forces Group, at Fort Campbell, Ky. President Bush, who warned earlier this week that "there will be fatalities," offered his condolences to the families of the slain soldiers Wednesday.

"I, along with all the rest of America, grieve for the loss of life in Afghanistan," the president said. "Our prayers and sympathies go to the families. And I want the families to know that they died for a noble and just cause, that the fight against terror is noble and it's just, and they defend freedom. And for that, we're grateful."

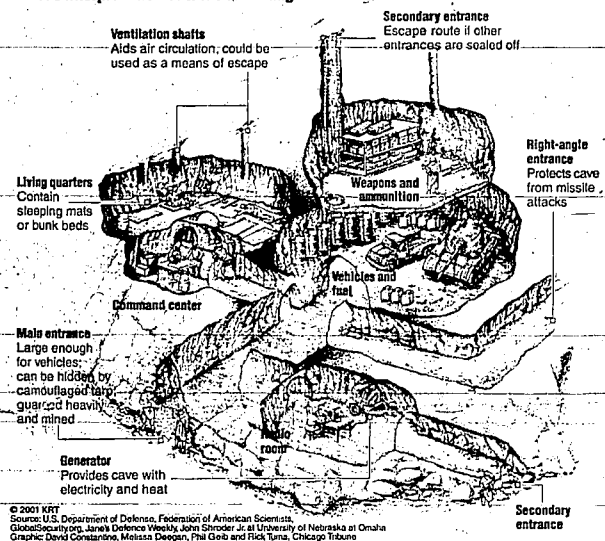
Ultimately, Pentagon strategists said, the blame lies with the Taliban. "We did not ask for this war. We did not start this war," Pentagon spokeswoman Clarke said. "And every casualty rests at the feet of the al-Qaida and the Taliban."

North of Kandahar, meanwhile, up to 1,500 tribal fighters pushed down a valley in the White Mountains toward Tora Bora

Inside a cave in Afghanistan

Some of the caves are thought to be thousands of feet below the surface and connected by miles of tunnels.

Artist's interpretation of what caves might look like



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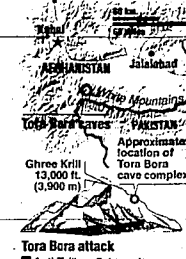


U.S. Marines bundle up in their sleeping bags against the cold on the perimeter of their base near Kandahar, Afghanistan, Wednesday.

camp as American B-52s pounded the area with 250- and 500-pound bombs, setting off orange flashes and plumes of smoke in the forested mountains.

Anti-Taliban commanders said their troops advanced to within a mile of the antihill-like cave complex in eastern Afghanistan, sending the Arab, Chechen and

Bin Laden's suspected fortress



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Idaho agency devises plan for area codes

The Times-News

BOISE — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission doesn't think the state needs a new area code. But if the Federal Communications Commission insists one isn't enough, Idaho should be divided into three geographic regions with an area code assigned to each, the PUC decided Wednesday.

Under that plan, the Magic Valley would be grouped with southeast Idaho and receive one

High schools aim for improvements

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The quickest way to boost student achievement, many educators have concluded, is to use proven programs.

One growing in popularity is called "High Schools That Work." This week Twin Falls High School went to work implementing the first phase of the program — the data collection phase. Facilitator Gary Keller flew in from Kentucky to gather information from students, teachers, administrators and parents. Before he left, he told Twin Falls folks what Twin Falls High School already does well. He also defined the high school's immediate and long-range challenges. The Idaho State Department of Education is funding the \$50,000



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per-year, three-year program with federal grant money. High Schools That Work is based on

the belief that students in both general and vocational programs can master complex academic

Burley official will serve on panel

City councilman will help redraw political boundaries

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Magic Valley will come to the table in time to help carve up Idaho's political power.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, appointed a former Burley city councilman, Derlin Taylor, to fill John Hepworth's vacancy Wednesday.

Taylor, 50, sat on the council for eight years until he was defeated in the mid-1990s. He works in insurance.

The Republican said that he is not currently entertaining political aspirations, nor does he have a thorough understanding of what has transpired so far on the six-member commission. "I don't have an agenda," he said, "and all I know about restricting is what I've heard on the news or read in the paper, but I am extremely open-minded."



"I'll be doing a lot of work over the next week to get up to speed," he said. The commission charged with redrawing Idaho's political boundaries has scheduled a meeting for Dec. 12 in Boise to redraw a plan it agreed on in August. After an eastern Idaho group challenged the plan, the Supreme Court turned the plan back to the commission, saying the legislative districts should not vary by more than 10 percent in population. The plan had a variance of 10.69 percent, or about 250 people.

Hepworth, a Twin Falls attorney, said he resigned last week because he doesn't have time to fulfill the responsibilities should the commission's work spill over into January.

"To serve on this commission is at best a difficult process," Newcomb said. "At worst, it's a nightmare."

Newcomb predicts that redrawing the plan could easily disintegrate into the contentious session that earmarked last summer's session, but Democrats say moving 250 from one district to another shouldn't be too much of a challenge.

Commission Co-chairman Kristi Sellers of Chubbuck, a Republican appointee, said she would have opposed meeting had Newcomb not replaced Hepworth.

"But if a full commission is appointed, obviously if we've got six people and I feel like we're ready to roll, then I'll participate," she said.

Allice Clemans from Nampa High School and Terri Bentley from Skyview High School in Nampa talk with the senior class at Twin Falls High School about ways to improve the level of education at the school.

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NATION

New GOP chairman: Key goals will include attracting minorities to party

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Montana Gov. Marc Racicot pledged aggressive efforts to raise money and attract minorities to the GOP after President Bush moved Wednesday to install the loyalist as head of the Republican National Committee.

Racicot said he will keep his job with a Washington law firm, making him a lobbyist with an open door to the White House.

He did not promise to step away from cases that could present a conflict of interest, but said he would disclose "occasions where you may intersect, either with a courtroom, or a commission, or an executive-branch agency."



Marc Racicot
Rising GOP star

Racicot said he is "very, very keenly sensitive to making certain that the president's goals and objectives are never compromised, or placed in a light that would not meet with his very, very high standards of conduct."

He called the RNC job "volunteer work" for which he will not be paid.

Bush tapped Racicot as part of a move to strengthen the party heading into next year's elections, when control of Congress and three dozen statehouses are at stake. Party leaders are expected to endorse the selection next

month. "He has got a fine history of winning races and he'll translate that into practice come next fall, the 2002 races," Bush said in an Oval Office meeting with Racicot and the outgoing chairman, Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore.

Gilmore resigned Friday amid friction with the White House.

"Marc has got a history of success, he knows how to build grass-roots organizations, he's

going to reach out to members of the labor unions and the minorities, just like Jim Gilmore did to continue to take our positive, optimistic message to all neighborhoods around the country," Bush said.

Racicot (pronounced RAH-SIKOH) is a partner in Bracewell & Patterson, a Texas law firm with an office on Washington's lobbyists' row, K Street.

It promotes itself as a lobbying and law firm that minimizes "obstacles that individuals and institutions must overcome if they are to attain their goals."

Asked whether it was appropriate for Racicot to earn money as a lobbyist, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said there was "ample history on both the Democrat and Republican side" of such outside activities.

But Democratic National Committee spokeswoman Jennifer Palmieri said the post and the lobbying "raises serious concerns about conflict of interest."

"I know that members of the Democratic Party would not stand for it," she said, though she acknowledged that DNC chiefs have lobbied in the past. The current DNC chairman, Terry McAuliffe, is retired from his banking and law careers.

White House sharpens farm bill critique

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate opened debate on an overhaul of farm programs Wednesday amid warnings from the Bush administration that it could damage the agricultural economy.

The White House said it "strongly opposes" the Democratic bill but stopped short of threatening a veto. The administration says the increased crop subsidies would exacerbate problems with overproduction of crops and low commodity prices.

The subsidies also would likely break spending limits in a congressional budget agreement and an international trade deal, the administration said in a four-page statement.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., is pressing to finish the legislation before the end of the year, although the chances for doing so are fading fast. Senate leaders put off votes on the bill until Tuesday. Farm groups worry that less money will be available for agricultural spending next year.

"American agriculture is in deep crisis," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

A move by conservative Republicans to block consideration of the bill Wednesday was easily defeated, 73-26. The debate is expected to take several days.

Democrats were still tinkering

with their legislation in hopes of getting majority support and defeating a Republican alternative favored by the administration.

Dropped from the bill was a

planned fee on milk processors to pay for new payments to dairy farmers. Instead, farmers would get direct payments from the government totaling \$2 billion over five years.

U.S. charity had ties to militant Palestinian group, FBI memo says

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A prominent Islamic charity raised \$207,000 at a 1995 Los Angeles event at which the keynote speaker exhorted the crowd to "Finish off the Israelis. Kill them all," according to an FBI memo obtained Wednesday.

The account is contained in a 49-page FBI document that the Treasury Department used to support this week's decision to freeze the assets of Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. The charity allegedly funneled money to Hamas, the Palestinian militant organization that claimed responsibility for last weekend's suicide bombings in Israel.

The FBI memo provides a glimpse of how the federal government has gone about amassing evidence against groups it believes are aiding terrorists. It used informants to infiltrate meetings, relied on intelligence from other countries, such as Israel, and obtained "recently declassified electronic surveillance."

Since Sept. 11, the United States has frozen the assets of dozens of groups, but Holy Land was the first U.S.-based charity to be shut down.

An FBI informant identified the speaker at the January, 1995, Muslim Youth Conference as Sheikh Muhammad Siyam, a Hamas military leader.

"I've been told to restrict or restrain what I say... I hope no one is recording me or taking any pictures, as none are allowed... because I'm going to speak the truth to you," Siyam reportedly said at the conference. "It's simple. Finish off the Israelis. Kill them all! Exterminate them! No peace ever! Do not bother to talk politics."

A Holy Land official then urged the crowd to give to "the cause," said the memo, which was written by Dale L. Watson, the FBI assistant director of counterterrorism.



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Sides reach accord on government

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany (AP) - With a war still being fought in their homeland, Afghan factions signed a pact Wednesday to create a temporary post-Taliban administration...

Interim Afghan leader

Hamid Karzai, an anti-Taliban commander, was approved Wednesday by Afghan factions as interim prime minister of Afghanistan for the next six months...

Hamid Karzai

- 44 years old
A moderate Muslim
A prominent Pashtun, Afghanistan's largest ethnic group
Head of the Popozal clan, which is linked to the former Afghan royal dynasty
Came to prominence in the fight against the Soviet Union in the 1980s
Deputy foreign minister in the government that emerged after the Soviet withdrawal in 1989

SOURCE: Associated Press AP

War

Continued from A1. Pakistani fighters of bin Laden's al-Qaida network swarming to higher ground. At the Pentagon, spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebein said U.S. special forces were in the area helping direct airstrikes and gathering intelligence...

province say they believe bin Laden is in Tora Bora - the name means "black dust" - although the northern alliance thinks he is in the Kandahar area more than 300 miles to the southwest. U.S. warplanes have focused their bombing on two regions - the Tora Bora area near the eastern city of Jalalabad and the region of Kandahar in the south...

Officials file charges in Green River killings

SEATTLE - Authorities charged a 52-year-old truck company worker with murder Wednesday in the deaths of four women blamed on the Green River serial killer.

Gary Leon Ridgway, who was arrested last week, was charged with four counts of aggravated murder; after authorities said they had linked him to three of the victims with DNA evidence.

The victims were killed in the early 1980s. King County Prosecutor Norm Maleng said "justice is a concept that never gets old."

"For the victim, the loss is ultimate. For the family, the grief is permanent and for the community the harm and danger do not diminish for the passage of time," he said.

Jury finds chairman guilty of price-fixing conspiracy

NEW YORK - The former chairman of Sotheby's was convicted Wednesday of conspiring with rival auction house Christie's to fix the commissions paid by sellers of fine art.

A. Alfred Taubman, 76, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., faces up to three years in prison for conspiring to fix prices. The jury deliberated over two days before reaching the verdict at U.S. District Court.

Taubman had denied charges that he and former Christie's Chairman Anthony Tennant stole as much as \$400 million in commissions from 1993 to 1999. Between them, the businesses control more than 90 percent of the world's art auctions.

Officials capture suspect in anthrax hoax case

WASHINGTON - A fugitive suspected of mailing hundreds of fake anthrax letters to abortion clinics was captured by federal authorities Wednesday.

FBI officials said Clayton Lee Waagner was caught in the Cincinnati area. Apprehended by

Nation in brief

The U.S. Marshals Service, he was among the FBI's 10 most-wanted fugitives.

Attorney General John Ashcroft

called Waagner the primary suspect behind anthrax hoaxes committed against 280 abortion clinics last month.

Waagner, 45, allegedly claimed responsibility for the letters when he showed up with a gun at the Georgia home of an anti-abortion activist recently, authorities said. Waagner had been on the lam since February, when he escaped from a jail in Clinton, Ill., where he was awaiting sentencing on federal firearms and auto theft convictions.

Columbine killer's journal reveals plan of carnage

DENVER - A journal written by Columbine High School killer Eric Harris indicates he and Dylan Klebold had hoped to carry out an even bigger attack, starting by killing the family of a sometimes friend he once threatened.

Brooks Brown and his family were left untouched by the killers in their April 20, 1999, attack. Harris also had hoped they would learn enough about bombs to be



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able to set off hundreds around houses, roads, bridges and gas stations, a newly disclosed diary indicates.

"It'll be like the LA riots, the Oklahoma bombing, WWII, Vietnam, Duke and Doom all mixed together... I want to leave a lasting impression on the world," he wrote. Duke Nukem and Doom are video games.

Ethel Rosenberg's brother admits to lying under oath

NEW YORK - Nearly 50 years after convicted Soviet spy Ethel Rosenberg was executed, her brother admits he lied under oath to save himself and says he's unconcerned that his perjury may have sent her to the electric chair, along with her husband.

"As a spy who turned his family in ... I don't care," David

Greenglass says in a television interview broadcast Wednesday. "I sleep very well."

The admission may shed new light on the case, one of the most infamous events of the Cold War. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed in Sing Sing prison in June 1953, two years after a sensational trial on charges of conspiring to steal U.S. atomic secrets for the Soviet Union.

They were the only people ever executed in the United States for Cold War espionage, and their conviction helped give fuel to Sen. Joseph McCarthy's communist-hunting crusade.

Greenglass, now 79, makes the disclosure of false testimony in "The Brother," a new book by veteran New York Times editor Sam Roberts, and in a taped interview being broadcast on CBS's "60 Minutes II."

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U.S. troops help rehabilitate airfield to deliver aid

By Laura King
The Associated Press

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — There's grass growing through cracks on the runway, the main hangar's roof is pocked with holes from incoming rockets and a sign on the tarmac is to risk setting off a land mine. American troops are rushing to rehabilitate the battered Soviet-era airfield they hope will soon serve as a crucial pipeline for humanitarian

aid into Afghanistan. In nearly three weeks on the ground at Bagram air base north of Kabul, soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division and support troops have secured the airfield — already in the hands of anti-Taliban forces — and cleared its cavernous hangar of tons of debris and derelict equipment. The Americans have also been working to rid the air base of mines and unexploded ordnance — a legacy of the Russians' long war

in Afghanistan and the opposition northern alliance's struggle to keep the Taliban from the gates. Built as the Russians' main staging ground for ferrying in troops and equipment, Bagram — with runways long enough to accommodate huge cargo planes — is now earmarked as a key pipeline for humanitarian aid that is expected to begin pouring in now that Afghanistan's factions have agreed on an interim government.

But there's still much work to be done to make the airfield safe to use. No timetable has been set for the start of aid shipments, the Americans said. Bagram "has been in a high state of disrepair for many years now," said Maj. Victor Harris, a spokesman attached to the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla. The airfield lies 25 miles north of Kabul, not far from the old front lines between the northern alliance and the Taliban.



Army Sgt. 1st Class David, S4, works at the Bagram air base north of Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday.

Lawmakers add up costs for security

WASHINGTON — Security and public health demands could cost states up to \$4 billion this year, governors estimated Wednesday as hundreds of state lawmakers gathered to develop new approaches for terrorism and its fallout.

"Bioterrorism, public health, airport service — ultimately, it's going to cost us all," said Alaska state Rep. Pete Kopp, who came cross-country to get ideas to protect the state capitol in Juneau and the Alaska oil pipeline. "We're all going to pay."

The National Governors Association, in a preliminary estimate that it said could grow, figured states would have to spend \$1 billion to protect airports, bridges, power plants and other critical infrastructure. Another \$3 billion would go to public health and law enforcement needs.

Governors were seeking at least \$3 billion from Congress to help.

Britain says anti-terror campaign may be broadened

LONDON — In another signal that the U.S.-led anti-terrorism campaign could be broadened, Britain's defense minister warned Wednesday that force may have to be used to stop other nations aiding terrorism.

