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Hospital nears clinic deal

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

Employees happy with jobs - B1

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is one step closer to sealing the deal on the purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

Magic Valley Regional Hospital Board Monday approved the completion of documents to finish the purchase of the clinic. The price tag

Board approves \$16.1M purchase

for the clinic's inpatient and outpatient services, along with the building, equipment, supplies and inventory, is \$16.1 million.

The purchase will be funded by hospital revenue, said Hospital Board Chairwoman Vesta Maughan.

Magic Valley Regional Chief Financial Officer John Groesbeck said as a government entity, the hospital is prohibited by law from paying more than fair market value for any property or equip-

ment.

Hospital and clinic officials plan to sign the final papers on or around Jan. 2.

"Our goal is to create a health-care delivery system that best meets the needs of patients," said Magic Valley Regional Chief Executive Officer Jerry Hart in a news release. "This partnership will foster increased cooperation in our community to share health care resources, expertise and medical equipment. It will enable us to

control health care costs by achieving efficiencies in expensive areas. It is the right thing to do for patients and their families."

To finance the purchase, the Hospital Board approved the formation of a separate not-for-profit company called Magic Valley Healthcare Systems Inc. Hospital Board member Bill Block abstained from voting because he said he hadn't received any detailed information on the company. He said he didn't feel comfortable with voting on the issue until he'd had time to further-

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Judge, board OK lease

Boise institute leases local cancer center

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Doctors from St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise have been treating patients in the Magic Valley for more than 20 years, and on Jan. 1, Mountain States will begin managing cancer services at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Magic Valley Regional's Hospital Board approved leasing the hospital's cancer center to Mountain States Monday following 5th District Judge Roger Burdick's ruling earlier that morning allowing Magic Valley Regional to execute the lease agreements for and on behalf of Twin Falls County.

Because the hospital is a county entity, the judge had to find that the lease agreement between Mountain States and the hospital complied with the law.

"Things are moving along quite positively," said Magic Valley Regional Senior Vice President John Kee.

There are two lease agreements - a 10-year lease agreement with two 5-year options for the space at the hospital and a two-year lease agreement for the equipment at the hospital. Mountain States will pay the hospital \$136,230 a year for the space and \$137,500 a year for the equipment, said hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar.

"The equipment tends to need to be replaced, so instead of going for a long-term lease, it will just be a two-year lease," Barigar said.

Mountain States doctors also provide services at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, which will soon be purchased by Magic Valley Regional. For now, clinic cancer patients will continue to receive care at the clinic, though services could move over to the hospital in the future.

"We're continuing to provide services," said Mountain States administrator Suzanne Thurman. "Over time, we'll need to think about the best way and place to serve patients in the Magic Valley. We're in a planning process at this point."

Barigar said Mountain States Please see LEASE, Page A2

DEALING WITH DRUGS



Dr. Alex Stalcup of San Francisco speaks to a full house at the College of Southern Idaho Monday night. He said methamphetamine is a serious problem in the Magic Valley.

Expert: Area has serious meth problem

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Unlike its other hard-core cousins - heroin and cocaine - methamphetamine is a homemade drug, and that has allowed it to infest rural and small-town America, an expert on the drug said Monday.

And meth cooking is apparently one of the Magic Valley's strongest cottage industries, said Dr. Alex Stalcup of San Francisco, who specializes in addiction research and treatment.

"You have a terrible cooking problem here, one of the worst in

the nation," Stalcup said during a talk late Monday to a crowd of at least 100 people at the College of Southern Idaho.

Boredom is probably one of the factors fueling the demand for meth here, he said.

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- Dr. Alex Stalcup

Along with heroin and cocaine, methamphetamine is one of the few substances that can send such a tremendous blast to the

brain's pleasure centers, it can change a user's entire perception of life in a matter of weeks, Stalcup said.

When they aren't high, meth addicts are usually absolutely miserable, he said. And they can suffer intense cravings, he said.

"Cravings can last up to seven years. People can see the meth again, and it will be like it was yesterday," he said. "If they are around the drug, they

can't get well."

Meth addiction can involve a whole range of treatments, he said. Those might include traditional 12-step programs, exercise, prayer and medication for the depression addicts are bound to suffer when they stop using, Stalcup said. And because extended meth use can twist a person's ability to experience pleasure without the drug, fun needs to be a factor in any treatment, he said.

Counselor Chris Gibson, who works at the Walker Center for addiction treatment in Gooding, Please see METH, Page A2

TF school board still supports expansion

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Will Idaho's economic downturn affect the Twin Falls School District's ability to pass a \$6 million bond issue in early spring for a professional-technical center?

That's what school board members considered Monday after enthusiastically signing off on bond sales to save taxpayers \$416,000 on current debt, then approving a \$3,000 expenditure with STARR Corp. to draw up plans for a 50,000- to 60,000-

square-foot professional-technical center.

The center is to be located near the Canyon Building at the College of Southern Idaho, where college-level professional-technical classes are taught. The college and the school district would share equipment and instructors, and students would be able to go back and forth between the two institutions. Board members hope to have it operational by fall 2003.

The bond restructuring would allow taxpayers to keep the same tax levy rate while extending the

time they pay that rate by four years in order to finance the technical center.

Superintendent Terrell Donich emphasized that though the state may be in an economic recession, no downturn since 1945 has lasted longer than 16 months.

"When people go to vote, they should think what this technical center can do for us over the next 50 years," he said.

In addition, it is the recession that made restructuring attractive, Donich said, because interest rates are lower than they

have been in decades.

Still, he and board members told Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, on Monday that they think legislators should seriously consider using the state's rainy-day accounts to pay schools what they were promised last session.

With the current 2.5 percent holdbacks requested by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Twin Falls stands to lose around \$450,000. Donich pointed out that the money being held-back is not salary funding, but funding used Please see SCHOOL, Page A2

Afghan fighters drive al-Qaeda into retreat

The Washington Post

TORA BORA, Afghanistan - Backed by punishing U.S. airstrikes, Afghan fighters attacking from three sides forced the remnants of Osama bin Laden's Islamic legion from some of their fortified caves Monday and headed toward the forbidding mountains of eastern Afghanistan where the foreign fighters have made their last stand.

The extent of the retreat by bin Laden's forces was unclear; different Afghan commanders gave different accounts. But the day's broad ground attack combined with the relentless bombing of cave entrances, seemed to have forced al-Qaida defenders

to flee several low-lying areas, leaving bin Laden's troops held up in a shrinking part of the cave-and-tunnel complex here that has become the focus of the war in Afghanistan.

U.S. Marines farther south, meanwhile, moved closer to the former Taliban stronghold of Kandahar, seeking to cut off escape routes for the Taliban leader, Mohammed Omar, and thousands of Taliban fighters who fled the city with their weapons as it fell to U.S.-backed Pashtun militia groups early Friday. The Marines, equipped with heavy guns and backed by helicopters, organized the new Please see AFGHAN, Page A3



Afghan anti-Taliban fighters fire a tank at an al-Qaeda mortar position in the White Mountains of Tora Bora in northeastern Afghanistan, Monday.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

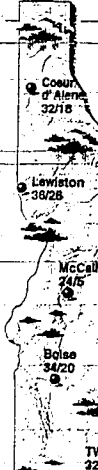
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Idaho Extremes Yesterday:
High 38°
Low 11°
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ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
Temperature
High/Low 27°/17°
Normal High/Low 38°/20°
High/Low last year 33°/18°
Record high 54° in 1960
Record low 15° in 1972
Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yest. trace
Month to date 0.54"
Normal month to date 0.49"
Yearly year to date (Oct. 1) 2.24"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 2.35"
Humidity
At midday 100%
Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m. 29.76 in.
Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass N.A.; Weeds N.A.
Trees N.A., Mold N.A.
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy; a snow shower or two.	Turning out partly cloudy.	Chance of a snow shower; some sun.	Mostly cloudy with a bit of snow possible.	Turning cooler with a chance of snow.	Mostly cloudy; some snow possible.
▲ 32°	▼ 16°	▲ 34° ▼ 20°	▲ 36° ▼ 22°	▲ 34° ▼ 18°	▲ 28° ▼ 16°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and some snow today with a snow shower or two, especially to the north and in the mountains. Highs ranging from the upper teens to middle 30s in the western valleys.

Boise: Mostly cloudy today with a snow shower, especially to the east. High 34. Turning out partly cloudy tonight. Low 20. Intervals of clouds and sunshine tomorrow. High 36.

Northern Nevada: Clouds breaking for some sunshine today. Highs ranging from the upper 20s in the northeast to upper 30s in the west. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight.

Northern Utah: Clouds mixing with some sun today. A couple of snow showers in the east. Highs ranging from the upper teens in the northeast to lower 20s in Salt Lake City.

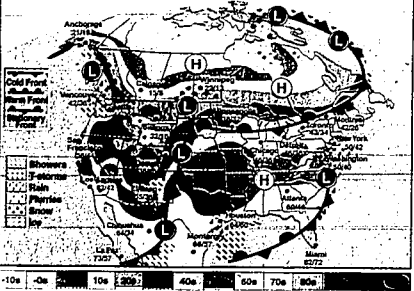
Northern Idaho: Rather cloudy today with a couple of snow showers. A couple of inches in the eastern mountains. Highs ranging from the 20s in the mountains to the middle 30s in the valleys.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 84° in Naples, FL Low -18° in Wisdom, MT

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



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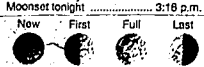
City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Calgary	15	4	15	4
Edmonton	20	6	24	12
Regina	21	9	22	10
Saskatoon	24	0	31	14
Toronto	12	5	11	5
Vancouver	7	4	5	1
Winnipeg	43	34	50	41

WORLD CITIES

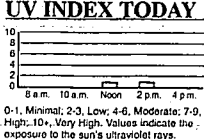
City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Amsterdam	50	32	50	32
Auckland	69	59	70	53
Bangkok	86	70	85	71
Beijing	33	23	32	23
Berlin	42	38	40	25
Buenos Aires	84	63	77	66
Calcutta	66	30	61	45
Hong Kong	75	70	76	68
Jerusalem	59	43	50	39
Johannesburg	90	72	90	72
London	50	40	51	40
Mexico City	73	43	72	44
Moscow	20	15	20	15
Paris	40	30	42	33
Rio de Janeiro	84	70	82	70
Rome	48	34	46	32
Sao Paulo	46	31	50	42
Sydney	78	52	70	52
Tokyo	42	28	45	34
Warsaw	42	32	42	32
Zurich	34	29	34	29

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:58 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:05 p.m.
Moonrise today 4:19 a.m.
Moonset tonight 3:19 p.m.



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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Boise	34	29	McCall	24	5
Butte	30	19	Missoula, MT	26	16
Coeur d'Alene	32	19	Pocatello	26	13
Eagle	29	14	Portland, OR	44	38
Elgin	30	19	Richland, WA	41	27
Eugene, OR	46	38	Salt Lake City, UT	30	11
Hagerman	31	18	Seattle, WA	44	36
Idaho Falls	24	16	Spokane, WA	20	20
Kalispell, MT	28	16	Stanley	20	3
Lewiston	36	26	Sun Valley	28	6
Malad	22	12	Yellowstone, MT	19	7
Mesa	21	8			

Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX
Poleline At Blue Lakes North

Forest agency rejects 90 percent of appeals

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Ninety percent of the national forest projects challenged in northern Idaho and Montana since 1994 were not changed by the citizen appeals, but the agency says the appeal process is still useful.

It is awaiting a U.S. Agriculture Department decision on exempting the logging from administrative appeals. Of 553 appeals reviewed by the Northern Region Office during the past eight years, 497 were rejected, the Forest Service said. Appeals resulted in orders for further analysis or revision in the other 56.

Clinic

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review the details. Maughan said the board created the company simply as "a legal mechanism to facilitate the financing."

Magic Valley Regional, which will make payments of the bonds from hospital revenue accounts. Once the bonds are paid off, the assets will be transferred to Magic Valley Regional and Twin Falls County, Maughan said.

Lease

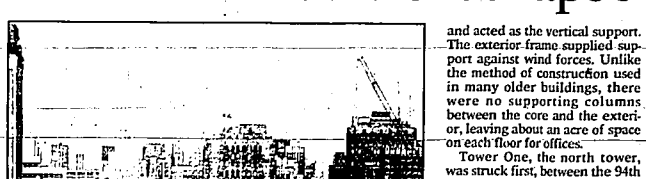
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would make the decision as to whether to continue operating at the clinic. Thurman said patients will benefit from the lease through continuity of services and expanded physical services.

sions with Mountain States last summer when the board discovered how difficult it was to recruit medical oncologists, said Hospital Board Chairwoman Vesta Maughan.

Theories abound on towers' collapse

Newsday

NEW YORK — During a recent Columbia University forum on the causes of the World Trade Center towers' collapse, a leading engineer named Charles Thornton lauded theories offered by a Northwestern University professor and by a New Zealand structural engineer.



Recovery work continues at the devastated site of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York, on the eve of the three month anniversary of the attacks, Monday.

It turned out, however, that the views of Northwestern's Zdenek Bazant and engineer Charles Clifton conflicted. Bazant concluded that, after hijacked jetliners slammed into the buildings, the heat from the jet-fuel fire bucked columns in the 110-story towers' core and exterior and caused the structures' collapse.

acted as the vertical support. The exterior frame supplied support against wind forces. Unlike the method of construction used in many older buildings, there were no supporting columns between the core and the exterior, leaving about an acre of space on each floor for offices.

In a subtle way, perhaps, Thornton was illustrating that, even among experts, determining the specific sequence for the collapses of each tower is proving elusive.

Clifton theorized that the enormous impact destroyed so many core columns that collapse was inevitable. In a subtle way, perhaps, Thornton was illustrating that, even among experts, determining the specific sequence for the collapses of each tower is proving elusive.

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to maintain and run programs and buildings, or discretionary funds.

Meth

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said she gained important insight from Stalcup's talk.

"That means we will have to cut back by about 25 percent in discretionary funds," he said. He said he plans to recapture some lost funds through deferring textbooks purchases. He also said that so far natural gas expenses are not as high as they could have been.

"But the governor's holdbacks just cost us \$9,000 in insurance tonight that we would not have had to pay before all this tinkering with the budget," Donicht said, referring to a lowering in credit rating because the school's contingency fund will be reduced by the end of the year. He is anticipating that a beginning balance in the contingency fund this year of \$2,520,404 will be sitting at around \$2,054,249 by year's end. That amounts to about one

"People who get depressed or bored easily really shouldn't use meth, because it works on those problems. They feel better when they are high. But then when they wear off, they feel worse than they ever did before," he said. Stalcup's points about the devastating effects meth can have on families ring true in the Magic Valley, said John Haight, who serves on the local board of Idaho's juvenile justice council.

Haight said he's seen at least one young working mother fall to the drug. "She knew. She was told once at work that if she got caught again, she would lose her two little girls. And sure enough, three weeks later, they came and got her girls."

Skate parks

"Skate parks might be a lot cheaper than drug treatment programs," he said.

Adult involvement

Adult involvement at all levels is critical, said Archie Walker, one of the founders of the Walker Center.

"I think it's adult deprivation," he said. "Kids say they are bored here. Adults aren't paying enough attention to their kids and showing them what's fun to do around here."

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NATION

Leader warns U.S. not to abandon Afghans

The Washington Post



Hamid Karzai, Afghanistan's interim prime minister, right, meets with tribal leaders from the five southern Afghan states in the house where Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar used to live in Kandahar, Afghanistan, Monday.

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The newly-appointed prime minister of Afghanistan's interim government warned the United States Monday to never again "walk away from Afghanistan" and promised that his country would be "a good friend, a trusted friend and an ally" in the U.S.-led fight against terrorism.

In an interview two days after arriving in Kandahar, the former chief of Taliban power, Hamid Karzai said he completely backed U.S. efforts to capture or kill members of Osama bin Laden's terrorist network.

"We must finish them all," he said, "completely burn them out."

Karzai gave the interview to The Washington Post, the first American newspaper to arrive in Kandahar following the fall on Friday of this dirt poor, war-ravaged city to a coterie of Pashtun tribes. Karzai spoke at his new headquarters, the sprawling former residence of Mohammed Omar, the leader of the Taliban

whom Karzai called "a fugitive, a criminal."

Tribal elders, sporting elaborately embroidered turbans and tunics, filled the room, lit by a single gas lamp. Many kissed his

right hand, a typical Pashtun sign of respect. Several were among 1,800 political prisoners whom Karzai had ordered released from jail since the fall of Kandahar.

"Omar has committed crimes; he's killed thousands of people; he's destroyed vineyards; he's butchered my country, he's brought terrorists here," Karzai said as the gaslight flickered across his salt-and-pepper beard. "I want him tried."

With a bombed-out window and a busted air conditioner as a backdrop, the 43-year-old son of a prominent Afghan politician also pledged to push for the disarming of Afghanistan's gun-crazy citizens. Karzai's father was assassinated two years ago.

"The gun has to stop ruling the country," he said.

To see Karzai, ensconced in the ante-chamber of Omar's house, was to witness the rebirth of a country that has experienced little but war for the past 23 years. Electricity has not come to this part of the city yet, but it was in the air anyway as Omar's former residence Monday night.

Asked how things were going, Karzai's brother, Ahmed, who has acted as his brother's spokesman, shook his head wearily. "So little time," he said, "too much to do."

Study links Lou Gehrig's disease, Gulf War service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans who served in the Gulf War were nearly twice as likely to develop Lou Gehrig's disease as other military personnel, the government reported Monday. It was the first time officials acknowledged a scientific link between service in the Gulf and a specific disease.

The Veterans Administration said it would immediately offer disability and survivor benefits to veterans with the disease who served in the Persian Gulf during

the conflict a decade ago.

"The hazards of the modern day battlefield are more than bullet wounds and saber cuts," said Anthony Principi, secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The research, which included nearly 2.5 million military personnel, is one of the largest epidemiological studies ever conducted and offers the most conclusive evidence to date linking Gulf War veterans to any disease. Still, researchers don't know why these veterans were

more likely to get sick.

Veterans have long maintained that a variety of illnesses are associated with service in the Gulf, but scientific evidence has been scant and the Pentagon has resisted making the connection. Last year, the National Academy of Sciences was unable to link any of these complaints to a specific cause associated with military service.

"There was massive denial and obfuscation for years," said Tom Donnelly, whose son Michael, an

Air Force fighter pilot in the Gulf War, is now paralyzed with Lou Gehrig's disease.

"I think there were people who decided, for whatever reason, this was something they didn't want to admit or cop to," said Donnelly, of South Windsor, Conn. "They just didn't want it done so they put out the word that it wasn't real."

The top health official at the Defense Department, Dr. Bill Winkenwerder Jr., said Monday that the conclusions are "not the study results we'd like to report."

Afghan

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staging area about 12 miles south of Kandahar and 45 miles north of their main camp in Afghanistan, Forward Operating Base Rhino, to press the hunt for Omar and his lieutenants.

The Marines began reconnaissance and interdiction patrols, but so far had not met with resistance or engaged in any fights, Rear Adm. John D. Stufflebeam told reporters at a Pentagon briefing.

Hazrat Ali, the regional security chief in western Afghanistan, said the foreign fighters loyal to bin Laden abandoned almost all their cave redoubts near Tora Bora and nearby Milawa without resistance, fleeing to higher surrounding areas about 30 miles south of the region's main city, Jalalabad. The troops seemed to have left behind their heavy weapons, suggesting a hasty retreat, he said.

"All they have left is the top of the mountain," said Ali, who has been leading the offensive against the cornered bin Laden troops. "We control all of Milawa and Tora Bora except one place, and we captured all the al-Qaida places with heavy weapons."

Other commanders, however, said bin Laden's fighters were pushed out of the Milawa area, including their fortified caves, but still controlled the main cave complex in Tora Bora in the White Mountains. Zahir, a commander at the front, said that his fighters in the Waziri Valley moved toward Milawa and found that the al-Qaida forces had already pulled back into the main Tora Bora cave complex higher on the mountain. A senior defense official in Washington said al-Qaida forces had abandoned some — but clearly not all — cave-and-tunnel complex-

es around Tora Bora.

"They are indeed withdrawing under constant pressure, but to say they have totally abandoned the caves is not accurate," the official said. "There are scores of caves there. It is honeycombed by cave and tunnel entrances, I'm sure some caves have been aban-

doned as the opposition moves forward, but it's not like they are all out in the open."

A force of several hundred Afghans began the attack on al-Qaida positions Monday afternoon. The Afghans claimed they found only four dead bodies and took no prisoners in the assault.

Magic Valley Mall

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10-7	10-10	10-10	10-10	10-10	10-10	9-10

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The Fritz Kippes' Professional Hearing Aid Services "Starkey Special Event" advertisement in The Times-News on Monday, Dec. 10 on page A-12 contained an error. **THE CUSTOM CANAL HEARING AID SAVINGS IS 45%.**

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NATION

Afghan leaders dispute deal CIA honors slain officer as hero

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — With the ink hardly dry on the U.N.-brokered agreement setting up a transitional government, several key Afghan leaders — all with large fighting forces — already are demanding the deal be renegotiated.

U.N. special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi comes to Kabul on Tuesday to try to smooth over the differences, meet members of the incoming regime and assuage the concerns of the old guard, who are eager to expand their power now that the Taliban are gone.

The strongest criticism of Afghanistan's transitional government is coming from within the northern alliance, even though it has the majority of seats in the 30-member Cabinet appointing Dec. 22.

The key source of dissent appears to be the allocation of three key ministries — defense, foreign and interior. All went to a single party in the five-member coalition — Jamiat-e-Islami, the party of current de facto President Burhanuddin Rabbani.

In return for those posts, Rabbani agreed to give power to Hamid Karzai — the man named to head the U.N.-brokered transitional regime for the crucial next six months.

Afghanistan is a land of deep ethnic divisions. Those tensions have sharpened because all three ministries went to men from the Panjshir Valley, stronghold of assassinated northern alliance military commander Ahmed Shah Massoud.

"The three key ministries haven't just been given to one party in the alliance but to one district of Panjshir. This is unfair," Rashid Dostum, the ethnic Uzbek warlord who rules the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif, told The Associated Press in a satellite telephone interview Monday.

His fighters are not considered to be large in number, but they are known for their fierceness. Dostum has said he will not make war against the new government but he has insisted on more negotiations over the division of power.

One of the main Shiite Muslim leaders, Karim Khallili, who heads the Hezb-e-Wahadat party, said he won't join the new regime, but has promised not to wage war against it.

He said the new lineup does not fairly represent Shiites,



The northern alliance's deputy prime minister Abdul Rassoul Sayyaf speaks about the decision made in Bonn, Germany, in regard to the nation's transitional government Monday in Kabul.

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— Rashid Dostum, ethnic Uzbek warlord

although there are ministries reserved for Hazaras, an ethnic group named for the central Afghan region of Hazarajat where most originate. Hazaras are largely Shiite.

Western Afghanistan's warlord Ismail Khan also complained about the agreement.

His spokesman, Nasir Ahmed Allahwi, said the new government does not recognize Khan's significance. "Ismail Khan is in control of five provinces in western Afghanistan and where is he in this government? He is not," Allahwi said by telephone.

Western diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity said they suspected Khallili, Khan and Dostum are coordinating their opposition to the interim government.

Another significant dissenter is Abdul Rassoul Sayyaf, currently the deputy prime minister but largely sidelined in the interim administration. His delegate to the talks in Germany refused to sign the agreement.

Sayyaf wants to see the entire agreement renegotiated in Afghanistan, and has accused the

United Nations of misleading the northern alliance. Sayyaf claims the northern alliance did not expect the talks in Germany to end with a new government.

The fact an agreement was reached outside of Afghanistan is an insult, he said.

"The dignity and honor of Afghanistan has been put under question because this is a free country, free nation. Any decision should be taken here inside the country," Sayyaf said Monday in the Afghan capital, Kabul.

In his first interview since Kabul fell Nov. 13 and the Taliban fled, Sayyaf also criticized the presence of international peacekeepers in Afghanistan.

"We don't need them," he said. "We can provide the security."

The international community is considering sending in huge amounts of aid to help the rival warlords, and used the promise of development money to prod the factions toward agreement in Germany.

But many in Kabul say only a strong U.N. force will prevent renewed warfare.

WASHINGTON — CIA officer Johnny Michael "Mike" Spann was remembered as an American hero Monday as he was buried with full military honors amid the white grave markers of Arlington National Cemetery.

"From his earliest days ... he worked to do what was right," CIA Director George J. Tenet told the gathered, including many members of the CIA. "It was in the quest for right that Mike at his country's call went to Afghanistan. To that place of danger and terror he sought to bring justice and freedom."

The only American to die fighting enemies inside Afghanistan is "an American hero," Tenet said.

Spann knew that "information saved lives, and that collection is a risk worth taking," Tenet said.

U.S. seeks al-Qaida suspect in Spanish custody

MADRID, Spain — Faced with Spain's refusal to extradite suspects held in connection with Sept. 11, a senior U.S. official arrived Monday seeking access to eight detainees and wanted U.S. investigators suggested to interrogate them on Spanish soil.

"Obviously, we need to recognize sovereignty issues," said Jimmy Gurule, the U.S. Treasury undersecretary for enforcement.

But Gurule, who is in Spain as part of his investigation into the financing behind the attacks, said he would try to find out "where there is flexibility and where there is authority to share ... information. We really want to push the envelope as far as we possibly can."

Spanish authorities have made some of the most significant arrests since Sept. 11, including eight suspects charged with direct involvement in planning the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

News In brief

U.S. weighs whether to release tape of bin Laden

WASHINGTON — President Bush and his National Security Council, having reviewed a videotape that reportedly shows Osama bin Laden relishing the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, remained ambivalent Monday over whether to make the tape public.

Vice President Dick Cheney said the tape shows clearly that bin Laden was behind the attacks on New York and Washington.

On the one hand, Bush "wants to share information with the American people. He thinks it's important for people to know what Osama bin Laden has said in this regard," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

"On the other side, we have not sought opportunities to provide Osama bin Laden with air time, TV time. Bush has seen the tape and read a translation of its contents, which are disgusting, Fleischer said.

"The president's reaction shows this shows everything that we've always known — that Osama bin Laden was behind the attacks against our country, and that an evil man anybody could be to be

satisfied and find joy in the killing of thousands of innocents."

Fort Campbell holds service for dead soldiers

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Three soldiers killed last week in Afghanistan were hailed Monday as heroes for their part in helping to free an oppressed nation.

"Children are able to laugh, play and sing because of what they did," Lt. Col. Frank Hudson said during a memorial service at Fort Campbell.

More than 300 people attended the service at Memorial Chapel for Master Sgt. Jefferson "Donnie" Davis, 39, of Watauga, Tenn.; Staff Sgt. Brian Cody Prosser, 28, of Frazier Park, Calif.; and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Peithory, 32, of Cheshire, Mass.

They were killed and 19 American servicemen wounded when a U.S. bomb missed its target Wednesday. Five Afghan fighters also were killed in the explosion.

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Baby dies shortly after world's smallest liver transplant

ATLANTA (AP) — The smallest child in the world ever to receive a liver transplant died Monday, about five months after the surgery.

Hunter Dorsay was born June 5 with neonatal hemochromatosis, a usually lethal iron disorder that causes liver failure. He received a new liver at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta on July 2.

At the time of the operation, Hunter weighed 4 pounds. The liver — which came from an unidentified 10-month-old child — was the size of a silver dollar.

The cause of death is unknown and could be unrelated to the liver transplant, hospital spokeswoman Trudy Baker said. An autopsy was expected.

Dr. Tom Heffron performed the surgery, using a magnifier to enlarge his view by six times. When he finished, the new liver, covered in Gore-Tex fabric, was bulging out of the baby. Twice a week, doctors nudged a little more of the liver into Hunter and pulled the skin tighter.

Doctors said Hunter had survived the critical first few months and expected him to live a normal life.

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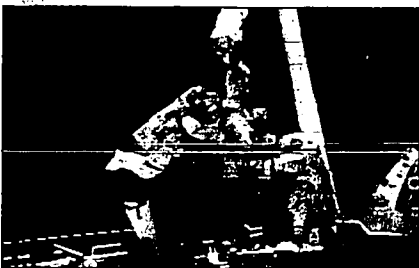
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Astronauts fix space station's power problem



NASA astronauts Linda Godwin, left, and Daniel Tani hang onto the robotic arm of the space shuttle Endeavour during a space walk Monday.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Two spacewalking astronauts went out on a repair job Monday and wrapped thermal covers around a pair of motors that turn the international space station's giant solar wings.