In a speech, Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon outlined a range of possible options to deter terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. All of the options were being studied as part of a review to develop an anti-terrorism strategy, he said.

Hoon said there could be cases when pre-emptive military action against states that aid terrorist groups may be necessary if other means fail. There is speculation in Britain that Iraq could be a target for future military action by the United States and its allies.

Reports say other Americans were in terror training camps

PARIS — John Walker Lindh may not be the only American from California who trained in Osama bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan.

At least two other Californians, neither of Middle Eastern descent, traveled to Afghanistan in the late 1990s to train in the camps, according to French intelligence reports. Both intended to return to their home state once their terrorist training was completed.

The reports were based on wire-tap accounts of another camp participant, who says he encountered the two Americans while training in the camps. The informant was interviewed during a 1998 French judicial investigation, and his information was checked by French intelligence sources and passed on to U.S. officials.

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EDITORIAL

Cops shouldn't shirk from finding terrorists

Our country is on a heightened state of alert since Sept. 11 - but strangely, a few law enforcement agencies are waffling. They're making themselves a weak link in efforts to safeguard American citizens.

A few police departments across the country are resisting federal efforts to find terrorist cells. FBI and Justice Department officials, trying to interview suspects from a pool of 5,000 Middle Eastern men, are getting no help in Portland and Corvallis, Ore.; in San Mateo and San Jose, Calif.; and in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Apparently police chiefs in those liberal cities (mostly college towns) fear racial profiling by the government more than they fear terrorism.

The idea that some cops would turn their backs on basic investigative steps is baffling. Thousands of Americans died at the hands of Middle Eastern hijackers. Now federal officers have announced a third state of alert for further terrorist actions. Looking at potential suspects with Middle Eastern nationalities is only common sense.

As Chief Michael Chitwood of

Portland, Maine, said, "That's not racial profiling, that's good investigative work."

Good investigative work is exactly what Americans pay law enforcement to provide. In the war on terror, local and state police are as crucial as the military. But somehow, a few police departments have missed the point.

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Granted, concerns about racial profiling are sometimes valid. But interviewing foreign nationals is not the same thing at all. These men were singled out for their ties to Middle Eastern countries, not for their skin

color. More to the point, it's entirely appropriate for cops to interview anybody who could be tied to a terrorist cell.

If police officers in lefty towns flinch from the task of hunting terrorists, perhaps they should follow the advice of Baltimore Detective Gary McLhinney:

"I think the leaders of those agencies who decide not to assist should reassess what kind of career path they should take," he said. He got that right.



Media fail to give hard facts of this recession

The American economy has officially entered what promises to be the worst recession since the early 1930s and, conceivably, the worst since World War II. But you've hardly know from the media, which have treated the economic story as a sideshow. To take one example: when the National Bureau of Economic Research - the academic group that designates business cycles - declared the recession last week, The New York Times didn't even put the story on Page 1. The indifference stems mainly from the obsession with terrorism and a belief (shared by many economists) that the slump will be brief and mild. But there's also another cause: Wall Street.



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- Continuing claims for unemployment insurance rose to 4.02 million, the highest level in 19 years;
- The decline in third quarter GDP was revised to 1.1 percent (at annual rate) from 0.4 percent.

Even some indicators that suggest recovery turn out, on inspection, to be less hopeful. In October, consumer spending rose a hefty 2.9 percent, more than offsetting September's 1.7 percent decline. But much of the increase reflected purchases of cars and trucks, buoyed by zero percent loans. The buying surge is surely temporary. In fact, consumers' disposable income declined in both September (-1.2 percent) and October (-1.7 percent). Can spending rise if incomes fall? Not likely.

"We're just at the start of the consumption side of the recession," says economist John Makin of the American Enterprise Institute. There's a new worry. Most post-World War II recessions began with declining consumption. By contrast, this one started with lower corporate investment. If consumers now retreat, the recession would deepen.

Just why Wall Street dismisses these dangers isn't clear. One possibility is self-interest. "The stock market touts refuse to stop hyping stocks," says Makin. A zipper market means more trading, more profits and bigger bonuses. It's also possible that average investors - professional money managers and ordinary people - remain hypnotized by the market. The "bubble" has burst, and the long-term trend is up.

Of course, the market is higher than in

1912. But its advance never proceeds in a straight line. On rare occasions - especially after huge runups - the market drops and takes a long time to pass permanently its previous peak. After the 1929 crash, it took more than 15 years, reports Ibbotson Associates, a financial consulting firm. In 1975, the market was lower than in 1965.

Stock prices ultimately reflect the value of future profits - which we don't know. But judged by present profits, the market is high, even allowing for weaker profits in a recession. Consider the price/earnings ratio: the comparison of stock prices to corporate earnings (profits). Yale University economist Robert Shiller, author of "Irrational Exuberance," says that the P/E for the S&P 500 has recently been around 38. Since the late 1800s, the P/E has averaged between 14 and 15.

Now, Shiller and Makin may (or may not) be proved right. But the recession's severity is an open question that could be resolved for the worse. By contrast, the picture we're getting is of a short and selective slump. Editors would no doubt resent being cast as Wall Street's lackeys. But that is the effect. If the Dow were 7500 and falling, would coverage be the same? Or would it be more insistent, and focused?

Over the years, the media have succumbed to various fads about the economy. Pessimism was in vogue in the 1980s and early 1990s. America was (supposedly) in decline. Then the pendulum swung to the mindless optimism

of the "new economy" which fed stock speculation and rationalizes today's concern. Good journalism is the common casualty - if, that is, journalism is supposed to depict the world as it is and not as we imagine it.

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Thieves steal heirloom Santa

Santa kidnapped! Description: 5 feet 4 inches tall, white beard and mustache, red suit with white trim, black boots and belt, smiling. Last seen on front porch at 327 Walnut Street the night of Nov. 30 at midnight. Reported missing at 6:15 a.m. Dec. 1. The lights have gone out of Christmas! My heart is broken and cannot be fixed. The children in the neighborhood and the people who drive by are broken hearted and want him returned to his rightful place. I cannot replace him and don't think I want to; he belonged to my long dead parents and there was no other like him. I hope he brings nothing but hurt and pain to those who took him and never shines his light for them.

May God forgive you because I can't. I cannot afford much in the way of lights but he brought such joy and pleasure to

so many. My gift to all was to decorate around him and share him with you - and now, he's gone. Evil has won again! No honor in this world. Parents don't teach respect and honor and so anything is fair game. Someday, it's going to come back around and I pity you.

ALYCE MANN'S
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Read books before criticizing them

I read the article on fundamentalist Christian views against the Harry Potter phenomenon. I would like to present another point of view. I work with children, and have for many years. I don't see the stories (and I have read them) as being about witchcraft as much as being about children who, being different find that their differences empower rather than weaken them. In children's lives, they often hold no power over what hap-

pens to them, and children who do not fit the norm have more difficulties than most. To give them a world in which children do not only have power (and the book do include rules for not abusing that power) but where children who find themselves set apart from their peers are welcomed in a society where good behavior is rewarded, and cherished, and more importantly, where they are valued and cherished.

I suggest that those who have criticized the books actually read them, and try to see past the superficial trappings to the actual value of the stories. Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

ELLEN SHAFER
Twin Falls

Harry Potter books aren't evil

I am appalled at the audacity of some people. In this Dec 2 paper, The

Times-News had an article about witchcraft being evil. The story starts out with someone named Kathy Caldwell, the mother of three, voicing her opinion, but doesn't ever tell us who she is or where she is from. Also, she and the Rev. Tim Chandler, who both have never read the Harry Potter stories, tell us that they are more than fantasy.

When my granddaughter became interested in Harry Potter last year, my husband and I decided to read the stories ourselves to see what was so exciting about them and if they were appropriate. We were delighted with what we read, as has she. These stories are in fact just fantasy and no one who knows God should feel that reading them or seeing the movie is a threat to their religion. I feel sorry for the pre-teen girl in Chandler's congregation who enjoyed the books and was later made to say she changed her mind due to his religious pressure.

If we are not a civilized enough people to realize that the books we read and the movies we see are nothing more than a fantasy world, then we should stop printing any non-fiction books and making any non-fiction movies. Until that time, I would wonder what kind of Reverend would feel that his religious powers would be threatened by a simple fantasy novel.

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Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

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With name-changing trend raging, author offers some options

Frum prunes to pork to Puff Daddy himself, American icons are changing their names faster than you can say "Verizon."

Why? Good old-fashioned fun. And desperation. The old names carried too much baggage. For instance, calling pork "pork" conjured up the image of 'porky porkers. But calling it "the other white meat" conjures up images of healthful, low-fat chicken.

With hoooves. Battling an identity problem of its own, the Prune Board recently rechristened its prunish-looking prunes "dried plums." And after his brush with the law, Puff Daddy started calling himself P. Diddy, a name so silly, you'd probably never associate it with a guy once accused of sneaking a gun into a crowded disco, firing it, fleeing the scene and subsequently trying to bribe his driver to take the rap. Right?

Anyway, now comes the biggest name change of all. After 150 years of proudly purveying emphysema and early death, cigarette giant Philip Morris has decided, for some reason, to start calling itself Altria. As in "altru-

LETTER

Terrorism abounds in local towns in form of alcohol

Terrorism on television is accepted; terrorism in the home or in the community is denied or ignored. What constitutes terrorism? Mass killings of innocent people, visual threats to our well-being, unknown assassins all about us, exploding, collapsing buildings full of people — all of the above and more.

"We do not wish to deal with the more" — the overwhelming cost in lives, family disintegration, futures of our young people destroyed or diminished, all documented, all around us all and every day, and almost totally ignored.

The Alco-terrorists have almost a free ride. They bring their wares into our communities quietly and unobtrusively, counting on the denial that surrounds the disease of alcoholism, and the unacceptable thoughts of the return of prohibition.

We have totally ignored the Columbia University report on what is happening to our children because if we did, counting many changes in our life styles would be called for. We lose more people every quarter to drunk drivers than were killed on Sept. 11, but we still sell alcohol and gasoline at the same retail outlets.

The alcohol lobby must have been satisfied when a committee of the U.S. House of Representatives passed a motion barring alcohol from the "War on Drugs," and parents of college students didn't hear the college president saying, "We don't have alcohol discipline on campus because we would lose tuition monies and enrollments."

We tolerate all sorts of alcohol and drug connected maladies and the documented lowering of our children's future because to address alcohol problems might threaten our supply.

Terrorism comes in many forms, but the ones we ignore are the ones that will do us in.

Our government should protect and inform the people, but the duplicity of our politicians is clearly seen in their concern for our children when talking gun control, but totally silent in the face of alcohol problems. Money? Example — Hillary/Clinton, Clinton, Senator.

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LENORE SKENAZY

ism" plus "sangria." What's not to like?

Assuming this moniker modification trend can only continue, may we suggest a few more name changes where they are most needed?

Liver: Immediately conjures up a slab of slack, stinky organ meat associated with onions, cirrhosis and dismal family meals—Possible

new names: Revil (liver spelled backward), pate fixin's, "The other fun organ."

The Department of Motor Vehicles: Usually invokes long lines, bored clerks, blackmail quality photos. Other possibilities: The Place for License Lovers, Lines R Us, Spa DMV, American Airlines, Linked in

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the public mind to terrorism, crashes, unsatisfying "bistro snacks." Suggested new names/slogans: "RAF Airways—Forgive & Forget," "American—Airlines: Safe for the past week!" Barney: Mere mention of said dinosaur sends parents fleeing the room, finger down throat—Potential alterna-

tives: Blarney (to capture the Irish market), Bernie (the Jewish market), Barney Noble (subliminally attracts the book-buying, cappuccino-sipping market). Rats: Often identified with filth, gnawing, plague, etc. Alternatives: Megamouse, Squirrel with a Fade, RFKAR (The Rodent Formerly known As Rat). Skyscraper: Bad press requires radical repositioning: Vertical lockbox, Tower of Power, Cloudstrouder. Cannibals: Consider: Sapiens

gourmands, humanivores, hunk-frog junkies. Sotheby's: Lingered distrust after multimillion-dollar ripoffs demands homier appellation(s): Snob Shack, Masterpiece Depot, Baulkes, Rottzelli & Beyond. Osama bin Laden: Name virtually synonymous with murder, caves, beard. Needs softening: Ocasalama Ding Dong, Sammy the Laden-meister, Where's Waldosama?

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In Arafat's boldest move yet against militants, Palestinian police put Hamas spiritual leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin

under house arrest late Wednesday.
Hamas has claimed responsibility for dozens of attacks, including deadly weekend suicide bombings in Israel.
Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he urged the Palestinian leader to arrest 36 suspected terrorist leaders, while other Israeli officials dismissed Arafat's arrests of 151 people in recent days as a show

Autopsy shows ex-wife was strangled

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) - An autopsy on the body of Marike de Klerk, the ex-wife of apartheid South Africa's last president, F.W. de Klerk, revealed that she had been strangled, police said Wednesday.
De Klerk's body was discovered at her Cape Town home Tuesday afternoon. The autopsy also revealed that she had a shallow stab wound in her back, but

it was not the cause of death, police spokesman Wicus Holzhauzen said.
There were no immediate arrests and police did not have any suspects.
South Africa's has one of the world's highest per-capita murder rates.
More than 9,800 homicides were committed in the first half of this year, according to police statistics.

Colombia rebels kill woman hostage

BOGOTA, Colombia - An act of bravery has taken a tragic turn in Colombia, with the discovery of the body of a 25-year-old woman who exchanged herself for her kidnapped ill father after the family was unable to come up with the ransom to secure her release.
The army said Wednesday that authorities have found the body of Melina Pereira, held since April by kidnappers identifying

themselves as members of the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC. She was shot three times.
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Section B

RIISING High School Sports STARS

Ammon McBride Oakley boys b-ball

O-a-k-l-e-y
 Home Ammon McBride is fresh off an outstanding football season and is now making his mark on the basketball court.



Not that it should be any surprise. The Hornets basketball team finished third at state last season with McBride providing sizzling play as a sophomore.

Now, he's averaging 20 points and seven rebounds a game in his junior campaign and is one of the reasons the Hornets feel good about their chances of returning to the state tournament.

"I am happy with the way I'm playing and I'm having a pretty good season," McBride said. "Plus, my shot is a lot better than last year."

Seniors John Gay and Sander Mullen also are main ingredients returning for the 24 Hornets.

"I just want to be a team player and know my role on the team," McBride said. "We have to be a team and if somebody is on fire. We have to feed them."

McBride said the Hornets are still adapting to the offense of first-year Hornet coach Roger Careasia, who led the Valley boys to the A-3 state title last year.

"He threw a whole bunch of stuff at us there at the beginning," McBride said. "A lot of people were struggling with it. But we're starting to get it."

McBride was a star tight end/defensive end for the Hornets on the gridiron this fall and was a member of the state champion medley relay team last spring in track. He was also on the 4X200 relay that placed third and he placed fifth individually in the 300-meter hurdles and eighth in the 110 hurdles.

McBride said he also enjoys snowboarding and hanging out with his friends.

"We went to watch (former Oakley football standout) Steve Burch a couple times and that was fun," McBride said.

As for the future, he plans to go to college and see a Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints mission but he is not yet decided on what he will study at college.

At Oakley, his favorite classes are trigonometry and English.

—Scott Thompson

Gator QB grabs Player of Year honors



The Associated Press

Rex Grossman might remember his record-setting year at Florida more for the sting of a season-shattering loss.

Despite a gallant effort by Grossman, Florida lost to Tennessee 34-32 last week and missed a chance to play for the Southeastern Conference title and a spot in the BCS national championship game in the Rose Bowl.

The loss did little to hurt the stature of the nation's top-rated passer, who was chosen Wednesday as The Associated Press College Player of the Year.

"Our season fell short of what we hoped," Grossman said. "We're a little down in Gainesville. I thought I had a pretty good year, but two losses is kind of all we can think about right now."

Grossman received 18 votes in balloting

Topping the list

Player	Votes
Rex Grossman, Florida QB	18
Ken Dorsey, Miami QB	15
Eric Couch, Nebraska QB	12

by the 72 members of the AP college football poll board, which includes member newspapers, TV and radio stations. He edged Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey by three votes, with Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch third with 12 votes.

Oklahoma safety Roy Williams was fourth with seven votes, and Indiana quarterback Antwaan Randle El and Miami left tackle Bryant McKinnie tied for fifth with five votes each.

"There are some tremendous players around the country and I am privileged to be in their company and receive this

award," Grossman said.

Gators coach Steve Spurrier said the sophomore "richly deserved" the honor.

"He is probably the best pure passer of the quarterbacks I have coached and is one of the most courageous players," he said. "He loves to compete and play the game."