NASA hopes the covers will shield the motors against the temperature extremes of space and eliminate power spikes and stalls. The motors keep the solar wings pointing toward the sun and generating electricity.

Astronauts Linda Godwin and Daniel Tani floated out of space shuttle Endeavour and grabbed onto the ship's robot arm for a 50-

foot ride up the side of the space station.

"A beautiful Earth" down there," Godwin observed as the linked spacecraft zoomed 250 miles high.

"Wow. Quite unbelievable," Tani replied.

The arm lifted the astronauts as high as it could. Then they got off with the rolled-up thermal covers and climbed 30 feet more to the base of the solar wings, stretching 240 feet from tip to tip, and gleaming bright orange in the sunlight.

The two spacewalkers strapped down the white multilayered

blankets, then unrolled the 8-foot-long covers around the cylindrical motor assemblies, each one the size of a beer keg. The blankets had to be pulled tightly and secured with wire ties and Velcro straps.

On the first motor, one of the dozen or so straps would not reach its Velcro attachment point. But Tani assured Mission Control the blanket was snug. The second motor required even more effort to ensure a tight fit. But Mission Control congratulated the spacewalkers on "a fine job."

Godwin and Tani spent weeks if not months training to replace the motors, which had been exhibiting increased currents and even stalled on occasion. NASA decided to simply wrap the motors after engineers suggested the problem might be caused by temperature swings.

The space station is subjected to a drastic change in temperature every time it passes between daylight and darkness; the temperature range is as much as 400 degrees.

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Teens home alone learn hard lesson

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16, normally a good kid, but I made a major goof. Ordinarily I'd be punished, but my parents think I've suffered enough. They suggested I write to you as a way of reminding other kids about the importance of obeying their parents.

Last Saturday, my parents had a dinner engagement and said I could have two girlfriends over for the night. They gave me three rules: no mess, no boys and don't open the door to strangers. My parents left at 7. My girlfriends and I made popcorn and put on some CDs. We flopped in the living room and started munching. About 8 p.m. the doorbell rang. Glancing out the window I thought it was a guy I am dating and opened the door. Big mistake.

Three guys pushed their way in, threatened us with guns and



said they wanted money. They asked if it was my house and if anyone else was around. I was too scared to tell them anything but the truth. Two of them started tying up my girlfriends, the other tied my wrists behind my back with cord and led me from room to room opening drawers, closets, cabinets and taking jewelry, cash and other items. When we got back to the living room, my friends were lying face down on the carpet, hogtied and gagged. I was then bound up like a salami, gagged and pushed to the floor. They

told us not to move for half an hour and left.
 When we were sure they were gone, we started struggling, but couldn't get loose or communicate with each other. My parents weren't expected home until well after midnight, and I was not content waiting three or four hours for help.
 Since I had not been hogtied, I was eventually able to get to my feet, hop to the door, get it opened, and hop across the lawn - falling three or four times. Fortunately, our neighbor saw me. By the time she untied me and we got back to the house, my poor friends, still bound on the carpet, were sure I had fallen into the shrubbery and couldn't get up.

Luckily, aside from a few aches, none of us was hurt. But I'm sure we'll have nightmares for quite some time. Meanwhile,

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 fied with the old findings. Also on the list, he thinks, should be "Yes, 'sale,' 'now,' 'benefits,' 'free' and that hypenated dandy 'time-and-a-half.'"

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Again am asked to name those most persuasive words in English as determined by Yale psychologists. That study was made too long ago. The ratings may have changed. You judge: "You," "money," "save," "new," "results," "health," "easy," "safety," "love," "discovery," "proven," and "guarantee." Our Language man remains unsatisfied.

CORRECTION
 In our ONE DAY SALE article for Wednesday, December 12th, an error was made on page #1 involving 50% Entire Stock of Women's Outerwear. The copy should read 50% Off Entire Stock of Women's Outerwear.
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Taurus: Display your pioneering spirit

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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You could find yourself in an unfamiliar environment. Be sure to have qualified representative such as agent or lawyer. Answers to dilemma will be found in "arcane" literature.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Make fresh start. Display pioneering spirit and courage of convictions. Emphasis on partnership and marriage legal rights could be challenged. Fight for what is right!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Family member reminds you of "health resolutions." Avoid excess in consumption of "adult beverages." Relationship serious, could conclude in marriage. Capricorn involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Favorable Moon aspect coincides with creativity, expression of love. Exciting scenario includes children, challenge and variety of experiences. Sagittarian is in picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be dealing with details involving where you live, legal agreements. Be willing to rewrite and rebuild what had been rejected could now be accepted. Scorpio figures prominently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your kind of day! Read and write, learn and teach. Trip necessary if you are to help relative. Don't be too offended by passionate outburst. Maintain emotional equilibrium.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your voice sounds different. Scenario highlights romance, flowers and music. Money comes from sur-

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AQUARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You locate "missing link." You are given key to executive suite. Will rub shoulders with success. Prosperous people. You and I fall in love with Capricorn native.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look beyond the immediate. Many hopes and dreams become realities. Passionate relationship proceeds with excitement and controversy. Aries plays sensational role.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Let go of preconceived notions; this is a new day and you can take charge of your own destiny. Highlight originality, independence, creativity and courage of convictions. Leo plays role.
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Family member concedes your right to travel. Focus on added recognition due to publishing venture. One you helped in past comes to your aid. Capricorn, Cancer natives play memorable roles.

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Anonymous e-mail increases

Despite dangers, Sept. 11 doesn't stop service

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. - For years, anonymous e-mail has been a choice tool for whistle-blowers, human rights activists and undercover sources looking to protect themselves while imparting vital information.

Anonymous online communication could just as easily be used by terrorists to plot attacks or send threats.

Yan fields has changed since Sept. 11 for users and operators of Internet-based anonymous e-mail servers, which launder messages by deleting identifying information, rendering them virtually untraceable.

Now there are indications the servers have increased in number.

While no evidence has been released linking such services to any criminal or terrorist conspiracy, experts fear governments could crack down on anonymous remailers - or at least subject them to greater scrutiny.

Law enforcement generally despises technology that leaves such cold trails, said Mark Rasch, former head of the Department of Justice's computer crimes unit and current vice president of cyberlaw at Predictive Systems.

So far, U.S. and European authorities battling terrorism and cybercrime have apparently focused their surveillance elsewhere. The FBI and the National Security Agency, which monitors international telecommunications, declined to comment on any strategy, if any, they have for dealing with remailers.

"There's a lot more concern about border security and banking records," said Mike Gudwin, a policy fellow at the Center for Democracy and Technology.

That's just fine with the people who operate remailers. They don't do it for money, but rather share a common idea of protecting online privacy.

Len Sassaman, an e-mail security consultant who runs a remailer as a hobby, thinks any attempts to crack down would lead to more cropping up around the world.

In fact, the number of remail-

Secret senders

The message is not the only piece of information sent with an e-mail. Embedded in the message are identifying marks that reveal information about the sender's Internet habits. As the use of email has exploded, so has the use of anonymous e-mail services.

COMPOSE

To: johndoo@any.com
From: janesmith@any.com
Subject: New message
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From: janesmith@any.com

1. The service strips the message of the sender's name, e-mail address and IP address, the number that identifies a computer on the Internet.

2. The service replaces this data with a dummy address, such as anon123@anon.com, then forwards the message to the outgoing address.

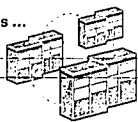
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3. Because the sender's identity has been masked, neither the recipient nor anyone else can trace the source of the message.

In more complicated masking systems ...

the message is sent through many servers that each assign different sender information, making the trail back to the original IP address more difficult to trace.



For more information about Internet anonymity, go to <http://www.sendakemail.com/~raph/remailer-list.html>

SOURCE: HowStuffWorks

AP

ers overall doubled to about 50 after the passage of security laws as media reports raised awareness of threats to privacy, he said. "More people are interested in taking steps to protect that," said Sassaman, who once had his e-mail published online after someone hacked into his Internet service provider.

Some degree of e-mail anonymity can be achieved using a Microsoft Hotmail or Yahoo Mail account with a pseudonym. Encryption hides a message's contents but not its origin or destination.

That's why people seeking nearly airtight anonymity like to send encrypted messages via remailers.

Anonymous remailers today tend to work in teams, with a single message automatically passing through several. That reflects lessons learned in the case of Julf

Hensingius.

In 1993, the Finn developed an anonymous e-mail system that stripped off the identification of an e-mail's sender before forwarding it to the addressee.

Anon.penet.fi was especially popular among devotees of Usenet newsgroups, text-based bulletin boards that preceded the World Wide Web.

A major flaw was revealed in 1995, however, when the Church of Scientology learned of a user who used Anon.penet.fi to post internal church documents - and contacted police.

Because the single remailer relied on a database to match the sender's Internet address with the message, the courts simply ordered Hensingius to reveal the identity of the sender. He shut down the service in 1996.

"That prompted a bunch of programmers to rethink how they

wanted to do remailers," said Sassaman.

Now, messages are bounced from machine to machine. In order to find the original sender, authorities would have to work through an entire chain of remailers, many likely located in different countries.

But the development did not stop there. Programmer Lance Cottrell created the Mixmaster system to further confuse the trail by programming random delays from machine to machine. That makes it impossible to watch the system in order to identify a sender by monitoring when messages arrive and leave.

Moreover, messages are encrypted multiple times, each wrapped inside the other like a matryoshka, or nested Russian doll. The whole message is then broken into packets of equal size. Logs are not kept.

It leaves virtually no trail to follow for authorities.

"Normally, they're going to subpoena the last remailer in the chain. That's the only one they can see," said Cottrell, now chief executive of Anonymizer.

"There's just no path to work backward to the original sender." Such complexity does not come easy. Software, downloaded for free, must be used by both the receiver and the sender so the messages are encrypted before being sent.

And if one computer in the chain goes down, messages just disappear.

Attempts to commercialize remailer technology have not been successful. In October, the easiest to use, Zero Knowledge Systems' Freedom Network, was shut down, due to lack of demand.

Law enforcers have at least one way of unmasking users of anonymous remailers, said Richard Smith, former technology officer at the Privacy Foundation.

Authorities could ask an Internet provider to list users who have sent data to an anonymous remailer. Then, using the FBI's "Magic Lantern" or other intrusive eavesdropping programs, officials could secretly record a user's every keystroke.

"As they're typing in their secret messages, they get reported before they get encrypted," Smith said. "That's the weakness of any encryption system - when the message is being typed or being read."

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Buying used computer gear isn't easy

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Computer Q & A

Q. My question isn't really a "why" question, it's a "how" question. How do I find out what certain pre-owned computers, laptops, printers, etc. are worth? I am considering buying a pre-owned laptop (Toshiba Satellite 2060CDS - 4 gigabyte hard drive, 366 MHz processor) and a pre-owned printer (HP DeskJet 722C). How do I know what the used market rate for these items are? Or should I just buy something new? Is my first venture into owning computer technology.

-Yennie Louie

A. People who need to justify the value of computer equipment they donate to charity frequently use prices cited by Internet recycling services such as www.recycling.com or www.computersale.com to estimate a computer's value. A more precise approach is to pay \$9.95 to the American Computer

Exchange (www.amcoex.com) for an online appraisal that evaluates the features in a given computer system and estimates what it should be worth as salvage.

It sounds a tad smug, but the best advice to computer newcomers about buying used equipment is, "Don't try it without adult supervision." That Toshiba you describe was a beautiful computer when it was new, but it is pretty weak by today's standards of hard drive capacity and chip speed. If it is in great condition, however, I would go out on a limb and say it's worth \$350.

But that is assuming all of the original materials, including the system-restore disks and included software, are available, as well as all manuals and included cables. Before even considering a purchase, you would want to use that restore disk to set up the software

exactly the way it was when sold.

Even then, there is no way of knowing whether the machine suffered physical damage over the two years or so since it was built. Remember that you can buy a spanking new laptop with far faster chip speeds and much more hard drive space for less than \$1,000.

However, that laptop you are eyeing would be great for rudimentary e-mail and Web browsing and would handle all of the word processing any president would most of us would ever want. With a CD-ROM drive and floppy drive built into the case, the Toshiba you describe was a wonderful tool in its day, and it still can be if your needs are modest.

As to printers, I just flat out wouldn't buy a used printer because you can get brand-new ink jets for under \$100.

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EDITORIAL

Crapo rightly protects U.S. milk consumers

Sen. Mike Crapo isn't a gourmet cook. But he's right when he says milk and pork just don't mix.

That bad recipe was stirred up by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vermont, last week when he tried to throw his dairy plan into the new Farm Bill. Leahy's plan would benefit small dairies in Northeastern states, with subsidies created mostly by larger ones. It's an idea that's ancient, inefficient and economically threatening to large dairy states such as Idaho.

Leahy, Crapo and other of bipartisan opponents in the Senate shot down the pork-packed plan. But don't be surprised if Leahy and his Democratic colleagues give it another try.

Vermont's Leahy wants to perpetuate a nostalgic lifestyle subsidy for hobby dairymen - guys whose two cows are named "Ben" and "Jerry." But the economics of the dairy industry have changed. Though lots of people are wistful for the rustic charm of mom-and-pop dairies, efficiencies of scale give larger dairies a powerful competitive advantage.

Trying to resurrect the extinct Northeast Dairy Compact, Eastern senators contend that protecting the smaller dairies is a way to assure all farmers in the nation receive a fair price for their milk. They want a national price for milk, so that if the price drops below a specific limit, processors must deposit the difference into a national fund. Then that money, along with other federal dollars, would go only to small farms.

But while small dairies gain, everyone else would lose.

The seven major dairy states, which produce 90 percent of the nation's milk, would lose \$350 million in annual income. Idaho is among those seven states.

Taxpayers would lose \$300 million annually due to higher federal nutrition programs.

Consumers would lose at the cash register, by paying 10 percent more for a gallon of milk.

That would lead consumers to buy 100 million gallons less per year. And then the entire industry loses.

"This provision is bad for consumers, it's bad for farmers, and it's bad for our national food programs," Crapo said.

Crapo isn't alone in his criticism. The International Dairy Foods Association, Citizens Against Government Waste, and the National Taxpayers Union loathe the idea of a socialistic price cartel such as the Leahy proposal.

There's no logical reason for protecting smaller dairies if it comes at the expense of those who buy the product. That approach is contrary to America's free enterprise system, in which price derives from customers' demand and producers' supply.

If New England's smaller dairies can't compete with big producers, maybe they can find a niche in milk specialties, such as gourmet ice cream. They could even name a new flavor after Leahy - call it "Very Vermont Vanilla."

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Religion-politics marriage is dead, again

The resignation of religious broadcaster Pat Robertson as president and board member of the Christian Coalition pulls the plug on a comatose religion-politics body that effectively died more than a decade ago. The meltdown marks the second time in a century (the first being Prohibition) when an attempted marriage between church and state failed both institutions.

Religious politics failed the church because believers were told they could improve the morals of a nation through legislation and politics. It failed the state because time that might have been spent preaching a gospel of redemption - that would have had the collateral benefit of elevating culture - was wasted in a futile attempt to reform the unconverted.

It wasn't that the so-called "Religious Right's" diagnosis of societal decline was wrong. The voices and beliefs of conservative Christians are urgently needed in a nation fixated on pleasure and making money. Sept. 11 changed some attitudes and priorities, but absent a changed heart, most people will revert to their old ways when security and prosperity return.

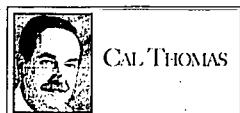
Some leaders of the religious-politics movement say things would have been worse without the (mostly Republican) political activism of conservative Christians. But the counter-argument might be even truer: Things might have been better if, instead of sending money to the national headquarters of religious leaders and pledging allegiance to their preferred politicians, conservative Christians had been busy feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting those in prison, caring for widows and orphans

and - most notably absent from the movement - loving their enemies.

The decline of the Christian Coalition and other religious-political groups does not mean that people who worship an authority higher than the state should return to the political catacombs. They should vote intelligently, take an active role in the party of their choice, even run for office. Robertson and others have done a good job awakening Christians to their civic opportunities and privileges. But Christians should realize that while political power is limited, and often disappoints, the power of God is unlimited and ultimately pleases the one who taps into it.

In re-directing their energies, conservative Christians would do well to re-read the Bible and stop relying on the "spin" others put on it for their own temporal purposes. There is no biblical mandate, or expectation, for reforming the world through government. Government can, and usually does, reflect the moral attitudes of its people. However, government cannot heal broken marriages (the primary cause of most social ills), nor can it force parents to invest the time necessary to properly rear a child. These things are personal, not political.

There never has been a "coalition" of Christians, because Christians don't agree on all things, especially politics. Neither was there ever a majority of



Americans who were "moral" ("All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," writes Paul in Romans 3:23).

Where should the legions of people who are disappointed, even disenchant-ed, with politics' inability to redeem the country from its collective sins?

In our 1999 book, "Blinded By Might," Dr. Edward Dobson and I quote former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.: "The human inclination to seek political solutions for problems of the heart is nothing new. It is natural. Two thousand years ago, another society found itself in deeper trouble than our own: An oppressive empire strangled liberties. Violence and corruption were pervasive. Many of the people of the day hoped for the triumphant coming of a political savior, a long-expected king to establish a new, righteous government. Instead, God sent his Son, a baby, born in a stable. Jesus grew up to become a peasant carpenter in a backwater town called Nazareth. He condemned sin but made it clear that he loved the sinner. He befriended beggars, prostitutes and even tax collectors while condemning the hypocrisy of those in power. He treated every individual with love and dignity and taught that we should do the same. He also put the role of government in proper perspective when he said, 'Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's.'"

The time is ripe for conservative Christians to spend less time trying to influence Caesar, to consider what it means to render unto God, and to start rendering.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

LETTERS

We need a bigger animal shelter

In response to the letter written by Robert Powers questioning whether Twin Falls really needs a larger animal shelter:

Duh, Bob. Aren't you the person who started the citizens group to raise funds to build a larger animal shelter? What were you thinking then? Many concerned citizens came to the meetings wanting to express their opinion but you, Chairman Bob, would not allow it. Yours seemed to be the only opinion that mattered. Your name was among the nominees when three members from the group were voted onto the board of the shelter. When the vote was in and you weren't elected, you resigned as chairman of the fund-raising committee. Hmmm...

To address your question as to whether we need a bigger shelter, the existing shelter has 19 kennels. On Nov. 19, 15 dogs were there. From Nov. 19 to Dec. 5, 83 more dogs were brought in. Cats are even more abundant.

Now let's talk about the shelter being "user friendly." On Thanksgiving, three

animals were reunited with their owners. On Dec. 1, one; Dec. 3 during lunch, one; Dec. 4 between 8:30 and 10 a.m., two. In spite of spatial limitations imposed upon the workers at the shelter to clean the kennels properly in the morning (which means putting all 20 or so dogs together in four outdoor kennels promoting the occurrence of territorial fights) and being called at home on holidays and weekends (which means leaving their families), they go out of their way to reunite animals with their owners.

To address the accusation that we are paying employees at the shelter more than we are paying police officers, I invite you to call the city finance department and discover this also seems to be a case of "sour grapes." I was informed that a "starting" police officer, whether certified or not, is paid equivalent to what the director of the shelter is paid after 13 years of service. This does not include the officer's benefits or cost of certification.

We desperately need a larger shelter!

If you don't like the way the current shelter is being run, deal with that after we have more space.

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LETTER

TF military facility reopens

The Army of the United States is changing. It now has the power to see first, strike first and dominate the battlefield. It has become more agile, versatile, lethal and wins the night. It will move faster, fight smarter and project overwhelming force across all necessary worldwide operations to defend freedom and protect America's interests. However, without the reserve forces backing it up, it's ability to move, shoot and deploy is severely hampered if not impaired.

Sept. 11, 2001, is one of those moments in history that toughens a generation and nation. Another date to remember is Jan. 5, 2002. That is the date the Allred U.S. Army Reserve Center located at Joslin Airport south of Twin Falls will be reactivated. This beautiful, functional, taxpayer-supported center was built in the early 1980s and housed Company D 321st Engineers for years. Many local citizens of the Magic Valley met and trained there. However, due to lack of interest, lack of a perceived threat or just plain getting busy doing other things, the center was closed about two years ago.

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The reactivation ceremony will start at 1 p.m. and last about two hours. That time would be a good opportunity to determine that we are serious about supporting our local reserve troops and the local reserve center. If you are going to attend this function, be early as security systems will be in place. But I invite you to come out and see for yourself the young men and women of our community who know that freedom is not free.

COL. JOSEPH E. EYRE
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(Editor's note: Joseph Eyre is a retired U.S. Army Reserve Colonel and Army Reserve ambassador for the state of Idaho.)

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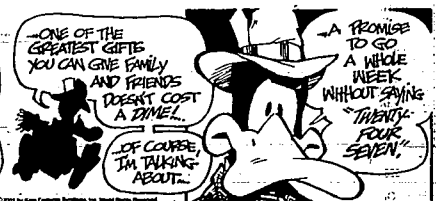
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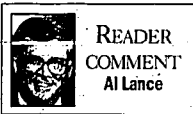


By Bruce Tinsley



Security measures are only ideas for legal consideration

I write to clarify a couple of items discussed in your Nov. 16 editorial regarding my report to the governor on the status of Idaho laws that may apply to terrorism. First, I agree with your editorial and with comments attributed to Speaker Newcomb and President Pro Tem Geddes to the effect that there should be good reason to exempt public records from disclosure. Second, there appears to be some misunderstanding as to the nature of my report. To clarify, the report was prepared in response to the governor's request that my office review Idaho statutes and give him some ideas to consider. The ideas in the report are not "proposals." They are only ideas. Neither the governor nor I have made any recommendations to the Legislature. Following a discussion with the governor and legislative leadership, I wrote to the leadership on Nov. 13. The letter reflected my understanding as to which ideas legislators appeared interested in and in furthering the review. Readers may review this letter in the "Current Issues" section of my homepage, www.state.idaho.gov. Third, the ideas themselves are neither as simple nor as far-reaching



READER COMMENT
Al Lance

ing as described in the editorial. With regard to our suggestion that the governor might be allowed to exempt certain records from disclosure, the thought process is this: Our public records law presumes that anyone has a right to obtain any record of any state or local agency unless the law says specifically that the record is exempt from disclosure. If, for example, a foreign terrorist asked for a copy of your child's school evacuation plan, our law would require that the terrorist get the record in three days. The Legislature could attempt to identify and exempt from disclosure every single public record

that, if disclosed, would pose a threat to public safety. However, if they missed one and terrorists requested it, our law would require that the record be disclosed. Our idea was to provide a safety net by giving someone in government the limited authority to withhold such a record only when necessary for the security or safety of the state. The governor's decision would be subject to judicial review as is any denial of a public records request. Further, the courts would have an established standard to apply to the governor's decision, i.e., whether non-disclosure was "necessary for the security or safety of the state." You also expressed concern about an idea which would allow wiretaps in very limited circumstances for up to 48 hours before obtaining court approval. This idea was contained in our suggestion that the governor consider proposing an update of

Idaho's wiretap statute to mirror federal law. The federal law, signed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968, allows certain federal officers to authorize a wiretap for up to 48 hours before obtaining court approval. However, this authority applies only in emergency situations when there is: 1) the immediate danger of death or serious injury, 2) a threat to national security, or 3) a conspiracy characteristic of organized crime. Courts have repeatedly upheld the proper use of this limited authority. Responsible leadership requires a willingness to discuss adjustments in how we balance competing interests. The discussion of possible changes in state law is still in the early stages. It may be reasonable to consider "sunset" provisions if any of these ideas are advanced. Neither the governor nor I have made any final recommendations.

The Legislature will not convene until January and is certain to give any proposals careful scrutiny. Thank you for this opportunity to clarify these points and thank

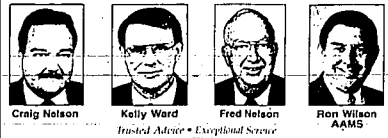
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Skateboard at the park
On Nov. 23, a friend and I went to a local grocery store in Twin Falls where we do all of our shopping, and in the parking lot were three young men. I'd say they were agers. They were skateboarding and causing problem's for customers trying to go into the store. We pulled into a handicapped spot because I have a disability and a young man in front of us yelled at us because he said we almost ran over his skateboard. NGT ruel! We were trying to avoid him.

Also, there were two elderly women who had to walk with us to the entrance of the store. They were afraid they'd get run over. I mentioned to the Pepsi delivery man and he told an employee, who told the boys to leave. They didn't. They only moved past the store house in the parking lot. On our way home, we went past the new skateboard park. And not a soul was there! Now why did the city spend all that money if the kids like the park, they should have it better.

And if one of those boys had gotten hurt, who would be at fault? Probably the store because it is its parking lot. And if a customer got injured due to these boys, next to the store would be at fault for not insisting that the boys leave and enforcing it.

I called after I got home and spoke to the manager and asked him if the store could put up a sign that said no skateboarding or roller-blading. He said that would be a corporate decision and it would be negative to the store. It seems to me that if somebody got hurt that that would be negative to the store!

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Workers keep up search for anthrax source

WASHINGTON (AP) — Workers at the Federal Reserve were still going through hundreds of letters Monday in an effort to locate the source of a positive reading for anthrax last week.

"So far we have not identified the source or sources of last week's positive results," said Fed spokesman Dave Skidmore. He said it had been deter-

mined that about 600 pieces of mail were in the batch that tested positive for anthrax instead of the 100 to 150 pieces of mail that officials had estimated last week were involved. Skidmore said it probably will be midweek before all the testing is completed.

"It is just a very labor-intensive process going through each piece of mail," he said. The testing is being done in

two trailers set up in a courtyard of the Fed's headquarters as a temporary mail processing facility.

The temporary center started operations following the appearance of the anthrax-tainted letter mailed to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle in October. No mail enters the Fed's two office buildings until it has been screened in the mail sorting trailers.

Prosecutors indict more than 30 for smuggling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal authorities have broken up an illegal immigrant smuggling ring that used a bus company to help hundreds illegally cross the Mexican border each month, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Monday.

The principal officers of Golden State Transportation, a Los Angeles-based regional bus company, and more than 30 of its

employees were indicted in the probe of an alien smuggling ring. The indictment alleges that Golden State conspired with migrant smugglers to move hundreds of undocumented immigrants every month from the U.S.-Mexico border.

The investigation centered on Golden State's operations in California, Arizona and Colorado. "Migrant smuggling circum-

vents the legal immigration process for profit," Ashcroft said. "Today's indictment underscores our commitment to prosecute migrant smugglers, seek forfeiture of their illegal profits and put them out of business."

The indictment alleges Golden State generated revenue by transporting undocumented immigrants to Los Angeles, Denver and Yakima, Wash.

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Police search for suspects in stabbing

TWIN FALLS - Police on Monday were searching for suspects in a Saturday night stabbing that left a 17-year-old boy in critical condition, according to reports.

The victim was found unconscious by officers in the 400 block of Second Avenue West in Twin Falls after they responded to a report of a fight there at about 10 p.m., according to a police report.

Police on Monday were not releasing the identity of the victim, who suffered multiple stab wounds and was listed in critical condition at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Twin Falls police Sgt. Mike Covington said the boy's name was being withheld because he is a juvenile.

Witnesses told police as many as five people might have been involved in the attack on the stabbing victim, and the suspects were last seen running toward Main Avenue West.

No arrests had been made as of late Monday, Covington said.

Anyone with information should call the police at 735-4357, the detectives division at 735-7211 or the Southern Idaho Communications Center at 735-1911.

Church group sustains injuries in wreck

TWIN FALLS - A woman and four teen-agers from Twin Falls were injured late Sunday in a car wreck near King Hill on Interstate 84.

Barbara Miciak was transporting Jack Mikesell, Tim McKinley, Mary Alice Lopez and Christopher Melni from Boise to Twin Falls when she swerved to miss a deer and rolled her 2001 Subaru Outback several times at 11:58 p.m. near milepost 128.

The group was returning from the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, said Jean Thompson of St. Edward's Catholic Church's religious education office on Monday. Mikesell, McKinley and Lopez were treated and released from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said Miciak's father-in-law, Ron Miciak.

Miciak, 30, was in stable condition and improving Monday evening, according to Ron Miciak.

Melni's mother, Mary Melni, said he was in critical condition Monday evening.

Melni, 16, who was thrown from the car, was the only passenger not wearing a seat belt, his mother said.