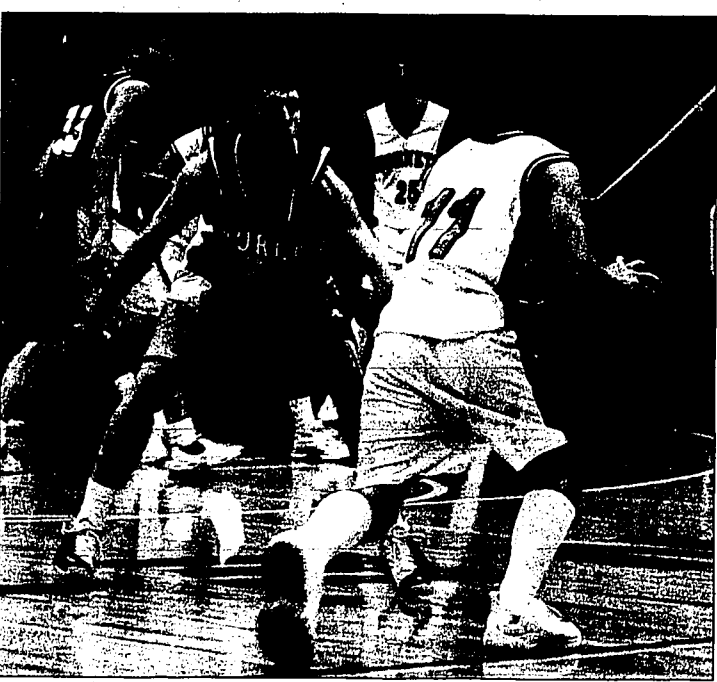
Grossman is among four finalists for the Heisman Trophy, to be awarded Saturday night. He's also up for Walter Camp player of the year, the Maxwell Award and the Davey O'Brien national quarterback of the year.

With Grossman at the controls, Spurrier finally closed his revolving door of quarterbacks, which began after 1996 Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel departed.

Grossman, a Parade All-American from Bloomington, Ind., didn't even know he'd be running the Fun 'N Gun until finally

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Bobcats rip rival Hornets



SCOTT THOMPSON/The Times-News

Pressure is key as Burley remains undefeated

By Scott Thompson
 Times-News writer

DECLO - Pressure. The Burley Bobcats applied it all over the court Tuesday night to beat the host Declo Hornets 78-66 in a contest that wasn't

that close. The Bobcats hurt the Hornets with stifling defensive pressure, a tremendous rebounding advantage and offensive pressure via the fast break and 3-point line. They also didn't waste any time.

Senior Jacob Kay opened the game for the Bobcats with two of the team's eight 3-pointers and fellow senior Randy White hit another in the early going as Burley jumped out to an 11-5 lead.

"That set the tone and said, 'We will not go away,'" Burley coach Matt Harr said. "(Kay) was due to break out. He did a lot of little things to help us beat their press and he hustled up and down the court. It was good to see."

Kay finished with a team-high 22 points. Please see BURLEY, Page B2

Rule grounds Eagles star Guard should regain status in January

By Kevin Hall
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In one of the biggest weekends of the season, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team will be without one of its biggest stars.

Starting point guard Melanie Croser has been declared ineligible until at least the end of the fall semester because she

transferred to the school with too few credits, said coach Kendall Grant on Wednesday.

"She didn't have enough credits coming in," Grant said. "She was considered a part-time student, we thought, but she needed 20 credits."

Croser came to CSI with only 14 credits after attending the University of Hawaii for one semester last year.

"It's a little bit of a surprise but we're going to roll with the punch," Grant said. "It gives another guard a chance to step up into two huge league games."

Losing Croser and her 12.0 points per game average hurts CSI, which opens the Scenic West Athletic Conference season Friday and Saturday at home against North Idaho and Ricks colleges. But the loss may hurt more in the record column.

Grant said the Eagles (8-3) may have to forfeit all eight of their preseason wins because Croser played.

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Melanie Croser



Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

64 Days until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The flame starts today in Charlotte, N.C., then heads south to Columbia, S.C., before ending the day on the coast, in Charleston, S.C.

March to the Medals: The 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team will skate again Feb. 1. The gold medalists will play a team of NHL old-timers in Los Angeles the day before the NHL All-Star game.

America's hockey heroes reunite



U.S. goalie Jim Craig holds the American flag after the U.S. defeated Finland 4-2 to win the gold medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, N.Y., Feb. 24 1980 photo.

The Associated Press
 It's been almost 22 years since they've skated together, a lifetime filled with families and careers and one very special memory.

Now, America's 1980 gold-medal hockey team is going back to the rink.

The "Miracle on Ice" squad will play together for the first time since Lake Placid when it meets a team of NHL old-timers in Los Angeles on Feb. 1, the day before the NHL All-Star game.

The game will cap a series of clinics given by the Olympic team members, beginning this week in Philadelphia.

"We've had reunions, maybe 12 or 15 guys getting together. But we've never been together as a team," goalie Jim Craig said Wednesday. "It's time for us to get back together."

The message they will carry at the clinics will be one of teamwork, of how setting aside individual goals can pay off with a

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No. 1 Blue Devils top Temple

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Top-ranked Duke taught a team that is touted for defense a thing or two about that phase of the game Wednesday night.

The Blue Devils (7-0) got 26 points from Jason Williams and 24 from Mike Dunleavy and played their best

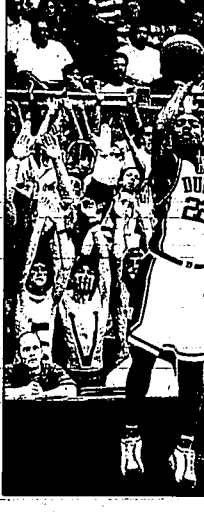
College Top 25 defensive game of the season in an 82-57 victory over Temple.

Duke forced 17 turnovers and held the Owls (3-3) to 37.5 percent shooting.

"We were more enthusiastic about playing defense," point guard Chris Duhon said. "We wanted to go out and make a statement on the defensive end and go out and attack. We haven't attacked for 40 minutes in the last few games, but today we made a big step in getting to the team we want to become."

Temple's Lynn Greer, coming off a 47-point game against Wisconsin two days ago, was hawked all night by Duhon or Duhon's partner, guard and finished with 22 points on 8-for-23 shooting.

The 6-foot-2 guard missed his



Duke's Jason Williams fires a three-pointer against Temple Wednesday at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C. Williams hit 6 of 16 three's and scored 26 points as No. 1 Duke won 82-57.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Stripper causes stir at dispatch

False alarm causes brief scare at school

TWIN FALLS - The overactive imaginations of some first-graders at Sawtooth Elementary School in Twin Falls were the apparent cause of a brief scare and police response to the school Wednesday afternoon, officials said.

"In a situation like this, when you think there is a potential danger, we get the kids inside, shelter them and call the police," said Twin Falls School District spokeswoman Linda Baird.

Some police had already come to the school to investigate a playground injury when some first-grade students told a teacher they thought they had seen somebody brandishing a gun in or near a house across the street from the school, said Twin Falls Police Capt. Jim Munn.

Additional officers were called in and all students were ordered inside as officers checked things out, he said. It was quickly determined that the incident had been a false alarm, and the school was never in any danger, Munn said.

Man seeks annexation for shop construction

GOODING - Gooding resident David Stephenson told City Council members Monday that he is looking into buying property located on the corner of Oregon and Roosevelt streets.

Stephenson would like the property to be annexed into the city to allow construction of a shop. Stephenson is the owner of A.E. Enterprises in Gooding.

Council members advised Stephenson to contact Gooding planning and zoning for information regarding the request.

City Council members approved the purchase of 25 acres adjoining the city sewer plant at a cost of \$25,000.

Work on the Walker Center expansion project has officially stopped for the winter season.

The City Council approved closure of city offices Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday.

Additional ski runs to open Saturday on Baldy

SUN VALLEY - Baldy's Seattle Ridge area and the Bowls will open for the season on Saturday. But the Seattle Ridge lodge will be open only for restroom access until further notice.

City of Buhl will trim encroaching trees

BUHL - On Dec. 17, the city of Buhl will be trimming trees that extend into alleysways due to the damage the trees cause to garbage trucks, said Public Works Director Gary Winn.

Junior Club Annual Home Tour scheduled for Sunday

TWIN FALLS - The Junior Club of Twin Falls 12th Annual Holiday Home Tour is set for 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Declo eyes grant, move to middle school

DECLO - Declo Junior High School is seeking a federal grant from the State Department of Education for teacher training.

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By Mark Holmz
Times-News writer

JEROME - A strip-tease dancer's performance at the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center last month to entertain an employee caused a stir of rumors among local emergency agencies and prompted reprimands for two of the center's supervisors, according to information from SIRCOMM.

But the performance did not

disrupt the center's operation or compromise public safety, according to SIRCOMM.

The dancer apparently came to the SIRCOMM building one day in November as a birthday surprise for an employee there, according to a fax prepared by SIRCOMM's directors.

The fax was sent out to the heads of the various emergency agencies SIRCOMM serves to quash erroneous rumors surrounding the incident, SIRCOMM Operations Manager

Gloria Falconburg said Wednesday.

"The birthday person was relieved of his duties while the subject was in the building and all stations were attended the entire time," the fax reads in part. "Investigation reveals that no radio traffic was missed and no calls were put on hold due to this incident."

A copy of the fax was sent to The Times-News Tuesday, but Falconburg said it had not been sent by SIRCOMM. The fax was

intended to be confidential and not for release to the press or public, she said. During a conversation Wednesday with a Times-News editor, Falconburg said she was going to ask local police agencies to investigate how the fax got to the newspaper.

"Two supervisors have been reprimanded, and all personnel advised that any further incidents of this kind that would reflect negatively on SIRCOMM or the agencies we serve will result in immediate termination

of anyone involved in any way," the fax reads in part.

The details of the reprimands were confidential, and nobody had been fired from SIRCOMM because of the incident, said Falconburg, who declined further comment.

Idaho law states that public agencies can keep secret many details of personnel issues - such as reprimands and disciplinary actions.

The fax states that the dancer

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OH, BROTHER



Valentin Gomez, 9, took cover from a snowball tossed by his younger brother, Junior. The boys were battling in a recent afternoon fight at their Burley home.

MVRMC okays ER expansion

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - There have been times when Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's emergency room was so crowded patients had to camp out in the halls, said Vesta Maughan, a member of the hospital's Finance Committee.

So, that committee Wednesday approved spending \$3.69 million for a 12,700-square-foot emergency room expansion, to add 940 square feet to the same-day surgery department and to build a 1,100-square-foot corridor.

"We've been talking about the need for expansion for several years, and I'm glad we're on track," Maughan said. "There are times when people are really backed up. It's time for a facelift back there."

The project must still be approved by the Hospital Board.

Also Wednesday, the Finance Committee recommended the hospital spend \$48,000 to put

Hospital revenue and expenditures for October					
Revenue	October 2001	October	Expenditures	October 2001	October
2000			2000		
Inpatient revenue	\$5,293,444	\$6,041,725	Salaries	\$2,790,055	\$2,655,367
Outpatient revenue	\$5,371,247	\$4,437,726	Benefits	\$612,735	\$453,921
Total patient revenue	\$10,664,691	\$10,479,451	Fees/Physicians	\$594,626	\$243,476
Deductions from revenue	\$3,745,756	\$4,312,010	Fees/Other	\$500,324	\$363,225
Net patient revenue	\$6,918,935	\$6,167,441	Supplies	\$1,034,790	\$1,114,421
Other operating revenue	(\$12,175)	\$99,818	Utilities	\$92,916	\$94,407
Total operating revenue	\$6,906,760	\$6,267,259	Repairs/Maintenance	\$156,174	\$141,455
			Leases/Rentals	\$94,720	\$52,136
			Insurance	\$35,091	\$26,739
			Interest expense	\$116,726	\$140,911
			Unpaid patient bills	\$361,817	\$252,022
			Depreciation	\$462,715	\$430,956
			Other expense	\$41,787	\$65,301
			Total Operating Expenses	\$6,894,412	\$6,036,336

Hospital Board to meet

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The meeting will begin at noon Monday in the Gak Room at the West Coast Twin Falls Hotel.

together a long-term facility plan and do a space analysis of the Twin Falls Clinic and Magic Valley Regional is Please see HOSPITAL, Page C3

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A teaming approach would be taught, Knowles said, rather than individual teachers all teaching separately. Teaming would make everyone "more aware of what other teachers are doing," Knowles said.

The science teachers and language teachers would all teach around the same theme, Knowles said. "Teachers can dovetail subjects together," he added.

These skills would help in implementing state benchmarks and standards, Knowles said. They could also be a part of the school improvement plan which needs to be looked at every 10 years. Next year is the year to look at that plan, Knowles said.

A meeting with grant officials, school board

members and the community is set for tonight at 6 p.m. in the junior high school gymnasium.

Knowles will speak, as well as people from the Department of Education who will make a presentation about the grant, the awarding process and expenditures. There will be a question and answer period for community members as well.

It is a chance for all parties involved - Department of Education officials, district officials, community members, parents and students - to get to know one another, Knowles said.

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Inclement weather closes schools

RUPERT - Schools in Minidoka County closed at 1 p.m. Wednesday due to bad weather conditions.

Lewis Roberts, director of operations, said the county transportation district officials recommended closing early because of conditions in the north end of Minidoka County. Snow plows were being pulled off roads in the north because of blowing snow and problems with visibility, Roberts said.

"The north side was clobbered the worst," Roberts said.

Roberts could make no speculation about today's weather conditions or possible school closures, but said "we monitor it very closely."

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Council hears of 'green power' option

By Shelley Ridemour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Burley residents who buy their electricity from the city of Burley will have an option in a couple of months to buy some "green power," the city council was told Tuesday night.

Dile Monson, manager of the city's electric department, said information on the green power program will be included in utility bills some time in the next couple of months.

The city's energy committee discussed the program. Councilman Curt Mendenhall said.

"Green power is also referred to as "environmentally friendly" power, Monson said. It is produced in a way which results in less pollutants, he said. Monson cited green power sources as

wind, solar and small hydro projects.

Several people in the audience at Tuesday's meeting opposed the green power plan, although they were repeatedly told it is an optional program.

One man objected to the absence of large hydro projects from the list of green power. And he questioned why the city would want to be involved in categorizing large hydro as being an environmentally unfriendly power source. He claimed that was political labeling and the city shouldn't be involved in it.

Councilman Jon Anderson tried to explain to people in the audience that the program would be optional and is designed to allow those who support alternative sources of energy an opportunity to buy power generated by those sources.

For some people, Anderson said, paying more for such an option allows them to sleep better at night.

Burley resident Vaughn Egan asked why anyone in Burley would want to pay more for power.

"We're used to cheap power," Egan said.

He suggested the council delay action on the program.

Council members Adria Masoner and Dave Ringle told Egan and others that consumers can delay action as long as they like.

"You either sign up for it or you don't," Ringle said. "You can delay it for the rest of your life."

It's strictly optional, Masoner reminded Egan.

By paying an additional \$1 per 100 kilowatt hours, a consumer can buy green power, Monson

said. Green power programs usually carry a higher price tag than fossil fuel sources, Monson said, because it costs more money to develop alternate energy sources.

A portion of the money paid for the green power sources is funneled into programs that develop those energy sources, he said.

He estimated the average Burley residential customer uses 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity each month.

The green power has been priced low, Monson said, to encourage use of it.

The city buys its electricity from the Bonneville Power Administration.

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Cassia County Sheriff's Sgt. Peggy Mariza, left, and an unidentified person, right, escort driver James Hodgson, middle, to the ambulance where he was later examined and released.

Car slides into back of trailer, driver walks away unassisted

The Times-News

BURLEY — A Burley man's car was crushed beneath a semi tractor-trailer Tuesday evening, but he walked away without serious injury.

James Hodgson, 19, of Burley told officers that his steering and brakes had stopped working, a report from the Cassia County Sheriff's Office said. Hodgson was westbound on East Main Street at 6 p.m. when he lost control on the black ice and ran into the back of a tractor-trailer.

The tractor-trailer was parked next to the Cassia County Fairgrounds, 20 feet west of Main Avenue.

Hodgson's 1984 Pontiac Fiero

hit the bottom of the 2002 International Harvester trailer as it slid underneath, police said. The car came to rest wedged underneath the trailer, with its top crumpled and its windows broken.

Hodgson, who was wearing a seat belt, got out of his car without assistance and refused transportation for medical care, police said. He suffered non-incapacitating injuries.

The wreck caused an estimated \$5,000 in damage to Hodgson's car and \$900 of damage to the trailer.

Hodgson did not have car insurance, police said.

The police report listed road conditions as icy.

Water main breaks in north Burley

The Times-News

BURLEY — A water main broke Wednesday in north Burley but no buildings lost water as a result.

The city of Burley Water Department isolated the break, closing off valves on both sides. It's unusual to be able to isolate a break without anyone being out of water, according to water department Supervisor Jesse Mabry.

"It broke in just the right place if it had to break," he said. With nearby valves on each side of the rupture, the water department only closed off about a block of pipes leading to Radio Shack on Overland Avenue. There remains two functioning water lines that cross Overland Avenue to the Snake River Plaza.

The section of pipe was probably an old cast-iron line, water department employee Kelly Jenkes said. Cast-iron pipes tend to crack from time to time, he said.

"But we never know until we get down there," Mabry said.

Because no one has lost water, the water department will not dig up the line until this morning. Work would take twice as long if they tried to dig while it was getting dark, Mabry said.



Burley City Water Department workers tackle a broken water main near the Snake River Plaza. Pictured from left to right are Jesse Mabry, Tony Pickett and Kelly Jenkes.

In driving snow, workers waded in a muddy pool of water placing pumps.

"We wanted to get the water down so it doesn't flood the hole (Thursday) when we dig," Mabry said.

After pumping the water into a storm drain, water department workers waited for approval to dig for the gas electric and telephone companies.

Minico becomes Microsoft testing site

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Students and community members can now become certified in Microsoft applications at Minico High School.

Minico High School held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the school on Wednesday to celebrate becoming an authorized Microsoft Office User Specialist testing site.

High school students and community members can come to the school, take a test and become certified in Microsoft programs including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Outlook, said Tara Bagley, business and computer teacher at Minico High School. The cost of certification is \$50 for students, \$75 for district

personnel and \$100 for community members.

According to Microsoft's Web site, MOUS is a "globally recognized standard for demonstrating desktop skills." Those who take the test earn a certificate as well as free technical and product information from Microsoft.

"Obviously, it's good for the students," Bagley said, but the community can also benefit.

As far as Bagley knows, no one else in the area is a MOUS testing site. A high school in Firth is the closest site in Idaho, Bagley said.

Becoming a MOUS sets a standard for learning and knowing Word and the other programs. Everyone teaches the programs differently, Bagley said, and this sets a standard.

Bagley also said employers

have found out most employees only know and use about 20 percent of an application. Now they will know how to use the application appropriately and efficiently, Bagley said.

This is a great opportunity for employers and employees, Bagley said.

The exam is conducted within a "live" Microsoft Office application. Using the document, candidates are asked to perform a series of tasks to clearly demonstrate skills.

Bagley said the school initiated the contact about becoming a testing site. Bagley called it "a personal mission" she has had. The school filled out the application and paid for the tests. Bagley said the entire project cost about \$2,000, including testing and review CDs.

The review CDs allow people to come in and take a practice exam, Bagley said. They can then use a tutorial CD to practice what they need to work on for the exam.

The business department will be incorporating the tutorial CDs and practice tests into the curriculum.

Labs will be open to the public for sessions with the testing CDs before taking the test, but no times have been set yet. Bagley said the labs would be open before and after school and if there is interest from the community an evening time could be set.

Times-News writer Shari Chaney can be reached at the Mini-Cassidy Bureau at 677-4042, ext. 110 or by e-mail at schaney@magicvalley.com.

Idaho's largest school district selects new leader

BOISE (AP) — Stan Olson, school superintendent in Casper, Wyo., has been selected to become the next leader of the Boise School District, Idaho's largest.

Boise School Board trustees offered Olson the job last week and planned to formally approve his appointment as superintendent on Thursday.

Trustees chose Olson for his background in expanding school

choice — in Casper, "helping Wyoming teachers get \$50 million in raises and encouraging parental involvement in district decisions."

"He is the best fit for our community," Boise School Board President Rory Jones said on Tuesday.

Olson, who is to begin his new job in July, said his immediate task will be to continue reforms begun under

Superintendent Ed Davis. They include implementing more end-of-semester testing for the district's almost 27,000 students and matching curriculum with state education standards.

Olson's selection ends a 10-month search for someone to replace Davis, who will retire in June.

The board considered two other finalists: Michael Paskevich, superintendent of schools in Lake

Zurich, Ill., and Stephen Daeschner, school superintendent in Louisville, Ky. Daeschner withdrew in mid-November. Paskevich pulled his name from consideration on Nov. 29.

Lisa Kronberg, a parent and member of a panel that interviewed Olson, said she liked the choice because Olson is an advocate for parental involvement.

Leaders of the Boise Education Association also were pleased.

Prisoner dies while lifting weights

BOISE (AP) — A minimum-custody inmate at the Idaho State Correctional Institution died while exercising, prison officials said.

Ricky Luroy Mueller, 25, was serving a three- to 10-year sentence for attempted robbery in Bonner County. He had been in prison since January 1998.

Prison officials said Mueller

collapsed after dropping weights he was lifting Monday night in the prison's recreation building. Efforts to resuscitate him failed.

The Ada County coroner's office said there was no evidence Mueller was assaulted.

An autopsy was conducted, but the cause of death would not be released until further studies are completed.

Stripper

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was from Pocatello and "had on a skin and suit type costume that resembled a Halloween costume."

The dancer stripped down to a bikini during a performance that lasted about three minutes, according to the fax. She was

escorted to and from the SIR-COMM building and not left alone while she was there, according to the fax.

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3238 or by e-mail at mheinz@magicvalley.com.

Skateboard

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in the street very quickly, he said.

Business owners have complained about skateboards and roller blades and the school district indicated that it wanted to be included in the ordinance for safety and liability reasons, Rothweiler said.

"The county has made considerable improvements to the front steps of the courthouse and most of the improvements are showing damage from skateboards," Rothweiler said.

Mayor Dennis Moore only wants roller skates and roller

blades to be allowed in the central business district.

"The skateboarders wax up the curbs and because it might prohibit roller blading and skateboarding on the bike path along Tiger Drive beside Horizon Elementary."

"In the summer, residents of that neighborhood use Forsyth Park, Horizon Elementary

School grounds and the bike path for recreation purposes," Skaug said. "I would hate for people to be ticketed because of the ordinance."

In other business, the council approved the purchase of playground equipment from Playworld systems in the amount of \$24,161. The equipment will replace worn out equipment in Shepherd's Park.

One size for toddlers up to age 4 will be located at a distance from equipment designed for older children between ages 5 and 12. Each piece of playground equipment will have a capacity of 15 children at a time.

The equipment can be added on to over time, Rothweiler said. It would be installed by next summer.

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"The churches need parking on Sundays and a couple of evenings during the week. The courthouse, the senior citizens and the post office need parking during the week days. There are a lot of parking spaces in the area and we are working on a plan to combine and enhance the parking to make it an area we can all be proud of," Bybee said.

Hospital

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negotiating the purchase of the clinic's inpatient services, a 44-bed operation that includes admissions, intensive care, the upstairs pharmacy, biomedical (equipment for inpatient services), housekeeping and respiratory therapy, as well as the clinic building and property. It is also looking at buying the clinic's laboratory, radiology, pathology and same-day surgery departments, along with the open MRI the clinic and hospital purchased together.

In other action Wednesday,

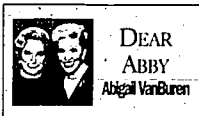
Magic Valley Regional Chief Financial Officer John Groesbeck gave the committee a report on the hospital's finances for October, the first month of the fiscal year.

"The hospital brought in \$6,906,760 in revenue and spent \$6,894,412 during October. As of the end of October, the hospital had total assets of \$91,789,160, down from \$92,463,588 in September."

Times-News reporter Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3238 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

MORNING BREAK

Memory book keeps deceased parent alive for years ahead



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanDoren

DEAR ABBY: I would like to utilize your column to reach adult relatives of the children who lost a parent in the terrorist attack of Sept. 11.

I lost my father when I was 9. He was killed in a fire as he repaired his semi. He was a young 32 years old, with five children. My mother was 27.

What my mother did 30 years ago was to keep the memory of my dad alive for us by saving his cologne, so we could remember his smell; his favorite jacket and winter coat, so we could wear them to keep us warm; his favorite albums and eight-track tapes, so we could hear his favorite songs that he loved to sing to us. I was also given a diary and photo album to put down my memories and mount my favorite photos. However, I was foolish. I didn't write down my memories because I thought I would always remember them. Those memories have faded, and now I search for those precious moments.

The surviving parent should have the children keep those precious memories fresh by writing a journal, or filling a scrapbook with things like a wrapper from the deceased parent's favorite candy bar, his or her favorite color, favorite food, way of comforting the children, where he or she liked to take them - vacations as well as the park - and articles from the local paper. When a friend or relative sends a

condolence card, that person should include a memory of the child's parent, and any photos that could be included in the memory album. If there is more than one child, make separate albums for each, and ask them to draw or write those memories before they fade (all too quickly). I did this for my siblings when I was 36 years old, so we each have a way to share with our families what their grandfather was like, and how their mother or father resembled him.

Thank you for helping me to help the children.
- KIM DUETSCH, DAUGHTER OF GEORGE H. DUETSCH

DEAR KIM: Your letter is filled with excellent suggestions. However, it's possible that the surviving parents of the Sept. 11 tragedy may be too overwhelmed with their own grief and loss to be as organized and involved as your mother was. If that's the case, assembling a memory book such as you describe would be a priceless gift of love from a close friend or rel-

ative - and a timely one, with Christmas approaching.

DEAR ABBY: For more than 20 years, my husband and I have been giving gifts to his nephew, "Barry." Barry and his family live 1,300 miles away from us. We haven't seen any of them since Barry was 11. We rarely hear from him or his parents except on occasions when we're asked to send a gift. We have never received a thank-you from Barry, other than his endorsement on our check. Now Barry is being married.

My husband and I made a large contribution in the names of the bridal couple to a national charity we care about. We also sent a lovely card congratulating them and telling them about our gift. We hope this will honor the occasion, do some good for people in need, and stem the tide of gift requests. What do you think?

- NOT BUYING IT IN COLORADO

DEAR NOT BUYING IT: Don't count on it. If the pattern holds true, you'll be hearing from Barry or his parents every time a new child arrives and on their birthdays and graduations as well. However, revenge is sweet. By giving them the gift you did, you have guaranteed they'll be solicited by that charity and others till the end of time.

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Q. Kansas law permits immediate "emergency" divorce... You can get 58 words in a 30-second commercial... Student protesters in India included in their demands the right to cheat on exams... French school kids always Wednesday off... Bald eagles mate in flight at 5,000 feet.

Q. What was the biggest labor strike of all time?

A. The 1905 shutdown of Russia. The people wanted the Czar to give them representative government. He refused. They quit work, just about all of them.

Q. What size dress would Venus de Milo wear?

A. Size 14. Not bad for 2,500 years old, what?

Poets are thought to be an interesting lot. But our Love and War man cites Alfred Lord Tennyson as the exception. He was engaged to Emily Sellwood for 14 years before they finally married. Nothing wrong with that, maybe, for the day. It's a matter of record, however, that long long engagements produce as few happy marriages as short short engagements.

Freeways are statistically safer than side streets.

Early fur traders sought beaver but rejected mink... No



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

living creature sees better in the daylight than an owl... Your skin would fill a gallon jar... Among zoo visitors, the grownups outnumber the children by two to one... Lightning kills more people directly than any other weather quirk... In ski talk, a mogul is a bump in the run.

The Quechua Indian language of Peru has more than 1,000 different words for "potato."

Q. There have never been as many tribes where each woman had more than one husband as tribes where each man had more than one wife. Why?

A. Wars. More young males were killed off early, leaving surpluses of females.

Iowa law limits kisses to five minutes each.

The original dictionary man Noah Webster was moved mostly at the outset by one main motive: to rid the American language of the useless "us" in such English words as colour, honour, labour. He was 17 years old when the Declaration of

Independence was signed.

A married man in a business partnership is more apt to split up with his wife than with his partner, statistics show.

Q. How come there's no male or female name for a beaver except beaver?

A. Because none but another beaver can tell the difference. No call to specify when you don't know.

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Local celebrations honor 'Patroness of Americas'

Pilgrimages in Mexico reflect deep devotion to image of Virgin

By Amalza Figueroa
Times-News correspondent

Numerous apparitions of the Virgin Mary have been documented throughout the centuries.

One of the most popular occurred in Mexico in the 15th Century. It is the story of Juan Diego, the peasant who saw the Virgin Mary on a frozen hillside. As a sign of her appearance, his cape was filled with roses and the image of Mary.

The Virgin received her image by called Santa Maria de Guadalupe and a church was built at the site. Within six years of the apparition, it is said that 6 million Aztecs converted to Catholicism.

The devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has its origins and its 'corazon' in Mexico, but it is an American celebration," says

Father Ron Wekerle, pastor of St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome. He calls it a celebration to bring the entire continent together and not just a Mexican celebration.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is considered

the Patroness of the Americas, and a feast in her honor is held on Dec. 12. "The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe happens in the season of Advent, a time of preparation to celebrate the comings of the Lord," Wekerle says.

"We honor her by giving thanks to God." The community comes together to celebrate and give thanks. "This is a very joyful celebration. It is alive and it appeals to all the senses," the priest says.

"We should be united and have faith in Our Lady specially during these times of war."

-Marino Perea, Catholic Deacon

St. Jerome's Deacon Marino Perea, who coordinated this year's feast events, says the celebration is a community effort where everyone gets involved to honor "Our Lady."

"We should be united and have faith in Our Lady specially during these times of war," he says.

Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations

- St. Jerome's in Jerome**
"Mananitas" (songs) start at 5 a.m. Dec. 12, followed by a Spanish Mass at 6 a.m. A second Spanish Mass will start at 6 p.m. A dramatic reenactment of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a meal and by traditional dances. St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls
- A rosary will be prayed at 11 p.m. Dec. 11 and the Mananitas start at midnight. A Spanish Mass will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 and conclude with the traditional dances.
- Little Flower Church in Burley**
Children singing at 9:30 p.m. and midnight Mass on Dec. 11.
- St. Nicholas Church in Rupert**
Mass will be held at 5 a.m. Dec. 12.
- Saint Elizabeth's Church in Gooding**
Mananitas are at 5 a.m. and Mass at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12.
- St. Charles in Halley**
Mananitas at 6 a.m. Dec. 12 and Spanish Mass at 7 p.m.

The tale of Our Lady of Guadalupe

In December, 1531, a poor Aztec Indian named Juan Diego, a convert, was walking through the Tepayac hill country in central Mexico. There, he encountered a beautiful woman surrounded by a ball of light. Speaking in his native tongue, she identified herself as Virgin Mary. "I desire a church in this place where your people may experience my compassion," she told Juan. Juan, 57, did as the lady requested and went to the palace of the bishop. But Juan was disappointed by the bishop's response and felt himself unworthy to persuade someone as important as a bishop. He returned to the hill and found

her there waiting for him. "My little son, there are many I could send. But you are the one I have chosen," she told him. She then told him to return to the bishop, who asked for proof. Juan dutifully returned to the hill and the lady said the bishop would have his sign the next day.

Juan was not able to return because his uncle had become mortally ill. After two days, with his uncle near death, Juan left to find a priest and passed Tepayac Hill. He found Mary waiting. She spoke:

"Do not be distressed, my littlest son ... Your

uncle will not die at this time ... Go to the top of the hill and cut the flowers that are growing there. Bring them to me. While it was freezing, Juan found a full bloom of Castilian roses. Removing his tilma, a poncho-like cape made of cactus fiber, he cut the roses

and carried them back to Mary. She rearranged the roses and told him:

"My little son, this is the sign I am sending to the Bishop. Tell him that with this sign I request his greatest efforts to complete the church I desire in this place."

At the palace, Juan told the bishop his story and opened the tilma letting the flowers fall out. The bishop and his advisors fell to their knees. On the tilma was a picture of the Virgin Mary precisely as Juan had described her - pregnant with her "Divine Son."

She asked her image be called Santa Maria de Guadalupe. It's believed "Guadalupe" was actually a Spanish translation of the local Aztec dialect. The word that Mary probably used was Coatlicue which means "one who treads on snakes."

In 1977, the tilma was examined using infrared photography and digital enhancement techniques. The method used to create the image is still unknown, and the image is inexplicable in its longevity. It can be seen today in a large cathedral built to house up to 20,000 worshippers and is the most popular religious pilgrimage site in the Western Hemisphere. Source: Catholic Online

Bands play at Reventon en Jerome

JEROME - "Reventon en Jerome" will be held this weekend at the Jerome County Fairgrounds.

Group "Banda Limonense" from Mexico will perform together with "Grupo Caribe" and "Grupo Karisma" at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Tickets are for sale at various Hispanic stores for \$25.

Hispanic cultural celebration set in Boise

BOISE - A Cultural Celebration of the Hispanic Community in Boise will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at Bishop Kelly High School sponsored by



Noticias

The event is related to the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is celebrated on Dec. 12. She represents cultural affirmation of Mexico and its indigenous people, organizers say.

Invited guests include Bishop Michael Driscoll and other community leaders.