Idaho Public Television comes back on the air

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Public Television signal to KFTV Channel 13 in Twin Falls was restored as of the afternoon Monday, thanks to equipment borrowed from a Boise television station.

The disruption began intermittently last week, and the video portion of the signal went down completely on Sunday. The problem was traced to a microwave transmitter on Deer Point above Boise.

"We are on the air with a borrowed microwave from KBCTV Channel 2 in Boise," said Rich Van Genderen, IdahoPTV director of technology. "The damaged parts for our own equipment are not on hand, but efforts are under way to obtain the parts to make the required repairs."

Van Genderen said the IdahoPTV equipment is an older unit and there are no spare parts immediately available. "We are sorry for the interruption of programming in Twin Falls and the areas dependent on the Twin Falls signal," Van Genderen said. "But both sound and picture are now fully restored."

TFHS cheerleaders win regional competition

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School cheerleaders won the regional Universal Cheerleaders Association championship recently and the right to compete in the UCA Nationals in Orlando, Fla., in February.

The Bruin cheerleaders must raise \$800-\$900 per cheerleader by Jan. 5 to attend, and they are seeking sponsors. No money for the trip is available through the school. To contribute, call Denise Gasser at 734-9138 or Marcia Jensen at 734-7146.

The 20-member TFHS squad earned the right to go to Orlando by winning first place in the large-school all-girl varsity competition at the UCA Idaho Regional in Boise on Dec. 1. It's the first time a Magic Valley cheer squad has ever qualified to go to the UCA Nationals.

Compiled from staff reports

Employees seem satisfied

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

Hospital Board hears results of survey

TWIN FALLS - Most employees at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center are satisfied with their jobs, according to the results of a survey conducted last summer.

Magic Valley Regional Human Resources Director Samantha Lopez told the Hospital Board Monday that 69 percent of the hospital's employees said they had positive morale - a 13 percent jump from last year.

"Typically, the largest increases from

year to year are around 5 percent," Lopez said.

The 86-item survey asked employees about a number of issues, including communication, treatment, opportunity for advancement, work pressures, job security and compensation and benefits.

Sixty-five percent of employees gave patient care a positive rating - up 20 percent from last year. "That's the hardest group to move," Lopez said.

She said the positive survey results put Magic Valley Regional in the top 20 percent among hospitals when it came to improvements.

Also Monday, the Hospital Board approved spending \$3.69 million to do a 12,700-square-foot emergency room expansion, add 940 square feet to the same-day surgery department and build a 1,100-square-foot corridor.

Magic Valley Regional Chief Information Officer R'Nee Mullen said

Clinic purchase - A1

the hospital was experiencing record numbers of patient visits to its emergency department.

The Hospital Board has been concerned about the cramped conditions of the emergency room for quite some time.

Mullen said the new corridor will provide more privacy for patients who must be taken for services in other areas of the hospital.

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COME ON IN, THE WATER'S FINE



USA K. COLLARD/The Times-News

Austin Manning takes a big breath for his next stroke with swimming instructor Mandee Baker at the Twin Falls Municipal Swimming Pool on Monday evening. An advisory board will be appointed to help boost pool attendance.

Council agrees to form pool advisory panel

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - A committee of five to seven people will be appointed to help guide operation of the Twin Falls Community Swimming Pool.

The City Council agreed Monday to have in place an informal City Swimming Pool Advisory Commission for the next year to help make policy and structure marketing procedures.

The commission will be an advisory board that will make recommendations to the city staff and to the City Council for ways to improve and increase the pool's attendance and revenue, with suggestions for a new variety of programs and classes.

Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Bowyer said the board would have representatives from the Twin Falls School District, the Magic Valley Marlins/Twin Falls High

School swim team, the College of Southern Idaho, and at least two community members. City government will be represented on the commission by aquatic director Gretchen Scott, Bowyer and one City Council member.

City officials have been looking for ways to boost use of the pool to help cover rising costs since an inflatable cover made the pool a year-round operation. The city already has closed the pool on Fridays and Saturdays as a cost-saving measure, but revenue from the pool is still covering less than half of the costs of operating it.

In another matter Monday, the City Council was asked to reconsider its decision last

month to increase the speed limit on a section of Filer Avenue East from 25 to 30 mph. The council was presented with a petition carrying the signatures of 75 people who live in the area. One of those people,

Tammy Lowther, argued that almost 100 percent of the people she canvassed agreed that "the speed is just too high."

Karl Kleinkopf summed up the arguments by pointing out that the residential

street is still being used in a dangerous manner "as a shortcut for (high school students) in a hurry to get back to school coming from Filer Avenue East."

The council voted to boost

traffic enforcement on the street for the next 60 days. And because the original traffic impact study for the area was done during the summer, there will be another study for a more accurate report.

In other business, Bill Allred of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality presented a management plan to prevent future nitrate level increases, following groundwater samplings that show elevated nitrate within Twin Falls County.

The newly formed Twin Falls County Groundwater Quality Advisory Committee has put into place a plan that will give directions and guidance techniques for nitrate control within the community. The plan will not be used as an enforcement tool.

Times-News correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3990.

Officials uphold rentals

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Frenchman's Island business is allowed to continue renting watercraft, Cassia County commissioners have decided.

The commission Monday morning denied an appeal from residents opposed to development of the island.

The questions before the commissioners were first, whether the rental of watercraft was granted under the terms of a conditional use permit, and second, whether the use of the property had gone beyond the application and grant of the conditional use permit.

Commissioner Paul Christensen said. He referred to the prohibition of uses in Cassia County's zoning ordinance, which forbids all uses not expressly permitted within a zone, which would include rental of watercraft.

Because rental of watercraft is not expressly permitted in the zone, the answer to both questions would, at first glance, seem to be "no," Christensen said. However, a provision for "accessory uses" opens the door to the enterprise, he said.

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Rupert man dies in crash

The Times-News

DEULO - One Rupert man was killed and another critically injured in a car wreck one mile west of Deulo early Sunday morning.

Bernabe Sanchez-Zacarias, 23, was killed, according to the Cassia County Sheriff's Department. Jorge Gonzalez, 24, suffered incapacitating injuries, according to the sheriff's department report.

The men were eastbound on Idaho Highway 81 at 1:20 a.m. when the wreck occurred, the report stated. They were in a 1993 convertible Dodge Shadow owned by Cynthia Flores of Paul. The car was traveling at a high speed, left the roadway on the right side and struck a small telephone box, the report states.

The car continued on the right shoulder and struck the embankment along 750 East Road. The vehicle flew about 160 feet over the road and landed on its nose. The car then rolled onto its roof on the south shoulder of Highway 81. Both passengers were ejected, according to the sheriff's report.

The report does not indicate if either man was wearing a seat belt.

Investigators have not determined who was driving the car.

The posted speed for that stretch of the highway is 55 mph, according to the report.

Gonzalez was transported by ground ambulance to the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley, the report stated. He was then transported to Bannock Hospital in Pocatello by air, Cassia County Sheriff's Lt. George Worrell said.

Sanchez-Zacarias was pronounced dead at the scene.

Health agencies notice governor's cutbacks

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Idaho health agencies are feeling the governor's cutbacks too, but they are working to minimize the impact to the public, several health agencies told Cassia and Minidoka county commissioners and legislators Monday.

Representatives from the South Central Health District and the Department of Health and Welfare assured a group of legislators and county commissioners services are not expected to stop or be decreased by the cutbacks.

South Central Health District Director Cheryl Juntenun said the first holdback of 2 percent meant about \$20,000 was held back at the district. Services will continue, but there will be

slower response to the public because of less money, Juntenun said.

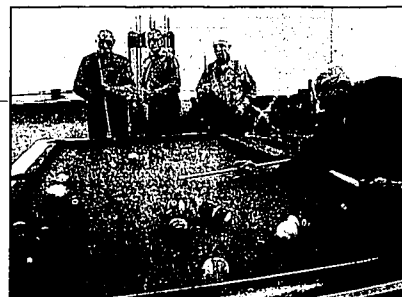
The second holdback from the governor of another 1 percent meant another \$14,000 was held back, Juntenun said. That cut resulted in the cancellation of a prenatal care study in the area. Some concern about canceling the study was voiced, because improving prenatal care could take care of problems that occur after a child is born, she said.

Juntenun said the district has been told to anticipate a 4 percent holdback for the next fiscal year. This may mean fewer rural clinics, slower responses to the public and a hiring freeze, she said.

John Hathaway, regional director at the Department of Health and Welfare, said

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A FRIENDLY GAME



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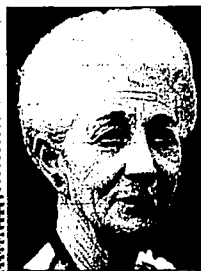
Alva Temple takes aim at a ball during a pool game at the Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley. Watching Temple are, from left, Bud Johnson, Don Pearson and Howard Peck. The men said they shoot pool almost every day at the center.

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HAZELTON



Barbara Dryden, 82, of Hazelton passed away at home on December 7, 2001.

Barbara was born on September 19, 1919, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was raised in Rogerson and graduated from Twin Falls High School.

In 1962 she married James Dryden. They owned the Drug Store in Hazelton for many years. Barbara loved to bowl, garden and sew.

Barbara is survived by her four children, Ken and his wife Karen of Jerome; Gary and his wife Eileen of Sun City, Arizona; Colleen of Salinas, California; and Richard of Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

Funeral services for Barbara will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at Hazelton City Cemetery.

TWIN FALLS



Jean Beglan, 63, of Twin Falls, Idaho died Saturday, December 8, 2001, at her home following an extended illness.

Jean was born September 11, 1938, in Ferdinand, Idaho, to Mike and Mary Robie Schwartz. She lived on the prairie and attended school and graduated from Ferdinand High School.

Jean was such a caring and giving person. She would do anything she could to help out. Jean had many friends and enjoyed her spending time and visiting with each and every one of them.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at 11 a.m. at White Mortuary Chapel, with Bishop Brent Hyatt conducting. Graveside services will follow at Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

(Glady) Schwartz of Ferdinand, ID, Jerry (Patsy) Schwartz of Culesdas, ID, George (Susie) Schwartz of Ferdinand, ID, and Ralph (Karen) Schwartz of Culesdas, ID, sisters Darlene (Lynn) Smith of Grangeville, ID, Alice (Tom) Schor of Moscow, ID, and Ilena (Lee) Radeko of Salem, OR; six grandchildren, Todd Adamson, Tucker Beglan, Justin Hackett, Briana Anderson, Rachel Beglan, Shaibe Hackett.

A Memorial Prayer Vigil and Rosary will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 12, 2001, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A Memorial Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 13, 2001 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A private family inurnment will take place at Sunset Memorial Park.

the Grandparent Program at Bickel and Oregon Trail schools in Twin Falls. She was also well-known in Twin Falls as the local Avon Sales Lady for over 25 years.

Hattie enjoyed sewing, making dresses and western shirts and baking and cooking. She also loved and was very giving and caring with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Hattie is survived by her husband "Bud" Jacobs of Kimberly; sons, James (Bobbie) Crawford of Kimberly, Roy (JoAnne) Jacobs of Portland, Oregon, and Denny (Linda) Jacobs of Tennessee; a brother Roy (LaVessa) Corson of Pocatello; Idaho; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, 7 sisters, and a brother.

The funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 13, 2001, at White Mortuary Chapel, with Pastor James Scott of Grace Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Wednesday from 4 until 8 p.m. with the family present to great friends from 7 until 8 p.m.

BOISE



Ruby Colleen Lowe, 69, of Boise, formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, December 6, 2001, at Willow Park Assisted Living in Boise.

Colleen was born on May 28, 1932, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to pioneer ranchers Alvaro and Opal (Butler) Dunn of the Three Creek area. Colleen attended elementary school at Three Creek and House Creek and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1950.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leon Lowe in 1994, her son Terry, her father Alvaro, and her sister Betty Walton.

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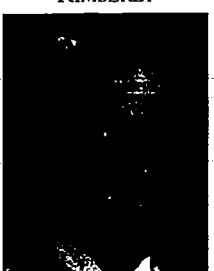
KIMBERLY



Hattie H. 'Gramma' Jacobs, 87, of Kimberly, Idaho, died Saturday, December 8, 2001, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born February 24, 1914, at Alene, Oklahoma, to Leroy and Jenni Lucas Corson. She came to Pocatello, Idaho, in 1938 and then to Twin Falls in 1939. She married Wilbur "Bud" Jacobs in Bellevue, Idaho May 1, 1959, and they lived on the Holloway Ranch. For 25 years Hattie taught as a teacher's aide in

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Dale E. Dohse, 64, of Kimberly, died Saturday, December 8, 2001, at Heritage Retirement Center of a long illness.

Dale was born April 10, 1937, in Idaho Falls. He lived and grew up in the Hansen-Kimberly area, where he farmed for 30 years. He then went to work for Gilbert Western Construction until his illness overtook him on July 26, 1959.

He is survived by his wife and two children, his mother Helen Dohse Mathiesen of Twin Falls, and a sister Margene (Stan) Bauer of Pullman, Washington.

He was preceded in death by his father Edward Dohse. There will be no services, this is Dale's wishes. He will be missed. Those who wish may make contributions in his memory to Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens, Filer, Idaho 83328.

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Everywhere Art lived he enjoyed bowling in tournaments. He also loved to travel, fish, and play golf, tournament Cabbage and BlackJack. Art is survived by his wife, Mary Tiedemann of Sequim, Washington; sons, Dave Tiedemann of Port Orchard, Washington, Paul Tiedemann of Bremerton, Washington, and Jon Tiedemann of Pacific Beach, Washington; a brother Carl Tiedemann of Orlando, Florida; a sister Marion Hart of Kent, Washington; and a grandson Niklaus Tiedemann of Port Orchard, Washington.

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MOUNTAIN HOME

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he became a source of great pride and hunting success. He was a life-long supporter of conservation of wildlife habitat. He enjoyed duplicate bridge and social bridge, fishing, hunting, camping, traveling by recreational vehicle and was an avid gardener. His friends and neighbors especially will remember his ability to grow wonderful tomatoes, and his constant interest in learning about new things.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 11, 2001, in the Henderson-Cornelius Funeral Home, 431 N. 15th Ave., Pocatello, with the Rev. Tom H. Tate of the First United Methodist Church officiating. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Idaho Conservation League, P.O. Box 844, Boise, ID 83701.