Salsa sensation says he's on the right track with new LP

By Lola Ogunnake
New York Daily News

NEW YORK - "This is by far the most important work I've done in my life," salsa crooner Marc Anthony says. "I feel like I was born to make this album." "Libre," Anthony's fourth salsa album, is his return to the genre that launched his career, but it also marks a beginning. He took eight months to record "Libre" - a quick turnaround by pop standards, seconds in Michael Jackson time, but an eternity for someone whose previous records took about three weeks each. "This is his most sophisticated work to date," says Paco Navarro, a New York disc jockey who has followed



Marc Anthony

Anthony's career since he was a teenager working the club circuit. "Marc keeps growing as an artist," Anthony says. "Libre" is influenced by the different rhythms he has picked up traveling the world in the last decade. Though the albums is decidedly salsa, he experiments with sounds from Africa, Paraguay, Uruguay and Peru. "I got to incorporate everything I ever wanted to put on an album," says Anthony, who

arranged, mixed and produced his latest effort in the basement of his sprawling Colonial manor on Long Island. "The whole atmosphere was totally different, and I fought for that." After a long pull on a newly lit Newport, Anthony says: "Libre" means free, and that embodies where I am in my life. I'm finally free to express myself, and I don't want to work any other way. With two Grammys under his belt, millions in album sales, movie deals and a fan base that has filled Madison Square Garden, Marc Anthony believes he has earned the right to call the shots. "I've sacrificed myself for the past 12 years so I could put myself in a position where I can say no," he says.

Billboard's Top Latin Albums for the week

1. Libre, Marc Anthony
2. Mia Romances, Luis Miguel
3. El Ultimo Adios/The Last Goodbye (EP), Various Artists
4. Sufriendo A Solas, Lucinda Etxebar
5. MTV Unplugged, Alejandro Sarrac
6. En Vivo: Desde La Plaza El Progreso De Guadalupe, Joan Sebastian
7. Delame Entrar, Carlos Vives
8. El Audismito Y Unico En Vivo, El Poder Del Norte
9. Origenes, Alejandro Fernandez
10. Historia Musical, Los Angeles Azules

ABC drops Spanish translation of program World News Tonight

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - ABC has dropped the Spanish-language version of "World News Tonight," calling it an experiment that failed to attract viewers.

The translation for audiences in 33 major cities was available through the Secondary Audio Program channel, or SAP, a feature available on most stereo television sets.

It started in October 2000 and was abandoned Nov. 21, according to Jeffrey Schneider, ABC News vice president.

"We value our Hispanic viewers greatly and had high hopes that SAP would bring more viewers to 'World News Tonight.' At the end of the day, we saw no evidence that was the case," Schneider said Monday.

He said ABC News was disappointed the experiment didn't work.

"We will continue to look for ways to report on issues of particular importance to Hispanic Americans," Schneider added.

Viewership for the translated newscast was difficult to measure, ABC relied on "anecdotal evidence," Schneider said. He was unaware of any viewer complaints that was dropped. "No staff jobs will be affected by the change; four free-lancers had worked on the translated newscast with anchorman Peter Jennings."

Juan Moreno, entertainment editor for the New York-based Spanish-language newspaper, El Diario La Prensa, had expressed reservations about the service when it started.

"Latinos are used to receiving news a certain way," Moreno said Monday. "Just because the Anglo media all of a sudden is going to speak our language, it doesn't mean we're gonna tune into it."

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You'll make impression on company president, Leo

IF DECEMBER 6TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have pleasing voice and manner. You possess ability to be utterly frank yet diplomatic. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio individuals play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials fit names: F, O, X. Before December is finished, you will reach accommodation with obstreperous family member. During January of 2002, vigor makes dramatic comeback; creative and sexy.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Block to progress will be removed. Focus on advertising, publishing and showmanship. Taurus, Scorpio persons will play "amazing" roles. Your lucky number is 4.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Changes occur at home; keep plans flexible. Family member confides "romantic dilemma." Maintain emotional equilibrium. Flirtation is more serious than expected.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You could change residence, marital sta-

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tonight. Separation from loved one is temporary; there soon will be a dramatic reunion. Aries represented.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could be "talk of town!" Highlight originality, emphasize innovative style. Invention will receive favorable attention; you could profit as result. Leo figures prominently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Family member introduces you to individual destined to play major role in your life. Focus on where you live and with whom. Comforts of home and marital status featured.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emphasize humor and versatility, and help others to laugh at their foibles. Long-range plan is coming to fruition. This could involve travel and publishing. Gemini plays role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is your make-over day; high-light different style. Relationship, once ended, will be revived. Taurus, Scorpio persons are "destined" to

play outstanding roles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be ready for change of itinerary. You will be asked to replace individual who has been "let go." Flirtation could lead to change of marital status. Virgo figures prominently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Individual you helped in recent past will return favor and money. Be diplomatic but firm. Make principles known, and do something about it. Domestic adjustment highlights scenario.

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Actress: Movie carries important message

TORONTO (AP) — Mary Steenburgen says people need to be reminded of the message of her new movie, "Life as a House."

Steenburgen says the message is to appreciate the simple little things in life, and not take things for granted.

"I suppose there are people that live every single day of their life cherishing it as though it's going to be their last but for a lot of us, real life comes in and you forget," she told APN.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

This chart shows the annual 2000 wages in Blaine County - given in thousands of dollars - for industries covered by the Idaho Employment Security Law.

Total excluding federal	\$356,392
Agriculture	\$1,991
Mining	\$1,295
Construction	\$65,847
Food processing	\$264
Lumber	\$1,010
Other manufacturing	\$11,301
Transportation, communication and utilities	\$8,256
Wholesale trade	\$15,686
Retail trade	\$50,672
Finance, insurance and real estate	\$28,110
Services	\$137,880
State government	\$1,661
Local government	\$32,420
Federal government	\$3,458

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Jerome chamber plans ribbon cuttings

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce's members plan grand-opening ribbon cuttings for two Jerome businesses this week:

- Continental Loans, at 11:30 a.m. today, in the new office plaza next to Wal-Mart and Edge Wireless.
- Gypsy Sun Bath & Body, at 4 p.m. Friday, at 204 East Main St.

Jacksons Food Stores gains information officer

MERIDIAN - Meridian-based Jacksons Food Stores Inc., which has locations in the Magic Valley, said Phil Miltenberger joined the company as its new chief information officer.

Miltenberger has eight years' experience in the convenience store and wholesale oil industry, and almost 20 years in information technology, Jacksons said.

He previously was a principal consultant with Professional Datasolutions Inc., in Texas, and was vice president of information systems for McClure Oil Corp., in Indiana.

He also spent seven years with Delco Electronics division of General Motors, where he was an engineer and business analyst.

Miltenberger has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University and a master's degree in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Jacksons has a chain of 83 convenience stores in Idaho, Oregon, Nevada and Utah and has a wholesale division serving other dealers. All operations employ more than 700 people, the company said.

Colorado-based firm opens Post Falls center

POST FALLS - Colorado-based Center Partners opened its second Kootenai County call center in the past year as the company quickly becomes one of the county's largest employers.

More than 800 people work at the first operation, which opened eight months ago.

About 175 of those workers will transfer to the Post Falls call center, opening last March, to relieve crowding.

By the end of March, additional hiring should put the company's local work force between 1,000 and 1,200 workers, site Vice President Brian Dowe said.

"It's a reaffirmation of our intent to do business in the Coeur d'Alene area," said Richard Keith, president and chief executive officer of Center Partners. "Virtually everything that we hoped for worked out."

The Coeur d'Alene center processes more than 25,000 calls per day, most of them billing inquiries from AT&T Broadband's cable or telephone customers.

City's deal with Dell evolves

Urban Renewal Agency will have to sell fewer bonds

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Think you understand the incentives that will bring a Dell Computer Corp. technical-support operation to town? Get ready to think some more. Because some of them have

been changed at least daily. A city agency, for instance, plans to build a larger parking garage - and sooner - than at last report. But Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency won't have to issue bonds to buy the former grocery store it will lease to Dell.

Confused? Dave McAlindin, City Hall's economic development director, gives a tidy description of the evolution of the Dell deal.

"We are continuing to fine-tune the details of the project," he said.

As it stood Wednesday, City Hall's understanding with Dell calls for the Texas-based computer giant to buy the former Albertson's grocery store on Pole Line Road itself. Well, practically.

Dell now plans to loan the Urban Renewal Agency \$3 million which the agency will use to buy the former store, McAlindin said.

That's the price on the real estate sale agreement Urban Renewal's chairman signed Wednesday. The agreement, which calls for a Feb. 1 closing

date, was to be forwarded Wednesday to Boise-based Albertson's Inc. for signatures, with a check for \$10,000 in earnest money.

As of Wednesday, McAlindin said, Urban Renewal planned to buy the building, transfer ownership to the city, so the building's occupant will be exempt from property taxes on the real estate - then lease the building to Dell.

Over the 10 years of the lease, the lease payment from Dell to Urban Renewal will be the same size as the debt payment on Dell's loan to the agency. Got

that? "So no money will change hands," McAlindin said.

At the end of 10 years, Dell can either take possession of the building or continue to lease it.

Why the changed arrangement? Dell has the \$3 million, and senior Dell negotiator Charlie Ball opted for an easier approach than agency-issued bonds to finance the purchase, McAlindin said.

"In a lengthy and expensive conference call, Charlie just said,

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INVESTORS PLACE BETS ON THE BULL



Trader Timothy Cochrane looks at a quote screen Wednesday as he works on the New York Stock Exchange trading floor near the close of trading.

Dow surges above 10,000

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Technology shares propelled the stock market higher for a second straight session Wednesday, helping to boost the Dow Jones industrial more than 220 points and giving the blue chips their first close above 10,000 since Sept. 5.

The advance also lifted the Nasdaq composite index past 2,140 for the first time since early August.

Investors were betting that the battered tech sector would trigger a new bull market, and upbeat comments from Cisco Systems and Oracle fed the growing optimism.

Still, analysts said that while breaking through milestones like 10,000 or 2,000 is important to the investor's mood, they discounted Wednesday's performance as an indicator that a bull

market had arrived. The Dow surged 220.45, or 2.2 percent, to finish a heavily-traded session at 10,114.29. The Dow, which rose 129 points Tuesday, had not closed above 10,000 since Sept. 5, when it finished at 10,033.27.

It was also the Dow's best one-day point win since Sept. 24, when the blue chips rose 368 following the low of 8,235.81 they made Sept. 21 after the terror attacks.

Wall Street's broader stock indicators also rose sharply. The Nasdaq composite index soared 83.74, or 4.3 percent, to 2,046.84. The tech-focused index hadn't

ended above 2,000 since Aug. 7 when it closed at 2,027.29. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 25.55, or 2.2 percent, to 1,170.35.

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technology's strong run to buying by professional money managers who want to improve their portfolios' yearly performance. Historically, analysts said, the sector fares best in the fourth quarter.

"We are coming to the end of the year, and portfolio managers are reaching for performance. And tech stocks have done the best this quarter," Dickson said.

Indeed, technology has made the biggest strides since the Sept. 11 attacks. The Nasdaq has risen nearly 44 percent from its post-attack low of 1,423.19 on Sept. 21. The Dow has moved up almost 23 percent from its low; the S&P, up 21 percent.

But analysts were still cautious. "The 10,000 number is a nice round number, but I don't think there is any magic to it," said Charles Blood Jr., senior financial markets analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.

Companies owned by women have greatest impact in L.A.

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Women-owned businesses are having a greater economic impact in the Los Angeles area than in any metropolitan area in the country, based on the size, sales and number of companies, a study released this week shows.

New York leads the nation in the number of women-owned companies - with an expected 230,765 such enterprises by 2002, according to the Center for Women's Business Research. Los Angeles was No. 2 in that measure, with the report estimating there will be 213,759 women-owned companies in Los Angeles County by next year.

But while New York has more of them, women-owned businesses in Los Angeles contribute more to the economy because of greater overall sales and size, the research group said.

Bureau data, projects that sales at women-owned companies nationwide next year will be up 40 percent over 1997 levels, when the last economic census was conducted.

Sales at women-owned business in the Los Angeles area, however, are expected to climb by 62 percent. And while employment nationwide at women-owned companies is expected to climb by 70 percent, local employment is forecast to jump by 50 percent.

Ted Gibson, chief economist for the California Department of Finance, notes that for the past four years, the Los Angeles economy has outpaced that of New York. And that attitudes might play a role too.

"The West, generally speaking, is more hospitable to entrepreneurship than the East," he said. "I think that probably would be a driving force behind the relatively rapid growth of women-owned businesses in L.A."

The report showed that 10 fastest growing areas for women-owned business were largely in the West and Southwest.

The study estimates that by next year, there will be a record 112,700 companies nationwide owned by females, notching annual revenues of more than \$1 million. And while that's less than 2 percent of all women-owned privately held companies, women's business advocates say it's enough of a market now to attract attention from the financial community, especially venture capitalists, which can help fuel additional growth.

Even \$1 million dollars in sales might not be enough to attract some of the larger venture companies looking to invest \$10 million or more in a growing business, noted Nell Merlino, chief executive officer of New York-based Count Me In, which makes micro-loans to women-business owners.

Idaho ranks first in U.S. in growth of women-owned businesses

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Idaho is tied with Wyoming as the fastest growing state in the United States in the number of women-owned businesses, employment and sales, according to the Center for Women's Business Research.

That's based on data and projections from 1997 to 2002. "As of 2002, there are an estimated 32,480 majority-owned, privately held women-owned firms in Idaho, accounting for 27 percent of all privately held firms in the state," said Nina McLenore, the center's chairman. "Women-owned firms in Idaho employ over 51,000 people and generate over \$5.6

billion in sales."

Wells Fargo sponsored the center's most recent reports. The number of women-owned businesses nationwide continues to grow at twice the rate of all U.S. firms, and those businesses show significantly greater increases in employment and revenues, the center said.

Between 1997 and 2002, the center estimates the number of women-owned firms in Idaho increased by 26 percent, employment grew by 97 percent and sales rose 135 percent.

The center also estimates there are 6,621 women-owned employer firms in Idaho. The number of those firms grew by

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MONEY

Steps taken now can save you taxes

By Ellen Alt Powell The APW Staffed Press

NEW YORK — The April tax season might seem far away, but now is the time to try to lower your taxes.

Taxes 2001

Steps to minimize your taxable income and maximize your deductions generally must be taken before year's end to count.

"There's nothing worse than going to your accountant in April and hearing, 'Well, you could have done this or that last year,'" said Brian R. Korb, a financial planner in Dayton, Ohio.

More than one-third of Americans with adjusted gross income of \$30,000 to \$50,000 itemized deductions last year, according to RIA, a New York provider of tax information and software to accounting professionals. The figure is more than twice that for those with income of \$50,000 to \$100,000, it said.

Here are suggestions from tax experts:

Make the most of tax-sheltered accounts

The dollars you put into 401(k) and other retirement accounts reduce your taxable income, "so it's a good idea to get as close as

you can to making out on that," said Charles Enis, an associate professor of accounting with the Smel College of Business Administration at Pennsylvania State University. The limit this year is April 15.

If your company doesn't offer a retirement program, you can set up your own Individual Retirement Account, putting aside \$2,000 a year tax deferred. The deadline for setting up IRAs is April 15.

"People should also look into flexible spending plans," Enis advised. "They're a great deal as long as you're conservative."

Flexible spending plans allow you to set aside pretax dollars — generally in amounts of \$1,000 to \$2,000 — to cover health-care and child care expenses. The downside is that if you don't use the money, it reverts to the company fund.

Convert credit card debt

The interest you pay on credit cards is not tax deductible; the interest you pay on your mortgage is. So paying credit card debt with a home equity loan or line of credit can get you a tax write-off.

"It boils down to: Would you rather pay 18 percent interest (on credit card balances) and not get a deduction, or pay 5 percent on a line of credit and get a deduction," Enis said.

"Still, he cautioned, consumers should weigh such decisions carefully. "The important point is the fundamental economics of what you're doing. The tax benefit is the icing on the cake."

"Harvest" stock losses

Korb, who heads the LifePlan Financial Group, notes that an increasing number of Americans own stocks and stock mutual funds, and that gives them the opportunity "to make lemonade out of the lemons in their portfolios."

By that he means "they should look at their holdings to see what has lost value that they can sell."

Those losses can be used to offset up to \$3,000 of income. The losses can be used on other investments, dollar for dollar. In addition, losses can be used to offset up to \$3,000 of income with the surplus carried over for future years.

'Bundle' deductions

Some people, especially retirees who have paid off their mortgages, often don't have quite enough to itemize deductions. This year, the standard deduction is \$4,600 for singles and \$7,600 for a couple filing jointly.

"These people can benefit from 'bundling' deductions into one year and taking the standard deduction the next," said Tony Bard, a tax specialist in

Gresham, Ore., who is a spokesman for the National Association of Enrolled Agents.

This could involve prepaying next year's property taxes, making your estimated fourth-quarter state tax payment in December rather than waiting until Jan. 15 and doubling up on charitable contributions, he said. "Those with mortgages might make their January payment in December to bring the interest into 2001," he added.

Charity comes in a variety of forms

A lot of people made extensive charitable contributions to aid the survivors of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and they can write these and other donations off on their taxes.

It's also increasingly popular to make non-cash contributions, including used clothing and household goods to organizations such as the Salvation Army or Goodwill, Bard said.

"If you have an older gentleman who went through one room in his house every year for several years and donated things he no longer needed or wanted," Bard said. "He came out with several thousand dollars in deductions."

He suggested keeping a detailed list of contributions to make it easier to calculate the value.

Competitors stay quiet on Microsoft settlement

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Not many high-tech companies talk openly about the proposed Microsoft antitrust settlement. Even fewer criticize the deal in public, despite private misgivings.

They still, after all, must work with the world's largest software maker, which controls the operating systems of more than 90 percent of desktop computers and can play a big role in the fate of their businesses.

The exceptions are the usual suspects — mainly those companies that possess enough clout, money and muscle to risk a run-in with the software giant.

The most outspoken critics include database powerhouse Oracle Corp. and Unix server giant Sun Microsystems Inc. Both dominate their core markets despite Microsoft's efforts.

Timothy Ellison, Oracle's billionaire chairman, told a crowd at the Comdex computer show in Las Vegas this week that the settlement is "a complete victory for Microsoft, a complete defeat for the government. I give Microsoft credit for keeping a straight face."

Sun's chief, Scott McNealy, also expressed outrage that the Department of Justice — after winning the case — seemed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

It's not just provisions riddled with loopholes or toothless enforcement. The deal indicates an unwillingness of the government to police antitrust crimes, critics say.

"The only thing I can conclude is either the Justice Department didn't know what it was doing or they did know and just decided to give up," said Michael Morris, Sun's vice president and general

counsel. Microsoft settled to answer specific questions about the deal, but co-founder Bill Gates has said the company will accept its strictures.

Most companies that must work with or compete against the software giant either refused to elaborate beyond short written statements, or remained silent altogether.

Real Networks, which makes streaming media software, declined to comment beyond a short statement, which called the settlement a "reward not a remedy. Ditto for AOL Time Warner, Palm and Novell. Others, including software-maker Adobe Inc., computer-maker Apple Computer Inc. and chipmaker Intel Corp. refused to make any statements at all.

Major PC manufacturers also were silent.

Only a handful of other high-tech companies would answer specific questions about their opposition to the settlement.

Opera Software ASA had little to lose.

The Norway-based company long ago gave up any pretense of installing its critically acclaimed Web browser on new PCs. Microsoft's exclusive deals had already shut it out of the market.

Opera might benefit from the settlement under some provisions that allow computer makers to install non-Microsoft "middleware" such as Web browsers. But only the links to Microsoft software could be removed, not the programs themselves. That means Microsoft could set itself up as the default system despite any agreements with PC and software makers.

IRS warns against donating used cars to bogus charities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The IRS warned on Monday that charity and take-a-tax-deduction should ensure the organization is legitimate and keeps proper records. December usually signals an increase in charitable giving, in part because of the holiday season but also because it marks the last few weeks that a taxpayer who itemizes can do things to maximize tax deductions for the year.

Donations of used cars have steadily risen in popularity and charities have rushed to embrace them. But Internal Revenue

Service Commissioner Charles Rossetti and state officials say contributors must take care that their old car is actually going to a worthy cause.

"Don't get taken for a ride," Rossetti said. A tax deduction is not allowed unless the donation is made to a bona fide tax-exempt organization.

One way to look for an IRS Publication 78, which is available on the agency's Internet site and contains an annual list of charities eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.

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Analysts aren't predicting a quick recovery for Enron

HOUSTON (AP) - Shares of Enron Corp. are climbing, bank financing has been secured, and the company hopes to emerge from bankruptcy a viable business. But analysts aren't betting that the fallen energy giant will be back to its old form any time soon. Enron stock jumped 118 percent to 87 cents on the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday after investors learned the company had secured \$1.5 billion in short-term financing from two banks. In mid-afternoon trading Wednesday, shares were up an additional 18 cents to \$1.05. But a year ago, they were worth more than \$80.

Financial observers weren't counting on an extended rebound by Enron

This is an issue of psychology more than it is economics, said Mike Greenberg, a bankruptcy and securities professor at the University of Maryland School of Law. "It could go either way, but my bet is that this is not going to be enough to resurrect their apparent reliability as a counterparty." Analysts said the surge likely shows that shareholders are gambling that Enron's stock might be worth something after it completes Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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He doesn't yet know how much the agency will pay a contractor to design and build the larger garage. Urban Renewal will issue bonds to pay that bill.

But he said Dell has agreed to pay the amount of debt service on the bonds which exceeds \$150,000 annually, whatever that amount might be. That \$150,000 each year is what Urban Renewal has available to contribute, McAlindin said. "With an entrance and exit ramp on its north end, the parking garage will empty onto Canyon Springs Road. With the changes in Dell incentives, the Urban Renewal Agency will have to amend its urban renewal plan again. "We're going to annex Filer this time," agency member Dave Woodhead said as a joke. "The long arm of the Urban Renewal Agency."

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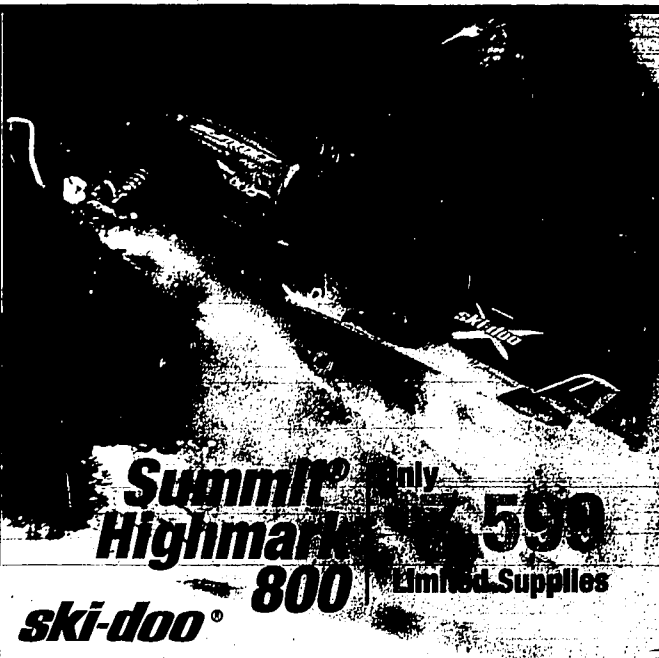
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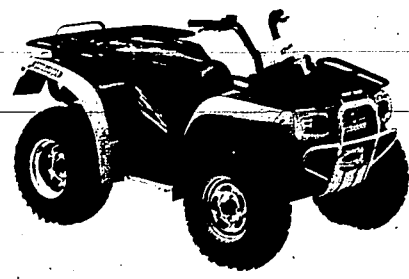
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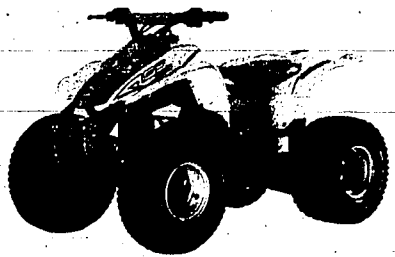
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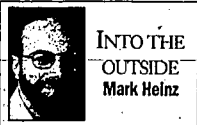
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"Kuuuwoong!"
All sixteen feet of my aluminum canoe came to a dead stop with the full force of the current holding us against the wire. I waited for the river to wrench us around broadside into the wire and spill Dave, my sister, Anne, my dog, Goliath, me and our shotguns into the chilly water. (Years ago, we took to tethering the guns to lines in the boat in case of just such a disaster.)
But the boat stayed its course, dead straight in the center of the channel. Dave and I were soon



INTO THE OUTSIDE
Mark Helz

able to wrestle it back against the current and into shore for a portage around the wire.
Saved again by the uncanny stability of what is possibly the ugliest canoe in the Intermountain West.
We continued down the river, hugging the banks on hairpin turns, hoping to catch mallards—and, with luck, —a gob of Canada honkers—by surprise and get some shots.
Just like so many times before, Dad bought the boat more than two decades ago from Fran's Sporting Goods in Butte, Mont. It was shiny then, with a big "Alumicraft" logo. Over the years, we've coated it with various dull shades to make it an effective hunting boat.

Dad remember looking at it as Dad drove it home in our pickup. Several feet of it stuck out the rear of the bed, and as I watched the sun glare obnoxiously off its silver hide, I wondered what fun and adventure over this low, wide, flat, flat contraction could ever get me into.
During one of our first trips with it, we crossed over a shallow section of some Montana lake (I've forgotten which one). I leaned farther and farther out over the bow, and the boat was slipping by just inches in front of my nose. Caught in the easy fascination of late childhood, I watched the lake bed go by as if I were looking down on a strange-land from an airplane.
A few years later, a couple of friends and I rode in time of some deep pond on the Red Rocks refuge in southwest Montana and deliberately capsized it. It took a lot to get the metal monster to roll over. I can recall the three of us standing up and rocking back and forth, howling in the glorious bloom of our adolescent stupidity—until the boat finally flipped and we were cast overboard. Giggling and happily slinging insults at each other, we pushed it ashore. But our mood turned sober when we spotted an egret in the bull moose standing just a few dozen yards inland, looking none to pleased about a trio of dunderheads interrupting the peace of his afternoon. We quickly emptied the water out of the boat and slipped back into the pond.
Our hunting dogs have had plenty of fun with the boat as well.
Our golden retriever, Zack, once gallantly dove out, swam ashore and did his best to fetch a young whitetail buck I'd just dropped with my Mouser. Zack died a few years ago, but the comic image of his heroics hangs with me.
Dad paid a few hundred dollars for the canoe when he bought it. With all the dings, scratches and poorly patched leaks it's developed, I doubt it would fetch even a fraction of that today. But the value of things is, I think, best measured in how hard they are used and how many memories are attached to them. By that standard, the boat is priceless.
And when the pressures of a mundane everyday mount, it's always easy for me to imagine where I'd rather be.
Easing along in my big, ugly metal boat. Hugging a bank that's covered in thick brush at the world around me is wrapped in that heavy stillness that heralds sundown. Watching, listening, waiting.
And wondering what the river has in store.
When he's not floating the Snake River or wandering around in the high desert, Mark Helz reports on crime and courts for The Times-News.

Cross country crushes calories



Brenda Spackman, of Ketchum, skates sids across fresh powder at the Sun Valley Nordic Center. Additional snowfall this week should make trails even better.

Nordic skiing gives the heart a world-class workout

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

Eight hundred calories.
That should be enough to make just about anyone want to jump on a pair of cross-country skis and start scooting around tracks of corduroy snow.
Eight hundred calories is the number of calories a 175-pound man can burn skate skiing at a moderate pace for an hour.
That's good for two pieces of carrot cake with cream cheese frosting and a little more besides.
"Doctors say it's the single best cardiovascular exercise you can do for your heart," said Ned Wheeler, director of the Sun Valley Nordic Center. "What's more, it works every major muscle group in your body and burns more calories than any other sport."
If you've never tried cross-country skiing before or if you've been out of it for awhile, this is the year to get going.
Nordic trails north of Ketchum are off to their best start in three years, with the Sun Valley Nordic Center opening three weeks

ahead of last year. And Nordic trails near Magic Mountain are basking in a flurry of flakes, as well.
Cross-country skiing is far less expensive than downhill skiing, both in terms of equipment and trail fees.
You can go at your own speed, rather than having gravitational pull constantly tugging you down the mountain.
And this year you have a chance to learn from the world's best, as some of the best teams in the world train in Sun Valley before the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.
Here are a few things to consider, whether you're just getting started or whether you're a veteran cross-country skier who wants to start off the year on the right foot.
Decisions, decisions.
Before you ever set a ski on a groomed-corduroy track, you must decide whether

to try (a) classical or diagonal skiing or (b) skate skiing.
The classical form is the age-old form of Nordic skiing that hearkens back to the days when the postman used to deliver mail on skis. The concept is not that difficult: scoot your skis, one in front of another.
Using this technique, you can ski in tracks set by groomers in the snow. Or you can venture off groomed trails to break your own trails into the backcountry.
Generally, ski instructors recommend that you start off on classical skis: It allows you to get your balance on skinny boards not much more than an inch in width.
But there's plenty of room to develop your skill. It's true that starting off in cross-country skiing is not much harder than walking. But Bill Koch, the only American ever to win an

Olympic medal in cross-country skiing, says to truly excel at classical skiing often takes more energy than skate skiing.
"It's definitely a sport a lot of people are getting into," said longtime skier Jenny Busdon of Ketchum. "A lot of women, for instance, are afraid to go downhill skiing because of the speed involved. With cross-country skiing, you breathe hard. But it's fun."
Skate skiing
Skate skiing is similar to ice skating or roller blading while classical is more akin to jogging — except you're "jogging" with skis gliding on the snow.
The advantage to skate skiing is that you can cover more ground in a shorter amount of time than you can on classical skis. And it gives you a better workout, if only because most people don't push classical skiing to its limits.
The disadvantage: You're pretty much confined to a groomed trail with a skate
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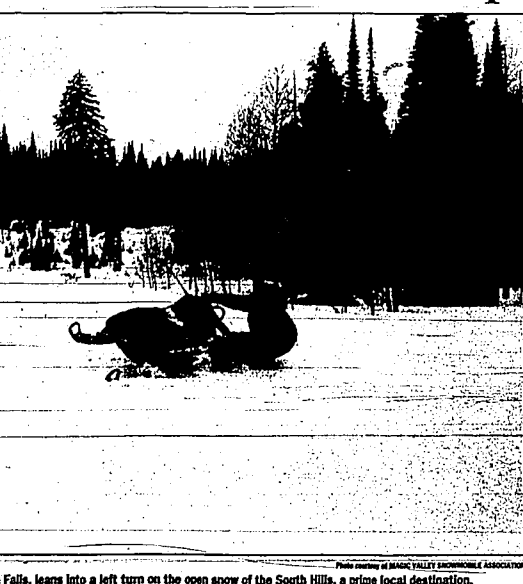
Heavy snowfall has snowmobilers fired up

Nothing tops deep powder right in the back yard

By David Cooper
Times-News outdoors editor

Magic Valley snowmobilers don't mind a good road trip to find ample snow. But for the best experience, nothing beats the back yard.
Thanks to continuing snowfalls from the end of November into December, avid snowmobilers are ready to go full throttle into the South Hills and the Sawtooths now that the season has arrived. And after a few years of relatively light snow, the fresh layers of snow may grow even higher if the skies keep dropping flakes.
"Let's just put it this way. There's never enough snow. It's just like horsepower on a sled. There's never enough horsepower and never enough snow," Shane Stastny of Murtaugh said.
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But so far, there's plenty to start. Stastny, a member of the Magic Valley Snowmobilers Association and one of the groomers for trails in the South Hills, said riders will be pleased at what they see right now.
"There's as much snow now as there was at all last year," he said. "Right now there's about two feet. It's a good, heavy, wet snow and settling in to give it a good base."
Other members of the MVA were looking forward to a full season of snow, if for no other reason at all, to pay off the investment of their beloved machines.
"Now they don't need to drive to find snow," said Justin Fredrickson. "Not many people sledged last year, although there were a few die-hards. If you have to drive over 300 miles they'd just as soon wait."
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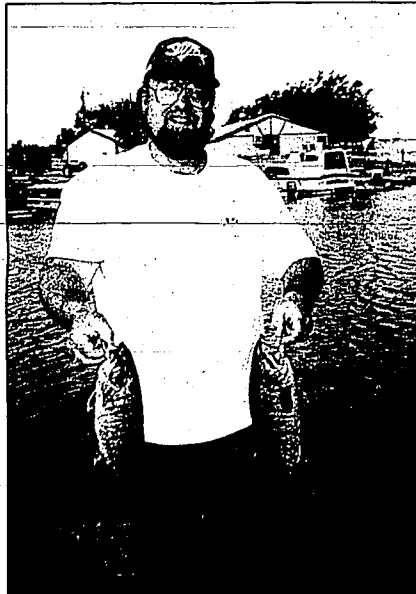


Jason Ward, of Twin Falls, leans into a left turn on the open snow of the South Hills, a prime local destination.

TROPHIES



Max Hornbrook won first place and big fish with 2.78 pounds, as Mini-Cassia Bassers held their last tournament of the year at CJ Strike.



Ron Haffner won second place at the Mini-Cassia Bassers tournament.



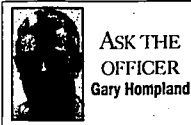
Dennis Olsen won third place at the Mini-Cassia Bassers tournament.

Law supports recreation on navigable streams

Question: I would like to fish several streams that are posted "No Trespassing." What are the rules about wading or floating streams to hunt and fish?

Answer: Idaho law defines streams that can be floated with a boat or other personal watercraft during "normal high water" to be "navigable." If a stream or river meets the criteria for "navigability," the law allows public travel up and downstream, within the high water marks, for recreational purposes.