POCATELLO

Raleigh I. Davis passed away Friday, December 7, 2001, at a Pocatello Medical Center following a short illness.

Raleigh was born to Edna and Grover Davis in Filer, Idaho on August 13, 1912. He attended schools in Filer and graduated from Boise High School in 1936. He attended the University of Idaho Southern Branch at Pocatello and returned to the Twin Falls area where he was employed in agri-business. While there, he began the Young Democrats Club and was politically active in various campaigns.

In 1931 he journeyed to Alaska with a friend and worked on the construction of the Alaska Railroad. Upon returning Idaho he located in Boise and worked for WPA as a warehouse supervisor. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at the beginning of World War II. On September 18, 1942, he married Marjorie E. Glenn at Harley, Idaho. He served in the Army until the end of the war. After the war Raleigh and his wife, Marjorie, moved to Pocatello where he was employed as an auditor for the Idaho State Employerment Compensation office until his retirement in 1971.

Raleigh and his wife were avid outdoor enthusiasts. Fishing, especially on the Henry's Fork, and hunting occupied most of his spare time; in between seasons, training his dogs

Looking for services and death notices? They're on B-3 today.

On behalf of the whole family of Lt. Colonel Charles (Mike) Baily, who passed away on November 3, 2001 in Springfield, Virginia, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the special friends who sent cards, or letters, or made phone calls, or visited the family, and/or prayed for us all as we said "Good Bye" to this dear family member. Just know that we appreciated every gesture of love and friendship that was sent our way. May God bless you all! Mike's Mom, Helen Wall

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SERVICES

Josephine Ruffing of Kimberly, Mass of Christian-Burial at 10:30 a.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Church; burial will follow at the West End Cemetery (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Margie O. Kerley Hoover of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; family will accept guests one hour before the service today at the funeral home; burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park.

Francis William (Bill) Campbell Jr. of Hagerman, graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Wendell Cemetery; the family will greet friends from 7-9 p.m. today at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Vignola L. Corey of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at White-Mortuary Chapel; private graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Betty Reese Fouts of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Amazing Grace Fellowship, 1061 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Ronald C. Dunn of Lincoln City, Ore., and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Pleasant

View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 1:30-2:45 p.m. before the service at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Roy Anker Anderson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Dec. 29 at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls (White Mortuary of Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Hazel L. Mays

GOODING - Hazel L. Mays, 77, of Gooding died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. The service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Gooding with Pastor Mike Donnan officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

Donald Wilson Whitaker Sr.

TWIN FALLS - Donald Wilson Whitaker Sr., 81, of Twin Falls died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, at his home. The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, at the First Ward Lutheran Church, 567 Harrison St., Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, at White Mortuary and from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Saturday at the church. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Bernabe Sanchez-Zacarias

RUPERT - Bernabe Sanchez-Zacarias, 23, of Rupert died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Declo. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Milo E. Cott

TWIN FALLS - Milo E. Cott, 70, of Twin Falls died Sunday, Dec. 9, 2001, at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas, Nev. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Dale B. Spencer

LEEDS, Utah - Dale B. Spencer, 67, of Leeds, Utah and formerly of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 3, 2001. Cremation was held, with private services following.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at the patient's request
Admitted
Cynthia Trappen of Kimberly and Angelica Eldredge of Jerome

Burley, Jacob Odwyer of Heyburn, Dakota Drummond of Declo, Norma Wilkinson of Burley, Mary Lou Becker of Twin Falls, Elsie Cenguigiana of Burley, Luis Gil Leon of Rupert and Tony A. King of Burley

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names are omitted at the patient's request
Admitted
Phillip Lee Jr. of Rupert, Kenneth Pool of

Dismissed
John Trevino of Rupert, Page Blake of Heyburn, Ruth Honeycott of Rupert, Tonya King of Burley and Elsie Cenguigiana of Burley



Youngsters throughout Mini-Castle are spending time with Santa Claus discussing their Christmas wish lists. Angela Benavides of Declo shares her ideas with Santa at the recent Burley Festival of Trees.

Figures show tax receipts are short

BOISE (AP) - The red ink facing Gov. Dirk Kempthorne appears to have deepened in November, marking the 10th month in the past 12 that tax receipts have fallen short of administration estimates.

Preliminary figures obtained by the Legislative Budget Office indicated that tax collections in November were more than \$7 million lower than analysts expected. Their estimate had already been dramatically pared back from the revenue projection state lawmakers relied on last winter when they approved a record tax cut and the state's first \$2 billion budget.

If the November numbers hold, the state would be \$25 million short of a budget projection that was scaled back more than \$60 million last summer because of the state's economic slowdown.

Kempthorne has already imposed a \$55 million reduction in current state spending and advised state managers to brace for a 2002-2003 state budget that is cut back another 8 percent on average. Forty-two people are losing their jobs in the Health and Welfare Department, and Kempthorne said their could be more layoffs.

The worsening economic outlook now threatens many of the program and policy advances made in recent years, among them

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consistent increases in state support for education, a multi-agency plan to treat substance abusers, the multimillion-dollar initiative to improve reading and the campaign to increase the state's immunization rate.

Administration economists expected some of the evolving cash flow to be offset by higher corporate tax collections.

But that has yet to occur, and severe weakness has developed in the personal income tax, which accounts for half of all general tax collections and is a key indicator of the state's economic vitality. Those collections were another \$7 million off the benchmark in November, according to the preliminary estimates, and there were indications that much of the shortfall was in paycheck withholding, which measures the economy's underlying job strength.

Taking into account the \$58 million individual income tax cut lawmakers approved last winter and the early indications of the slowing economy, the state had expected personal income tax revenues through November to be off 6 percent from last year.

Withholding has yet to meet monthly expectations for this budget year, a reflection of the deteriorating employment picture in the state. The jobless rate hit 5.1 percent last month, the first time over 5 percent in more than two years. About 1,400 workers lost their jobs, the largest monthly employment decline since January 1993.

And unemployment insurance claims were just short of 16,000 last week, 45 percent higher than a year earlier. The state has already paid out \$133 million in jobless benefits this year. It paid \$95 million during the first 49 weeks of 2000.

Construction activity was also lagging year-ago levels. Wells Fargo's monthly report shows work off 22 percent in September, primarily in the commercial sector although residential construction was down fractionally from September 2000. That left activity for the first nine months of the year only slightly ahead of last year's, reflecting the construction slowdown economists had projected.

Ex-justice questions legality of closures

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the Ada County Highway District were asked late in the law in closing down streets on the north and south sides of the Capitol.

Former Supreme Court Justice Robert Huntley, who unsuccessfully challenged Kempthorne in 1998, also asked the governor to provide details on the cost of the intensified Statehouse security and where the money is coming from.

Failure to adequately respond by Wednesday evening, Huntley wrote in a letter to both Kempthorne and the highway district, could result in a court challenge to the street closures and heightened security.

"Please do not respond by simply stating that there are confidential or secret briefings, which make it impossible to have a meaningful answer," Huntley wrote in a reference to one of the explanations used by administration officials in recent weeks to justify their decisions.

Kempthorne spokesman Mark Sner said Huntley's letter was being reviewed. A town hall meeting on the security measures has been scheduled for Thursday evening at Boise City Hall.

In addition to posting National Guardsmen at federal expense at Idaho's six commercial airports, Kempthorne has closed State and West Jefferson at the Capitol to traffic, surrounded the building

with concrete barricades, limited access to two of the 10 entries and posted state troopers and National Guardsmen to guard the building.

Kempthorne said the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 left him no choice. Critics say he overreacted and is needlessly diverting state resources that could better be used elsewhere.

It was just last week, five weeks after Kempthorne had State and Jefferson streets closed, that the state finally signed the licensing agreement authorizing the closure.

At the same, the state announced it would reopen Jefferson to traffic this week because the risk of a terrorist attack had lessened.

School district's facilities need renovations

BOISE (AP) - The Boise School District's classroom buildings need \$100 million in renovations to improve safety and meet instructional needs, according to a new study.

The report follows an 18-month analysis of the 48 schools in Idaho's largest school district by outside consultants who assessed structural soundness and suitability for providing education.

Overall, the study found Boise schools in fair condition. But the report cites some problems:

- Most schools have poor or unsatisfactory fire alarms and fire-control systems.

- Whittier Elementary and Fort Boise Mid High School were listed in poor condition, mostly because of old heating and ventilation systems.

- Thirty-two schools have poor or unsatisfactory plumbing.

- Square-footage in many classrooms falls below generally recognized standards, limiting

the ways teachers can instruct students.

- Several schools, such as South Junior High, have insufficient laboratory stations for science students.

Superintendent Ed Davis brought in a consulting firm to do the \$90,000 study to avoid possible bias in the report. During the past three years Davis also has used outside evaluators to assess the district's curriculum and management structure.

Cutbacks

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Health and Welfare, said hold-backs may mean a loss of 80 positions statewide, although no one in this region has been laid off.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said he was impressed by the South Central Health District and Department of Health's attitudes about the holdbacks.

The agencies are handling the holdbacks and "doing so in a thoughtful manner, though it may not be what you want," Cameron said at Monday's meeting.

Juntunen also presented information on legislative issues of the public health districts.

The districts are looking to extend the food establishment license fee through 2007 with the fee rising from \$55-\$65. A plan review fee would also be set for new establishments before they open or existing establishments which are undergoing a renovation.

The districts are also submitting revised public swimming pool rules. Some questions arose about whether pools at hotels and motels are public swimming pools. District officials want those categorized as public facilities, Juntunen said.

District officials are also asking for continued money from

the Millennium Fund to pay for tobacco cessation programs, Juntunen said. According to a press release, public health districts have cessation programs in 38 of their 44 counties and the programs have been successful.

A brief presentation on bioterrorism was included as part of the meeting. District personnel are evaluating how to handle an attack, should one ever occur, Juntunen said.

On the local level, registered nurses and environmental health officials are working together to organize mass clinics if needed. They have also received money from the

Group's chief wants to increase unity

POCATELLO (AP) - Newly elected President Klaren Koopman wants a strong, unified Potato Growers of Idaho to help farmers deal with the diverse markets for their product.

"My only goal is to have 65 percent of the growers as members," Koopman said.

"Once we build a coalition, the issues and the wants of the growers will come to the surface."

The American Falls-area farmer was elected recently to

succeed Dan Moss of Declo at the helm of the restructured Potato Growers of Idaho.

The organization has changed its focus in recent months toward representing growers while leaving contract bargaining to the newly formed Southern Idaho Potato Coop.

Koopman said one of the biggest challenges for Idaho growers is that they deal with so many markets.

Fresh-pack sales, the seed market, dehydrators, foreign

competition and spuds for french fries or chips each pose different challenges for producers.

But Koopman said a strong Potato Growers of Idaho organization can help by finding common ground and promoting cooperation.

"It's pretty hard to get your arms around the growers and get them all going in one direction," he said. "But if we group together we can change a lot of things."

Jobs

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Patients now have to be taken through public hallways.

The initial architectural work has already begun, and hospital officials plan to complete construction and bid documents by spring.

Construction is expected to begin in June, and hospital officials hope to have the expansion ready for patients by December 2003.

In other action Monday, the

board approved a resolution that would give certified nurse anesthetists the right to apply for privileges at Magic Valley Regional.

Certified nurse anesthetists have provided services at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital for years. Magic Valley Regional is in the process of buying the clinic.

The nurse anesthetists would work in collaboration with hospital physicians.

Other Hospital Board business:

- The board approved the donation of a used ambulance to the College of Southern Idaho for use in its training courses for emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

Gilbert Schmidt, Magic Valley Regional's director of paramedic and ambulance services, said the value of the ambulance is around \$2,000.

- The board approved spending \$48,000 to develop a master facility plan for Magic Valley Regional.

It will include a review of the space at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital to determine the best use for the building.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Island

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Christensen cited a county ordinance which defined accessory use: "a related use which is incidental to the prescribed and permissible uses." Accessory use is expressly allowed under a conditional use permit, so it is not prohibited, Christensen said.

"Watercraft rental is an accessory use just as renting golf clubs and carts is at a golf course or renting roller-skates at a rink," he said.

The other commissioners agreed with Christensen's assessment. Commissioner Dennis Crane moved to uphold the decision of the planning and zoning commission to allow rentals of watercraft and to deny the appeal of the commission's decision. Commissioner Shirley Danner seconded the motion, and the commissioners approved it unanimously.

This victory for Neil Larsen, owner of Frenchman's Island, does not give him carte blanche, County Attorney Al Barrus warned. "If the owners of Frenchman's Island want to expand their uses any further, they need to go back to planning and zoning for approval," he said.

The commission's decision can be appealed at the district court level, Christensen pointed out.

"I'll have to review the basis for this decision and talk to my clients to see if they want to proceed," and take this matter to court, said Rick Bollor, the attorney representing residents who oppose the development of Frenchman's Island.

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Priceless holiday cheer

Gooding Nickel Toy sale helps needy families

By Sarah Skaar
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Checking off a list of more than 1,000 toys stockpiled in her basement, Donna Morton is Santa to several hundred children each year, though most of them never know it.

Now in its ninth year, Nickel Toys for Girls & Boys collects donations to buy new toys as Christmas gifts for children of low-income families in Gooding. The toys are sold to parents for a nickel each. Morton's goal is to amass a sleigh-full of goodies so that each child will receive three toys.

"We have unbelievable community support," she emphasizes. "The Gooding Ministerial Association is involved, lots of businesses and groups. And I hit

up every single person I can to donate something to it."

The annual activity evolved from a project of the Gooding Methodist Church youth group, where her husband, Duke, was adviser.

Not just a Yule-time effort, Morton averages five hours a day on the project year-round, with the \$3,000-plus fund-raising campaign launched every September.

Describing Duke as her "Chief Elf," the pair haunts toy stores and retail outlets, assembling a collection of gifts for teens, babies, girls and boys of various ages. Last year, 340 children benefited.



Donna Morton has been working with the Gooding Nickel Toys for Girls & Boys for several years. The effort allows needy families to buy new toys for their children for just one nickel.

Morton realizes this year has been tough on small businesses, and many larger outlets have cur-

tailed discounts. "Even 10 percent makes a big difference when you're buying

1,200 toys," she says. "And toy prices have gone up."

Morton is grateful for many volunteers who help display, decorate and work at the annual toy sale.