Idaho law also says you may not trespass onto private property without permission to access the waters. The law allows the



public to exit the stream while on private property in order to cross barriers such as fences or diversion dams. The river or stream must however, be re-entered immediately downstream of the obstruction.

As you can imagine, the issue of navigability and private property rights clash when it comes to accessing Idaho's streams. When

officers are called to intervene in a trespass dispute between recreational users and property owners, their knowledge of local rivers and streams determines whether the elements of navigability have been met.

Regardless of our determination, decisions on "navigability" and public trespass can end up in a court of law.

In summary, you may fish in a navigable stream, as long as you stay within the normal high water mark. Hunters must be aware they may not shoot across or send their hunting dogs onto private land without permission from the landowner. On small streams, hunters have a very narrow

corridor for shooting and retrieving game. The trajectory of shot birds frequently carries them onto adjacent private property.

I personally recommend against waterfowl hunting on small streams because of the high likelihood they will shoot across private property or game will fall on private property requiring trespass for retrieval. Either case is clearly a trespass.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Fish and Game. E-mail your questions to him at the Fish and Game Web site, www2.state.id.us/fishgame.

Storms begin paying off for ski resorts

The Times-News

What a difference two weeks makes.

After watching Thanksgiving go by without traditional openings at some Magic Valley ski resorts, a major snowstorm followed by more light flurries have landed skiers, boarders and resorts into a powder paradise.

Pomerelle didn't waste time getting its lifts rolling after a post-Thanksgiving storm. The Albion mountain received another six inches Wednesday, giving it a total accumulation of 63 inches in the last seven days.

Skiers and boarders are enjoying excellent conditions in both powder and groomed runs. Pomerelle currently has a total of 71 inches at its base and 92 inches at the mountain's peak. All 24 trails and four lifts are open.

Sun Valley also caught on the late rush with at least 55 inches at the mountain top as of

Wednesday afternoon. Additional snowstorms were rolling through the Ketchum area adding even more as winter storm warnings continue through Thursday.

"It's been snowing hard all day, probably another 6 or 7 inches," said marketing director Jack Sibbald Wednesday afternoon.

"It's supposed to stop tonight and pick back up. We're opening the bowls and Seattle Ridge area on Saturday. So we'll have 100 percent of the mountain open then."

The snow is long overdue, but a welcome relief to the resort and its pursuit of tourists in what could be a difficult season. "At this time of the year, phones are starting to ring," Sibbald said. "They're not ringing off the hook, but they are calling."

Magic Mountain also opened on Saturday with a base of 30 inches thanks to 24 new inches of new snow last week. More snow

in the area was also falling through Wednesday to add to these totals.

Soldier Mountain north of Fairfield is expected to open on Friday. The resort's snow reports hotline said conditions were

favorable with additional powder on Wednesday.

Elsewhere in the state, Bogus Basin near Boise had at least 4 more inches of powder as of Wednesday, making a base of 48 inches, with 5 of 8 lifts open.

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Share your adventure

Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to print it as part of our new "Calls From The Wild" series. We welcome readers' true stories about hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Please write your story in the first person, keeping it under 500 words. Photos are a plus. Be sure to include your phone number.

Trapping nets nearly 4,000 fish in a record eight days

BOISE (AP) - Trapping of steelhead is over at Hells Canyon Dam after a record 3,799 adult fish were recovered in only eight days.

Fish taken at the trap were transported to Idaho Power Co.'s Oxbow Hatchery where they will be artificially spawned next spring.

"We'll hold approximately 750 fish through the winter at Oxbow Hatchery and then attempt to trap an additional 200 to 250 fish next spring," Idaho Power biologist Paul Abbott said.

The adult fish should produce about 1.5 million eggs which will be collected at the Oxbow facility and raised to smolts in the Idaho Power hatchery at Niagara Springs near Hagerman.

Abbott estimates the eggs will

produce about 800,000 smolts. When they reach eight to ten inches in length in the spring of 2003, they will be released into the Snake River.

More fish were collected than needed for spawning. So, anglers will benefit as the surplus are released. About 2,000 steelhead will be planted in the Boise River and Hells Canyon Reservoir by Idaho and Oregon fish and game departments.

Another 1,000 were transferred to the Nez Perce Tribe for planting in the Salmon and Little Salmon rivers.

Idaho Power is required by its federal dam license to foster the fish migrations. The company is in the process of preparing the application for the renewal of its license, which expires in 2005.

Gun club holds benefit shoot

The Times-News

The Twin Falls Gun Club will be holding its fourth annual benefit shoot for Christmas For Kids Program at its club location on Washington Street in Twin Falls. The event will be held from 10

a.m. until dark. Participants can win steaks, turkeys; hens, and gift certificates from local merchants.

Reservation mulls reintroduction of bighorn sheep

LAKEVIEW, Ore. (AP) - The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife plans to capture and release 100 bighorn sheep next month, part of a plan to return bighorns to their historic ranges. Twenty of the sheep are headed for the Mutton Mountains of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs reservation, pending approval by the Tribal Council.

The tribe will pay \$700 for each sheep, \$1,000 for those fitted with radio-collars. In recent years, the state has given the tribe dead bighorns to use for ceremonial purposes.

"They were important animals for subsistence and cultural uses," said Terry Luther, tribal fish, wildlife and parks manager.

Other areas getting 20 sheep each: the Fort Rock Basin southeast of Bend, the Sheephead Mountains in southeast Oregon, Birch Creek in the Owyhee River Canyon in eastern Oregon, and Klamath Canyon on the west side of Warner Valley in southeast Oregon.

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Nordic skiers enjoy the snow of the South Hills.

South Hills come alive for cross-country skiing

By Dale Stewart
Special to The Times-News

HANSEN - In the deepest chill of winter, the South Hills are often alive with the swish of cross-country skis.

Nordic skiers can choose from five established trails centering on the Magic Mountain Ski Area or venture into challenging terrain beyond for off-track and backcountry experiences. There also are opportunities for winter campouts and overnight stays in sheltered or secluded locations.

The established trails are marked and maintained by the High Desert Nordic Association, a group of skiers from throughout the Magic Valley displaying a broad range of interests, abilities and ages. Trail organization, under arrangement with the U.S. Forest Service, replaces a shelter above the Johnson Creek drainage for use during the ski season.

Trail cleaning and maintenance, along with installation of the shelter, are performed in the fall before snow accumulates. Once sufficient snow has fallen, three of the trails are groomed periodically by the High Desert Nordic Association. All trails are marked with information signs at the trailhead; improve trail maps are planned for this season.

The five trails marked by the association are:
Wahlstrom Hollow - Parking in a turnout about a mile below Magic Mountain. Trailhead is on the east side of the Rock Creek Road. Trail is not groomed, but marker posts are placed at turns and in open areas. Skiers switch back to the top of the ridge, cross it, then descend through a wooded hollow before turning to climb over the ridge and return along an open slope to the trailhead. Route provides access to open country beyond and several open, gently sloping bowls above the highway.

Lower Penstemon - Park at the ski area or in a turnout about 200 yards from the trailhead at the entrance to Upper Penstemon Campground. Trail is groomed and proceeds through the campground before following an up-and-down route that leads to the Rogerson Road. Skiers may turn left and follow the road back to the ski area or turn right and follow the road for a half mile to the trailhead for Upper Penstemon.
Upper Penstemon - Not groomed but clearly marked, the trail traverses the end of a ridge and enters the Johnson Creek drainage where it provides access to the High Desert Nordic Association shelter or off-track, skiable areas. There is a loop at the

upper end above the beaver ponds. Trail markers show the way to the shelter after a sharp climb down an open slope after crossing the creek. From the trailhead to the road, another option for skiers is to follow the road to the ridge-line for additional off-trail skiing and long-distance views across the South Hills and into Nevada.
Rock Creek - The short loop of this groomed track begins at the foot of the ski lift, follows a roadway on a 400-foot climb through aspens and mixed conifers to a junction just short of the ridge-line. The short loop drops away to the left, descending about halfway down the ridge before rejoining the uphill track. The long loop ascends to the ridge-line, crosses it and descends along the highway and through Pettit Campground, rejoining the uphill trail about a quarter mile above the trailhead. On the ridge, there are open areas with gentle slopes for smooth runs and access to areas lying to the west along Deadline Ridge. A combination of the two loops will provide a good workout.

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Pike Springs - Not groomed but marked and often skied. For access, go to the north end of the snowmobile parking area on the east side of the Rock Creek Road about a mile above the ski area. Climb toward a patch of timber about 200 yards to the northeast; the trail begins at the edge of the trees. It winds and dips through the trees, down a draw and then swings back to climb to the starting point.

Snow conditions in the South Hills can vary widely, depending on depth, temperature and weather conditions. Late winter freeze-and-thaw cycles can result in icy, fast tracks. Winds can be brisk on open ridges. Avalanche conditions are usually low, but slides have occurred.

Dale Stewart is a retired Times-News editor.

Winter bird-watching takes flight

A little effort and know-how can turn a yard into a sanctuary

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Bird watching conjures up images of little old ladies in tenny runners with their binoculars. Actually, there are millions of people who enjoy observing birds in the United States of all ages and gender. It is a sport that can be pursued from infancy to old age and greatly increases the enjoyment of your outdoor experience—even in winter months. In fact the winter feeding is one of the best times for avid bird watchers.

I got my first bird identification book under the Christmas tree when I was 8 and have been enjoying birding ever since. Which brings up the first step in bird watching—acquiring a good identification guide. There are numerous books available, but my favorite is "Birds of North America," published by Golden Press.

The next purchase should be a good pair of binoculars, which also will serve double duty for all you hunters. This can be a lifetime investment, so buy the best you can afford.

Attracting birds to your back yard can provide year-around enjoyment with a bird feeder and selective landscaping. Bird feeders can be purchased commercially or you can build your own. Mine is nothing more than a 10-inch by 15-inch square of plywood surrounded by a 1-inch by 4-inch for a lip to hold the food. Four 1-by-4s support a roof 12 inches above the food. It is set on one clothesline pole next to two syringa bushes that provide the necessary escape cover.

I enclosed the clothesline pole in metal sheathing to keep the pesky fox squirrels from robbing the food supply. This also deters marauding house cats that stalk the birds.

A variety of commercial bird seed is available, but my favorite is black sunflower seeds that most birds seem to like. It is relatively inexpensive compared to many seed mixes.

This year, I started feeding in early November and immediately had 50 to 60 birds, with house finches, gold finches, white-crowned sparrows, junco and the ever-present English sparrows. It seems like the bird telegraph works wonders and draws them to a food supply in a hurry. Last year, 17 mourning doves

moved in and stayed all winter due to the mild weather.

We have a nice tree planting by our garden and, inevitably, a sharpshin hawk (which is a small bird predator) moves in to make use of the bird activity. I have watched the hawk actually push his way into the syringa bush to flush hiding birds. This predation upsets some people but is nature's way and adds to the birding experience. Kestral boxes placed in the tree planting serve as winter quarters for flickers and have been utilized by a pair of kestrels for nesting during spring and summer.

Russian olive trees are scattered throughout my pasture, and the berries attract a great variety of birds, with robins, cedar waxwings and starlings predominating. If there were pheasants, quail and even ducks near water, these "cussed" trees would be heavily utilized.

What kind of birds can you expect in town? The bird feeders in Twin Falls attract pine siskins in addition to the birds I listed earlier.

Hunters have the opportunity to observe birds in a variety of habitat. For example, I spent five days hunting elk near McCall and one of the highlights of my trip was

watching a pileated woodpecker (a rare species, 15 inches long with a large, red crest) search for food on the ground around me. Chickadees are abundant, as well as starlings jays. No elk, but I thoroughly enjoyed my outing.

While on a trip to the South Hills bow hunting deer, I observed a young coyote stalking a golden eagle perched on a rock. It was a question of who was going to eat who, but the eagle disdainfully flew away as the coyote made his final run.

The National Audubon Society members will be observing birds on the annual Christmas Bird Count in this area next month as part of the largest wildlife census in the world.

Birds are fascinating creatures and are everywhere. Enjoy.

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A homed owl scans a residential area near the canyon rim in Jerome.

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Mourning doves, like this one near Twin Falls, can be attracted by feeders in the winter month because snowfall covers grounds they usually feed on.

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Outdoors writer will address Nordic Association

TWIN FALLS - Ron Watters, Idaho writer and outdoorsman, will speak at the December meeting of the High Desert Nordic Association.

The cross-country ski organization will meet Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Idaho Joe's on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

Watters wrote "Winter Trails and Trails," a compilation of stories about Idaho backcountry in the winter and information about skiing, snowshoeing and snowboarding trails throughout the Gem State.

In addition to his work as director of the Outdoor Program at Idaho State University, Watters has written guides to ski camping and whitewater river trips and a biography of whitewater pioneer Walt Blackadar, and has organized and led a number of cross-country trips through Idaho mountains.

Watters will share some new winter tales and new information about ski and snowshoe trails, said Mary Ferrell, ski association president.

The HDNA is an organization of cross-country skiers from throughout the Magic Valley having a wide range of skills and interests. New and prospective members are welcome to attend the meeting, Ferrell said. For more information call 733-1882.

Fish and Game Commission raises limit on spring steelhead

BOISE - Steelhead limits in the upcoming spring season have been increased by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission because of a record run. Washington and Oregon have also raised Snake River steelhead limits.

Meeting in Boise last month, the commission boosted limits for the spring season that begins Jan. 1 to allow anglers to take three per day, have nine in possession and - with the purchase of a second tag - take 40 for the season.

Commissioners were informed that about 249,000 steelhead have crossed Lower Granite Dam as of Nov. 27. The count for the same day last year was 109,000 while the 10-year average is only 84,600. The current forecast calls for a total of 265,000 compared to 115,000 in the last run.

In this record run, 63 percent are hatchery A-run fish, 23 percent are wild A-run, 12 percent are hatchery B-run and 2 percent are wild B. Only hatchery steelhead may be caught and kept. Wild fish, those with the adipose fin intact, must be released unharmed immediately.

Outdoors in brief

Surplus of hatchery fish hits southern Idaho waters

A surplus of hatchery steelhead fingerlings was recently planted into three southern Idaho reservoirs. These were A-run steelhead from the Niagara Springs Hatchery, owned by Idaho Power and operated by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

A-run steelhead are a distinct strain of fish that enter the Columbia River in the summer months of June, July and August. They reach Idaho waters from August through the autumn months en route to the Snake and Salmon Rivers.

The waters that received these fish were Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir (62,624 fish), the Snake River at Bell Rapids near Hagerman (84,960 fish) and American Falls Reservoir (330,995).

The National Marine Fisheries Service has placed a limit on the number of hatchery steelhead that can be released by the Department into the Snake and Salmon rivers. Any extra fish must be stocked into lakes or reservoirs where they cannot over-migrate.

These fish were about four inches long when stocked in October. Unlike hatchery steelhead intended for the ocean, these fish did not have a clipped adipose fin. This is the small fleshy fin located between the dorsal and tail fins.

The department wishes to thank Idaho Power for allowing these extra fish to be stocked into state waters for the enjoyment of anglers.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation offers passes

Idaho is on sale right now for Christmas. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) is repeating its early bird special pricing on the Annual Passport to state parks this year. The \$35 day-use passes are selling for just \$25 through Jan. 31.

"This is a great bargain for people who love state parks," said IDPR Director Rick Collignon. "It's even better if a family has a couple of cars to put passes on." A second pass is available for another vehicle in the same family for \$5, if purchased at the same time as the first.

"Our daily vehicle entrance fee is \$3, so if a family bought two passes, they would pay for themselves after just five

visits per car," Collignon said. The annual day-use pass allows a carload of people to swim, cross-country ski, hike, picnic, mountain bike and just enjoy Idaho's state parks. Campers don't need the pass, because day use is included in their camping fee.

"The Annual Passport is designed for families who like to play outdoors together," Collignon said. "They can enjoy the outdoors close to home without spending any more than it costs to fill up with a tank of gas."

This year there is also a second pass option for avid recreationists. The Visit Idaho Playgrounds (VIP) pass is available for \$49. It gets you in to all 26 Idaho state parks just as the annual passport does but it also lets you use all 18 Park N'Ski areas plus more than 50 Idaho sites operated by federal agencies such as the Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation. The VIP pass is transferable from car to car.

Idaho State Park Annual Passports and VIP passes are available at all state parks. Passes are also available by writing to Annual Pass, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0665. For more information check www.idahoparks.org.

River otter harvest season comes to a close in Magic Valley

JEROME - Effective Sunday, Dec. 2, the river otter harvest season in the Magic Valley Region is officially closed. The quota of 17 animals was reported to the Jerome Fish and Game office Friday afternoon, Nov. 30.

The season in each region officially closes 48 hours after the harvest quota is met. A toll free number, 1-800-323-4334, may be called for current information regarding season status around the state.

All areas closed to the taking of beaver are also closed to otter harvest. For further information contact the Regional Furbeaver Biologist in Jerome, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 324-4359.

Cross Country Idaho provides day of free skiing

The 16th annual Cross Country Idaho free ski event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5. Cross country skiing in all of Idaho's state parks and Park N'Ski areas will be free that day.

- compiled from staff reports

Fishing

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worth a look. Dierkes Lake is a body of water where an angler probably won't need an ice auger and where water conditions were favorable to the fish.

Dierkes has been stocked with catchable rainbows, and the resident bluegill population is healthy. A fact worth noting is that the bluegills in Dierkes appear to be growing larger. A size restriction on the largemouth bass (the major predator of bluegills at Dierkes) seems to be functioning as anticipated. The result is that a reduction in the number of bluegills is occurring with the benefit of fewer but larger bluegills.

The Hagerman Wildlife Area also received catchable rainbows. Water levels were adequate throughout the summer, so the fishing should be good.

Bell Rapids (again, no auger required) should be in good shape headed into winter. No fish kills were reported, so the fishing should be fine

throughout the winter.

Another opportunity for fishermen in the Hagerman Valley is that of Fisher Lake. Fisher is a trophy rainbow area with the limit at two fish over 20 inches. The banks are brushy, so anglers should bring along a float tube.

Crystal Lake is yet another open water fishery that should provide steady action for rainbow trout. The Clear Springs Trout Co. stocks the lake.

Stream fishing in the Thousand Springs area of the Snake River should provide some action this winter. Rainbows do escape from hatcheries along the Snake, and fair numbers of rainbows and up calling the Thousand Springs area home.

Another open water fishery that will be open to catch-and-release fishing only is the Malad River. The Malad contains a fair number of wild rainbow trout. Anglers must be aware that the fishing can be fine, but the regulations are catch-and-release during this winter.

Snowmobile

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"This year people will be putting a lot more miles on their machines."

The local snowmobiling club is also attempting to build a warming hut in the South Hills for riders needing a break or safety refuge in emergencies. Those negotiations are still being worked out between the MVSVA and the Forest Service.

The club also will be putting trail signs through the South Hills to provide directions to certain locations.

"That's going to be a major improvement for the South Hills," said Fredericksen.

Snow is assuring more frequent trips to Diamondfield Jack, home base of the South Hills for most riders. The area provides miles of trails for beginners and good shoots of advanced terrain from Monument and Fishers and Sons.

For those headed north to Fairfield, Stanley and northern trails, the snow may be even thicker. Reports Wednesday had three feet on East Fork Road near Ketchum, with more snowfall coming in.

Terrain in the Fairfield area, as well as Ketchum's Boulder Mountain and Stanley's Deadwood pass border between advanced and intermediate. Easier runs for families found at Smiley Creek over Galena Summit and Cro

Canyon will have easier trails, and with just as much snow.

Some good tips to remember when taking the machine into the hills:

- Safety first. Always know the rules of snowmobiling and the details of machine you're driving. Taking a safety course from the Idaho State Snowmobiling Association is always a good choice.

- Have a map of the area. The trails take more turns than you think, leading many riders unaware of how far they have come.

- Pack a survival bag, with fruit, nuts, 24-hour safety kit, duct tape and some tools.

- Check the oil and belt. You don't have to be a grease monkey to make sure the sled operates as it should.

- Let people at home know when you depart and expect to return from your trip. If they don't know, they'll never know you're missing.

- Use amber goggles or glasses at night time. Driving at night is part of the snowmobiling experience. Seeing it all makes it even safer.

- Keep your trailer wheels inflated. Nothing is worse than a flat tire on a trailer pulling heavy sleds.

- Ride with someone familiar with the area before you do your own exploring. Why get lost when someone knows the way?

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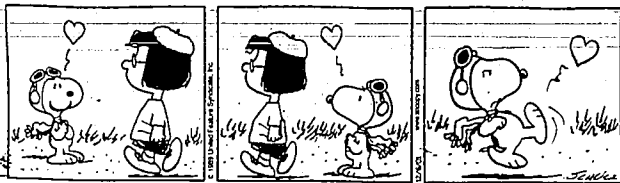
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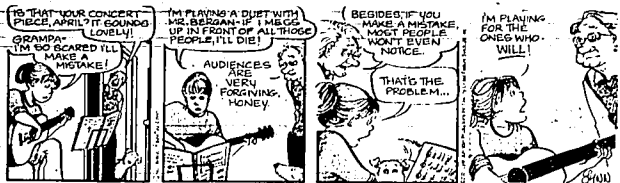
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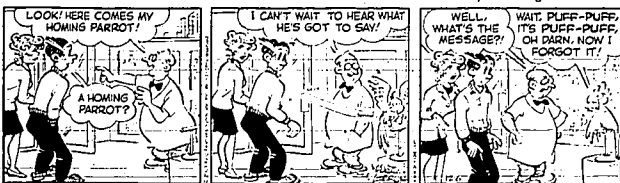
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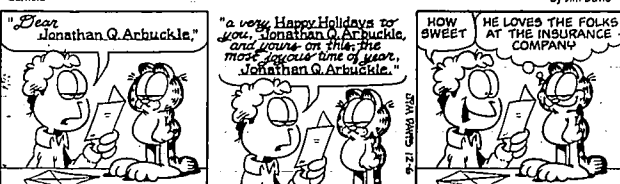
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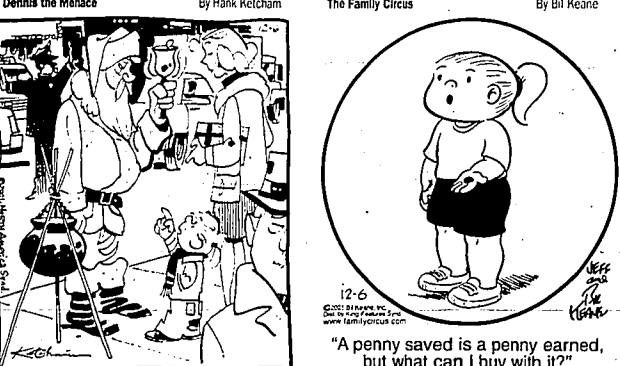


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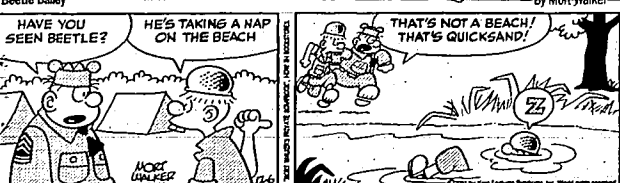
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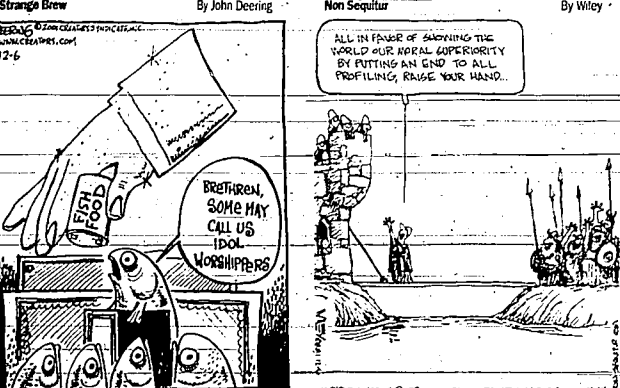


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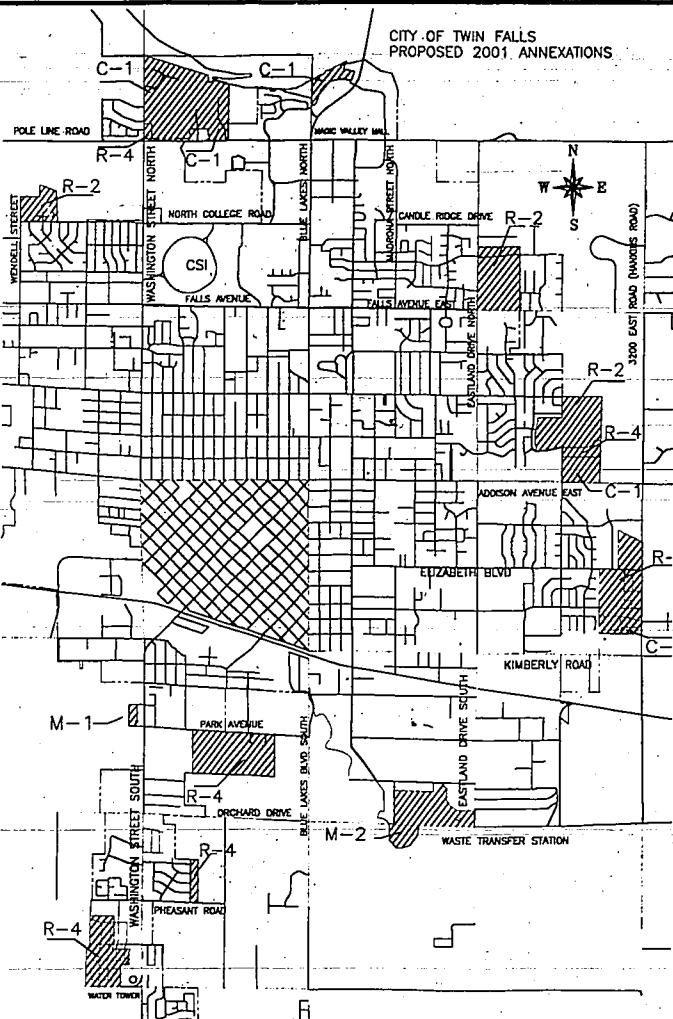


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Twin Falls City Council will conduct public hearings on Mondays, December 17, 2001, and January 7, and January 21, 2002, at the hour of 6:00 p.m.

The shaded areas of the map published herewith, and designating the zoning classifications of properties annexed by the ordinance. The City Council may vote to suspend the rules and act upon the related ordinance on the first or second meeting date. If that occurs, no further public hearings will be held on the issue.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may do so and be heard at the appointed time. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7267.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 02-WG-26085
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Trustee, will on March 29, 2002, at 11:00 A.M. of said day, in the LOBBY OF THE OFFICE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all that certain real property (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, to-wit:

LOT 16 IN BLOCK 7 OF NORTHSTAR SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, according to the plat thereon, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, Page 42, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Commonly known address is 1278 Sparks Street, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note dated 10/31/1997, the MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 4/1/2001 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Arrearage as of November 13, 2001, 3 payments at \$485.69 each; \$1,457.07; 5 payments at \$481.58 each; \$2,407.90 (04-01-01 through 11-01-01) Total due: \$3,864.56. Beneficiary Advances: \$694.40. Total due: \$4,558.96.

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Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by JOSEPH LEE BIRKEY and VIRGINIA ANN BIRKEY, husband and wife, grantors, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of UNIVERSITY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 10/31/1997, recorded 11/5/1997, under Instrument No. 1997018350, Mortgage Records of TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, in compliance with the provisions of the MERGER OF NATIONALSBANK MORTGAGE CORPORATION.

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.

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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 default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note dated 04/27/1999, the MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 5/1/2001 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Arrearage as of November 13, 2001, 2 payments at \$716.16 each; \$716.16; 6 payments at \$762.31 each; \$4,573.86 (05-01-01 through 11-30-01) Late charges: \$103.68. Beneficiary Advances: \$70.25. Total due: \$5,453.95.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$7,042.92, together with interest thereon at 10.250% per annum from 04/27/1999 to 06/01/2001, 10.250% per annum from 06/01/2001 to 11/30/2001, 10.250% per annum from 12/01/2001 to 11/30/2001. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED: November 13, 2001. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, Trustee
By Cynthia G. Guanel, Assistant V.P.
REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION
320 Seventh Avenue, Suite 400
Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206)340-2550
Sales Information: www.trustee.com

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 02-WG-26085

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Trustee, will on March 29, 2002, at 11:00 A.M. of said day, in the LOBBY OF THE OFFICE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all that certain real property (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, to-wit:

LOT 16 IN BLOCK 7 OF NORTHSTAR SUBDIVISION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, according to the plat thereon, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, Page 42, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Commonly known address is 1278 Sparks Street, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note dated 10/31/1997, the MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 4/1/2001 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Arrearage as of November 13, 2001, 3 payments at \$485.69 each; \$1,457.07; 5 payments at \$481.58 each; \$2,407.90 (04-01-01 through 11-01-01) Total due: \$3,864.56. Beneficiary Advances: \$1,013.43. Total due: \$4,878.00.

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All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$7,042.92, together with interest thereon at 10.250% per annum from 04/27/1999 to 06/01/2001, 10.250% per annum from 06/01/2001 to 11/30/2001, 10.250% per annum from 12/01/2001 to 11/30/2001. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED: November 13, 2001. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, Trustee
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The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 67-7878 INDIAN VALLEY, ID 83332 Point(s) of Diversion NESW 3/4 AN ROW ADAMS COUNTY SOURCE LITTLE WEISER RIVER

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 02-WG-26084
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Trustee, will on March 20, 2002, at 11:00 A.M. of said day, in the LOBBY OF THE OFFICE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all that certain real property (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, to-wit:

LOT 17 AND 18 IN BLOCK 80 OF Buhl TOWNSHIP, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, according to the plat thereon, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, Page 42, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Commonly known address is 1278 Sparks Street, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

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LOT 17 AND 18 IN BLOCK 80 OF Buhl TOWNSHIP, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, according to the plat thereon, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, Page 42, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Commonly known address is 1278 Sparks Street, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note dated 04/25/2000, the MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 7/1/2001 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Arrearage as of November 13, 2001, 1 payment at \$319.33 each; \$319.33; 4 payments at \$378.97 each; \$1,515.80 (07-01-01 through 11-30-01) Late charges: \$159.64. Beneficiary Advances: \$0.00. Total due: \$1,675.44.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Trustee, will on March 20, 2002, at 11:00 A.M. of said day, in the LOBBY OF THE OFFICE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all that certain real property (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, to-wit:

LOT 17 AND 18 IN BLOCK 80 OF Buhl TOWNSHIP, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, according to the plat thereon, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, Page 42, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Commonly known address is 1278 Sparks Street, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$27,480.06, together with interest thereon at 9.200% per annum from 6/12/2001, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED: November 13, 2001. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, Trustee
By Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION
320 Seventh Avenue, Suite 400
Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206)340-2550
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 6th day of March, 2001, at the hour of 10:30 A.M. of said day, (frozen local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, first and last named, the County of Idaho, and the Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 13 IN BLOCK 40 OF TWIN FALLS TOWNSHIP, PLANTING, AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 17 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 7, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.

The above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors office, the address of 527 Peace Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said property.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust made, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$717.53, due per month for the months of June through September, 2001 and thereafter, on the 1st day of each month, at the rate of 10.25% per annum, with interest accruing from May 1, 2001. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation is \$48,235.60, plus accrued interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with all charges and expenses, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

The following individuals shall appear at the hearing: SHANNON SCHULTZ, Mother of above-named child; MICHAEL WOODWARD, Alleged Father of Cody Schult; ISAAC WENTWORTH, Alleged Father of Chance Schult; DALE O. CULLISON, Alleged Father of above named child; and any other individuals are further notified that they are entitled to be represented by legal counsel of their own appointment.

On Tuesday, the 19th day of March, 2002 at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a.m., of said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 Second St. N., Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 13 IN BLOCK 40 OF TWIN FALLS TOWNSHIP, PLANTING, AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 17 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 7, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO.

The above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the address of 527 Peace Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust noted July 29, 1999, in the amount of \$498.00 per month, for the months of April through September, 2001, inclusive; and for each and every month thereafter, until the date of completion of all delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest as of March 1, 2001 is \$785.49. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$61,762.85, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7% per annum from March 1, 2001.

Public notice is hereby given by the Urban Renewal Agency, in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, that the Agency of negotiation for the purchase of the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: ...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.

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3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, and the signature, mailing address, and telephone number of your attorney.

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personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS.

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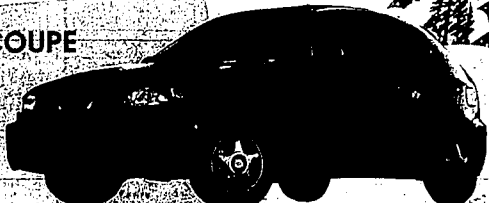
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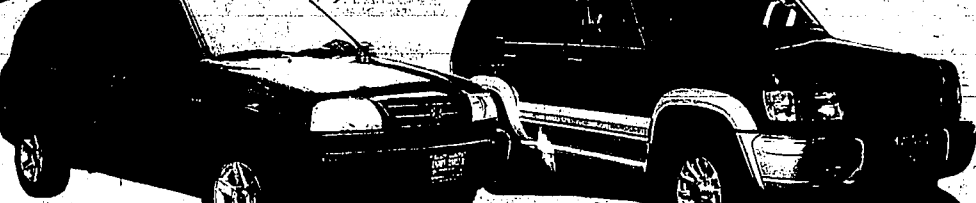
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