"Last year, we were incredibly busy, sold out in two hours," she says.

Shopping at the Nickel Toys event is limited to residents of Gooding, but Morton enthusiastically accepts donations from anyone and any group so children will have new toys.

"We want this to be something important and special to these kids and their parents. We want them to get something new and very nice,"

Want to help?

Donations of money or new toys still in original packaging can be made to Nickel Toys, 904 Utah, Gooding, Idaho 83330; or call Donna Morton at 934-5331. Larger donations may qualify for a charitable contribution. The sale will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at Gooding Accelerated Learning Center on Main Street.

she says. After nearly a decade of working with Nickel Toys, Morton takes great satisfaction from the success stories: often young and single mothers or fathers who receive the opportunity to provide Christmas for their children return another year as donors.

"Gooding is so great to support this program," she says. "I call it the small town with a big heart. When you work on something like Nickel Toys, it really comes home about what people do to help others."

"Gooding is not a wealthy town, and we have our share of people who are having economic problems. Nickel Toys helps them this time of year, and most remember it and give back some day when they can."

STORK REPORT

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Diana Abbygall Osuna, daughter of Diane G. Ramirez of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001.

Treklar Ann Kennison, daughter of Kimberly Ann Lively and David Wayne Kennison of Buhl, was born Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001.

Calyssa Shileene Kunzler, daughter of Sharon Leone and Tom Lamont Kunzler of Hillsingham, Ark., was born Thursday, Nov. 22, 2001.

Andrew Estevan Luna, son of Liz Veronica and Cornelio Luna of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001.

Devany Sue Fultz, daughter of Shawna Marie and Dennis Lee Fultz of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001.

Felix Angel Garcia, son of Catalina Garcia of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Nov. 29, 2001.

Anthony Harold Davis Jr., son of Heather Rene Enderle and Anthony Harold Davis Sr. of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 30, 2001.

Melanie Elisabeth Vargas, daughter of Elisa Suzanne and Jose Manuel Vargas of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 30, 2001.

Nicholas Griffen, Shropshire, son of Kimberly Renee and Brett Lee Shropshire of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 30, 2001.

Hayden Dale Robbins, son of Lana Jane and Michael Ray Robbins of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 30, 2001.

Hailey Dawn Wilson, daughter of Cynthia Marie Wilson of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Nov. 30, 2001.

Owen Henry Rice, son of Wendy Jean and Owen Dee Rice of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001.

Kody Michael Capps, son of Amanda Sue and Timothy Michael Capps of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Dec. 3, 2001.

Kylie Jo Jones, daughter of Shell Jo and Tristan Jeffrey Jones of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001. Brayden Earl Morrison, son of Ginny Louise and Lanning-Jay Morrison of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001.

Cassia Regional Medical Center

Jose Andres Rios Alvarado, son of Roxanna Alvarado of Burley, was born Friday, Nov. 30, 2001.

Ishiah Ivan Vega, son of Juan and Cesilia Vega of Rupert, was

born Friday, Nov. 30, 2001.

Ryan James Blau, son of Kent and Barbara Blau of Declo, was born Monday, Dec. 3, 2001.

Freddy Larios, son of Freddy Larios and Mandy L. Romero of Rupert, was born Monday, Dec. 3, 2001.

Angela Cristy Ramirez, daughter of Cris Ramirez and Flora Ramirez of Heyburn, was born Monday, Dec. 3, 2001.

María del Carmen, daughter of Angelica Silva and Israel Navarrete, was born Monday, Dec. 3, 2001.

Jadym Alexis Arthur, daughter of Erica Arthur and Damien Vassell of Heyburn, was born Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2001.

Nataly Alcantor Bernal, daughter of Maria and Manuel Alcantor of Burley, was born Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001.

Asya Mackenzie Torres, daughter of Jaime and Andrea Torres of Heyburn, was born Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001.

Avory Sage Rose, daughter of Chad and Janice Rose of Malta, was born Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001.

To have a birth announced, send a copy of the birth certificate to Melissa Morgan at The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303 or fax it to 734-5538. Deadline for publication Tuesday is noon Friday.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER SALE



Members of an introduction to agriculture class hold some of the poinsettias on sale by the Declo High School FFA for Christmas at a cost of \$10 per plant. There is a variety of colors from which to choose. Plants may be ordered by calling Shane Cloney, FFA advisor, at 654-2416 or Jamie Chabrum, FFA president, at 673-6660. Proceeds finance FFA activities.

Photo courtesy of MARY TROTT BATES

Groups-honor residents, organizations

TWIN FALLS - Local people, businesses and organizations were named as state finalists by the mayors of their hometown for the 2001 Brightest Stars Awards.

The awards recognize those who have made a difference in the lives of Idaho families and children.

Each finalist will receive a certificate from Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and considered for one of three \$5,000 awards. The awards were established by Kempthorne and the Governor's

Coordinating Council for Families and Children, made up of 45 representatives of government agencies, civic groups, nonprofit organizations, businesses and churches.

Finalists are:
Individual category: Gooding - Nancy Brown; Hazelton - Nikki Veenendaal; Heyburn - Nancy Kuhn; Ketchum - Valerie Donnelly; Richfield-Sylvia Ellis; Rupert - Earl Corless; Sun Valley - Janice and Gary

Storcy Business category: Heyburn - United Electric Co-op

Individual category: Ketchum - Atkinson's Market; Shoshone - Shoshone Snake Bar Organization category: Heyburn - Heyburn Lions Club

Partnership category: Rupert - Mini-Cassia HealthNet Coalition; Shoshone - Generation Extreme Youth Group

Clowns raise money for Shrine hospital

By John E. Swazey
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Clowns always have had a magical ability to lighten hearts and bring smiles.

"That magic was working on Bickel Elementary second-graders with the antics of 'Roscoe' and his rainbow-haired sidekick, 'Nickel.' Their practiced fingers twisted balloons into a menagerie of multi-colored flower and animal shapes. Each time a balloon's squeak of protest ended with a pop, their audience erupted in a chorus of laughter.

"A hang nail is the worst thing that can happen to a clown working with balloons," Roscoe said, reaching into his pocket for a replacement.

The hobo persona is the creation of Filer resident Dave Annis, whose style of makeup and dress was inspired by "Freddie the Freeloader," a character introduced by comedian Red Skelton in the 1950s.

"I, quite frankly, like the way the makeup fits my face, and it kind of fits my laid back personality," he said. "I don't tend to worry much about myself, but I can easily worry about other people."

"Roscoe" and "Nickel," aka Jim Birdwell of Pocatello, are members of the Jokers, a clown unit of the El Korah Shrine that was established in 1969. Annis joined the Jokers in 1999. His motivation: a chance to connect with children on their own level.

Annis recalled meeting a blind girl, who "examined" his costume. She could tell exactly "what I was wearing and the type of clown I was, just by her sense of touch," he said. "It's situations like that that make your heart melt."



'Roscoe' the clown, otherwise known as Dave Annis, entertains at Bickel Elementary. They are members of the Jokers, a special clown unit of the El Korah Shrine.

Want more information? About the Jokers clown unit or any other activity of the Shrine, call Dave Annis at 328-5422 or 420-1916, Bob Cannon at 735-0951 or 734-8336 or Jim Birdwell at 233-1182 or 241-5441.

Idaho has three clown units. The Jokers unit, which has 15 members, is based in Pocatello. Annis is the "resident Joker" in the Twin Falls area.

"There's plenty of opportunity, and I would like to see the Jokers have a stronger presence down here," he said.

They are part of the international network of Shriners, who financially support 22 Shriners Hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

In 2000, the Jokers performed

at 55 engagements, and this year, at more than 60 appearances. They perform by donation with "all donations" going to the Shriners hospitals.

Jokers membership can be time consuming and expensive. All their activities are on their own time and donated.

He's never been able to walk through one of the hospitals without shedding a tear.

"It's not a tear for the problems the kids have," he said. "The kids have a way of showing you how thankful they are for the help that they're receiving."

Duo puts message into fun

By Analiza Figueroa
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When "Doulos" and "Checkers" clown around, it's a celebration every step of the way.

Their shows mix music, clown comedy, puppetry, magic and balloon sculpting. They reach children of all ages and convey a positive message through their non-denominational ministry.

"You have to have love for people to be a clown, and allow the little child inside of you to come out," said Checkers, also known as Nettie Burgess of Twin Falls.

"If you want to be somebody that other people will like, you have to be happy with who you are," added "Doulos," also known as her husband, Mark Burgess.

Behavioral scientists have established a close relationship between laughter and health - humor affects our attitudes and sense of well being. The couple says that anyone, with or without make-up, can be a clown, but only if they can release who they are to become the clown.

"The difference between a professional clown and a person in make-up is becoming the clown. For that you have to put who you are on the shelf and let the clown personality come out through your make-up and through your actions," Mark Burgess said.



"Doulos" and "Checkers," also known as Mark and Nettie Burgess, have been clowning for years, but with a message.

Photo courtesy of MARK AND NETTIE BURGESS

Want more information? Call Mark and Nettie Burgess at 732-5249.

For the clown duo, it all started in Las Vegas, Nev. in 1991 where they were tutored and became certified children's lay pastors. They transferred to Mountain Home and later, Twin Falls where they have performed in several area communities - at schools, birthday parties, nursing homes, hospitals and the Twin Falls County Fair.

A considerable amount of time and practice is required to prepare their shows, they say. Mark and Nettie Burgess completed Clown Ministry College in

Michigan in 1999 and are members of the World Clown Association and SMILE (Safety Magic in Law Enforcement), an association of police, fire fighters, emergency medical personnel and volunteers united through clowning to help keep children safe.

Mark Burgess, a Twin Falls County Deputy, is also involved - as Doulos - in a law enforcement initiative for school safety programs.

Nettie Burgess is a kindergarten teacher at Agape Christian School.

"The most satisfying part of being a clown is when a child comes up to you to tell you that he or she loves you," she said.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Young man beats health problems to keep active



TORCH SCRAPBOOK

The 2002 Olympic torch will be carried through Twin Falls between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 26, followed by a city-wide celebration.

An area selection committee chose 42 people to be among the 11,500 Swedish-Americans who will carry the torch along a path that begins Dec. 4 in Atlanta and ends Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City, with the opening of the games. Leading up to the games, The Times-News will profile local Olympic torch runners.

By Amie Thompson Times-News correspondent

Just as many Olympic athletes have overcome amazing adversities to do what they love, so has 20-year-old Casey Lloyd of Jerome.

Several health problems have caused developmental delays, but they did not stop him from managing the football and girls basketball teams at Jerome High School or from running track, or even from becoming a Head Start aide after graduation.

"I work hard at whatever I do and I have a wonderful life," he said.

At 20 months old, Lloyd was diagnosed with Leukemia, and at age 4, he had a relapse. The cancer came back in his central nervous system,

said his mother, Terri Lloyd. He then got the chicken pox while on chemotherapy and nearly died. He was intensive care for two weeks because the pox wore in his lungs, brain and liver.

"He was lucky he made it through that," his mother said.

But that was not the end of Lloyd's battles. At age 7, he had a minor stroke that affected movement on his left side. Today, it is nearly undetectable.

At age 11, he was diagnosed with epilepsy and a thyroid problem that affected his growth. Lloyd is 5 foot, 2 inches. Both of the problems, however, have been controlled by medication.

For nearly 10 years, Lloyd had no new problems, which allowed him to help out as a man-

ager and even run the 100-meter dash on the high school track. "I've always finished and I've improved every year," Terri Lloyd said. But this fall, a brain tumor was detected and Lloyd underwent surgery on Oct. 3 to have it removed. And as so many times before, he has pulled through and his prognosis is good.

Lloyd is looking forward to running with the Olympic torch at the end of January.

"All the girls will be watching me," he said. He is running in honor of his grandfather, Joe Byrne, with whom he used to watch sports on television.

The Olympics are big in his house. In fact, the Lloyds are planning a trip to Greece in 2004. Lloyd's brother-in-law is a coach for the rowing team.



Casey Lloyd

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Brune receives Lutheran association scholarship

Tara Brune of Murtaugh has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Aid Association for Lutherans for the 2001-2002 school year.

Brune, the daughter of Mark and Meg Brune of Murtaugh, is a senior at Concordia University in Seward, Neb.

Jerke earns Lutherans association award

Louisa M. Jerke of Buhl has been awarded a \$700 scholarship

from Aid Association for Lutherans for the 2001-2002 school year.

Jerke, the daughter of Marion and Sue Jerke of Buhl, is a senior at Concordia University, which is located in Seward, Neb.

Smit directs classic play at Dorst College

Dorst College senior Adam Smit, son of Michael and Dianne Smit of Twin Falls, directed "The Glass Menagerie," a play by Tennessee Williams, which was performed Nov. 29 through Dec. 1.

Smit was assisted by student

technical director, Eric Van Wyk.

Smit says the production was a test of skills the students have learned in class and an example of the sense of community students have built at Dorst College in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Alpha Chi National Society accepts McHenry

Erin McHenry, daughter of Kim and Gail McHenry of Twin Falls, was inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honorary Society on Nov. 6 at William Woods University in Fulton, Mo.

KIMBERLY SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Kimberly High School senior officers are, from left, front: Amy McGrew, class representative; and Jessica Scott, secretary; back: Jani Zadow, treasurer; and Paul Davis, president. Not pictured is Jeni Pritchard, tribunal; and Greg Allen, vice president.



BETTY HILTON/Photo-News

Kimberly Library adds new books to shelves

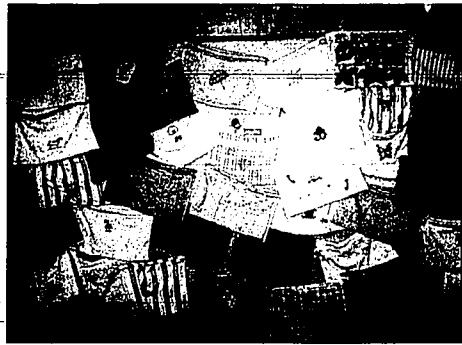
KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Library, 120 W. Madison, announced the following new books:

Adult fiction: "Scarlet Feather" by Maeve Binchy, "Commitments" by Barbara Delinsky, "The Bone Collector" and "Killing for Step" by Jeffrey Deaver, "Kawalk" and "Katalin" by Karen Kijewski, "Tring of the Range" by Romero Zane Grey, "A Man Betrayed" and "Master and Fool" by J. V. Jones, "Birds of Prey" by J. J. Lucas, "Night Walk" by Laurie R. King, "After the Fall: A Novel" by Judith Kirtland, "Plain Jane" by Fern Michaels, "Let it Be" by James Patterson, "The Tenth Justice" and "Dead Even" by Brad Mitchell, "The Cry of the Healer" by Robert Ludlum, "The Vendetta Defense" by Lisa Scottoline and "The Program: A Novel" by Stephen White. Adult Christian fiction: "Freedom's Belle" by Blanna Crawford, "Karelin's Wings" by Patricia Hickman, "Ain't No River: A Novel"

by Sharon Ewell Foster, "Whispers From Yesterday" by Robin Lee Hatcher, "Lights Of The Veil" by Patsy Meyer, "The End Of Act Three" by Gilbert Morris and "The Living Stone: A Novel" by Jane Grede. Adult non-fiction: "Betrayal: How The Clinton Administration Undermined American Security" by Bill Gertz, "Living With Lupus: All The Knowledge You Need To Help Yourself" by Sheldon Paul Blau M.D., "Frees In Idaho" by Sherman G. Brough, "Small Business For Dummies" by Eric Tyson M.D. and Jim Schell, "Bouncing Back: I've Survived Everything ... And I Mean Everything" and "You Can Too!" by Joan Rivers, "Don't Know Much About Geography" by Kenneth C. Davis, "Ice Bound: A Doctor's Incredible Battle For Survival At The South Pole" by Dr. Jerri Nielsen and "A Sorrow In Our Hearts: The Life Of Tevusch" by Allan W. Eckert. Juvenile fiction: "Franklin Says Sorry" by Pauline Bourgeois, "Clifford The Red Dog" and "Clifford's Spring Clean-up" by Norman Bridwell, "There's A Frog In My

Sleeping Bag" by Susan Clymer, "Split Image" by Michael French, "The Leftovers Catch Flies!" with Tristen Howard, "A Day With Babe" by Susan Kasser, "New Lives, New Loves" and "Final Note" by Carolyn Keene, "The Double Edge Dare" by Louis Ladd, "Run For Your Life" by Martin Levy, "Stacy And The Fashion Victim" by Ann M. Martin, "Just A Toy" by Gina and Mercer Mayer, "Little Cottonball" by Carl Hemanz, "The Substitute Teacher From Mars" by Elaine Moore, "My New Boy" by Joan Phillips, "Attack Of The Aqua Apex" by R. L. Stine and "The Backward Bird Dog" by Bill Wallace. Juvenile non-fiction: "Trial: The Inside Story" by Susan Kuklin, "Discover Ocean Life" by Alice Jablonsky, "Discover Rain Forests" by Lynne Hardie, "Basketball: Television And Video" and "The Computer" by Michael Pollard, "The Airplane" and "The Automobile" by Malcolm Tucker, "Fun Time Party Foods" by Cameron Veau (ed.) and "I Spy Extreme Challenge" by Beverly Lewis, "A Measure of Grace" by Al Lacy, "The

SEWING UP HELP



Members of the I Love to Sew Club created and decorated 89 Terry cloth bags to donate to the Women's Crisis Center in Twin Falls. The community service project was held in September for National Sewing Month. The club meets from 10 a.m. to noon and from 7.9 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Twin Falls Sewing Center. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 733-3344.

Photo courtesy of I Love to Sew Club

Area students graduate from UI

MOSCOW - As many as 641 students are eligible to pick up degrees at the University of Idaho's Commencement in the Kibbie Dome on Saturday.

Students completed coursework during summer or fall 2001 semesters. The number includes 423 baccalaureate degrees, 205 graduate degrees and 13 law degrees.

The commencement ceremony will feature U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education William D. Hansen, a native of Pocatello and a national finance and budget expert for higher education.

Graduates from the south central region are:

BUHL - Monica Lynn Wilson, bachelor's of science, accounting; Michael John Gemar, master's of education in educational administration; Jenah Emilie Thornborow, bachelor's of science, environmental-social science; Michael Stephen Wright, bachelor's of science, political science; Ryan

Armand Eckert, bachelor's of science, education/operations management; Guy

Seth Wells, bachelor's of science, secondary education

BURLEY - Brett Stanley Bingham, bachelor's of science, geography

EDEN - Kent Jay Melton, bachelor's of science, agriculture science and technology

FILER - Jeffrey James Knight, master's of science, rangeland ecology and management; Marie McLaughlin, bachelor's of science, resource recreation and tourism

GOODING - Brian C Peterson, doctorate of animal physiology; Denore Verlee Meyer Miller, master's of education, professional-technical education

HAILEY - Holly Jacqueline Cunha, bachelor's of science, environmental-social science; Piers A. Lamb, bachelor's of science, recreation

JEROME - Shane Gregory Wilson, bachelor's of science, geology

RICHFIELD - Mary Margaret Riley, bachelor's of science, community health education

RUPERT - Anna Kay Remsburg, anthropology; Melody Lane Wysong, bachelor's of science, master's of education, educational administration; Liza Jane Fife, juris doctorate, law

SHOSHONE - Joseph-Jake Messick, master's of education, educational administration

TWIN FALLS - Eric Bradley Engel, bachelor's of science, child development family relations and bachelor's of science, psychology; Terrence Brett Bohan, master's of education, educational administration; Laura Beth Rambo, bachelor's of science, horticulture; Cade L. Kawamoto, B.L.Arch.

Jared Dale Olson, juris doctorate, law; Michael Douglas Sutton, bachelor's of science, psychology; Justin James Minder, master's of education, secondary education

WENDELL - Tania Marie Rodrigues, bachelor's of science, agriculture science and technology

Lots of new books go to Hansen Library

HANSEN - The Hansen Community Library has placed the following items on the new books shelf.

Fiction books include: "Desecration: The Antichrist takes the throne" by Tim LaHaye, "Greatest Songs" by Beverly Lewis, "A Measure of Grace" by Al Lacy, "The

Protector" by Doc Henderson, "Sleeping Christmas" by John Grisham, "Blue Diary" by Alice Hoffman, "Son of the Shadows" by Julie Kessler, "Death In Paradise" by Robert B. Parker, "Ile of Dogs" by Patricia Cornwell, "Orchid Blue" by Stuart Woods, "The Five Cows" by Diana Gabaldon, "Last Man Standing" by David Baldacci, "The Kiss" by Danielle Steel, "Midnight Bayou" by Nora Roberts, "The Sigma Protocol" by Robert Ludlum, "Hecede" by Carol Higgins Clark.

"Death in Italy" edited by B. D. James, "Fallout" by James W. Hudson, "The Last Dragonlord" and "Dragon and Phoenix" by Joanne Berlin.

New non-fiction books include: "Sharks: An Encyclopedia of Insects" and "Exploring the solar system: Our world's 11 administrative Children's books include: "Rain is not my Indian name" by Cynthia L. Smith, "Way's wrong with Timmy?" by Maria Shriver and "The First Thanksgiving" by Linda Hayward.

Fun 'Macbeth' play set Wednesday and Friday

BUHL - A comedy, "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Dramatic Society's Production of Macbeth" will take to the stage on Wednesday and Friday.

The play, written by David McGillivray and Walter Serlin Jr., is the fourth annual Dinner Theatre presented by the Buhl High School Drama department and Phantom Fly Productions. Dinner and play will be held at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl.

Theatergoers will be served their choice of lasagna or fish, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The play begins at 7:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling David Bluszkiewicz at the Buhl Middle School, 543-8292.

Cost is \$25 for couples, \$15 for singles and \$12 for students and seniors.

The event is the largest fundraiser of the year for the drama department. All profits go to the maintenance of the auditorium in the middle school.

Castleford students present 'Cool Yule'

CASTLEFORD - A Christmas musical called, "Cool Yule," will be presented at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday in the Cothern Memorial Gym.

Castleford fifth-graders will present the play, with kindergartners through eighth-graders providing more music. The fifth, sixth and junior-high bands also will play.

The program is free of charge.

LDS Regional Adult Singles holds Christmas dance

TWIN FALLS - The LDS Regional Adult Singles will hold a Christmas dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Harrison Street LDS church building. The cost is a \$25.00. Couples welcome.

The group will also hold a temple trip Saturday.

For more information, call the hot line at 735-8837. For questions, call Aileen Brown at 734-5289.

Buhl Middle School sells Raiders sweat shirts

BUHL - Buhl Middle School is selling BMS Raiders sweat shirts. The hooded black sweat shirts are \$23.10 and the black crew neck shirts are \$15.23.

Orders will be taken until Friday and the shirts must be pre-paid. The shirts will be handed out on Dec. 21.

The Buhl Middle School also reported that it held its chili supper and carnival on Oct. 26. The profit of \$409 from the event will be used for the year-

end barbecue for the students.

Jerome Historical Society meets for Christmas dinner

JEROME - The Jerome County Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Library.

Turkey and ham will be furnished. Members should bring a covered dish and table service. Entertainment will be provided by a girls' singing group, The Noteworthy's.

Veterans of Foreign Wars holds Christmas dinner

TWIN FALLS - The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2136 will hold its Christmas dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday at North's Chuck Wagon on Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls. The cost is \$3 per person.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club names winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Dec. 5 were: first place, Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith; second place, Carol France and Mary-Steale; third place, Lucy Gustofson and Barb Burke; and

fourth place, Howard and Mary Tucker.

Birthdays for December included Jodi Faulkner, Mary Steele and Lucy Gustofson.

Refreshments were served. The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall.

Wood River Bridge announces recent winners

HAILEY - Wood River Bridge announced its most recent winners.

Monday evening results at the senior center in Hailey were north/south first, Fran Maughan and John Bush; second, Lynda and Craig Saunders; and third, Tim Praena and Steve Frickey.

East-west winners were first, Pat Morris and Joyce Kluges second, Claire and Lynn Bailey; and third, Sue Binz and Cunnie McGowan.

Results of Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon are not available at this time.

Local winners of the unit game in Twin Falls on Sunday were flight A: John Bush and Fran Maughan; and third, in Flight A, were Max Thompson and Mike Ness. Roger and Martha Connor were first, in B.

Red Gals Christmas party for the Wood River players will be held Monday. About 70 players are expected.

CSI offers communication class to professionals

TWIN FALLS - An Advanced Public Speaking course will be offered at the College of Southern Idaho during the spring semester for those who want to improve their public speaking skills.

CSI Communication Professor Tiffany Seeley-Case says writing and speaking clearly can be helpful in getting good jobs and for professional advancement, and public speaking is an important

part of creating a society that is informed and active in local and global issues.

The usual Communication 101 pre-requisite will be waived for community members and business professionals who want to take the three-credit class. Advanced Public Speaking will be taught from 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays, and is offered only during the spring semester, which begins Jan. 22.

For more information, call Tiffany Seeley-Case at 733-9554, Ext. 2773 or by e-mail at tseeley@csi.edu.

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Afghan mine clearers risk all to remove buried danger

ALI KHUJA, Afghanistan (AP) — Even in the December chill, a thin film of sweat glistened on Mohammed Naseem's forehead. At the foot of a crumbling mud wall, in what was once a pretty village where clusters of grapes hung heavy on the vine, his metal detector had just uttered a small, telltale shriek.

Naseem, an Afghan mine-clearer with five years' experience, knew it might well be a false alarm. Already on that bright cold morning, he had uncovered several buried shell casings from Kalashnikov assault rifles, a bit of scrap metal, and what looked to be the digging edge of a rusty spade abandoned by a farmer in the days when people cultivated fruit and raised children in this place.

Now Ali Khuja, a village on the mountain-ringed Shomali plain north of the Afghan capital, Kabul, is yielding up a more sinister harvest — dozens, perhaps hundreds of land mines laid by northern alliance troops for whom this was a front-line position during years of struggle against the Taliban.

As yet another war winds down, Afghanistan — already one of the world's most heavily mined countries — is confronting a grim new variant on an old scourge.

In dozens of towns and villages, mine-clearers like Naseem are racing to find and destroy mines and unexploded ordnance before refugees begin streaming home.

For some, it is already too late. Last week, a few miles up the road from this hamlet, a teen-age refugee ignored warnings and tried to slip into his former home, hoping to salvage a few belongings. Almost at his doorstep, he

stepped on a land mine. An Associated Press Television News crew working nearby shot footage of the boy howling in pain as his mangled leg hung by bloody shreds of skin. The mine-clearers' medical team, always standing by when its crews are at work, rushed him to a Kabul hospital. The leg could not be saved.

Knelling now, Naseem slid a thin metal rod into the dirt — and heard the telltale tock-tock as his probe lightly tapped the side of a disc-shaped anti-personnel mine.

Scarcely breathing, Naseem used a small scraper to expose an inch or two of the mine's curving, dull-black side, studded with small spikes. He could see at a glance that it was an Iranian-made YM-1, and had he triggered it, his leg would have been blown off to the knee.

With almost diabolical precision, it was planted at just the spot a person intending to clamber over the low wall would have used as a foothold.

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Afghanistan has a small army of mine-clearers — about 4,500 of them, most employed by half a dozen U.N.-affiliated agencies whose funding is supplemented by private groups and foreign governments.

For this dangerous work, most

make about \$105 a month — a princely sum in a country where the average monthly wage is \$4. Most readily admit the high salary is the main attraction, but all say they also take satisfaction in rendering their war-wrecked country a bit more habitable, day by day.

Mine-clearing work throughout Afghanistan was suspended Oct. 7, when the United States began bombing Taliban targets and training camps of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. Here on the Shomali plain, the de-mining resumed Nov. 14 — the day after the Taliban fled Kabul.

In Ali Khuja, the mine-clearers are lucky — the local northern-alliance commander left a map, though an imprecise one, of the mines his men had laid throughout the abandoned village to fortify their defenses.

When the Taliban took Kabul in 1996, they drove out the mainly ethnic Tajik inhabitants of Shomali villages like this one. Northern alliance troops then fought their way in, and the area became the forward-most of the alliance's front-line positions outside the capital.

It will probably take 18 months to make the village safe, said Nasir Ahmad of the Halo Trust, the agency contracted to clear it. Even then, villagers will have to confine their movements to homes and yards, marked footpaths, cleared fields and the banks of irrigation canals.

More lives will be lost as people forage for firewood or try to reclaim derelict orchards, Ahmad said. About 3,000 Afghans are maimed each year by land mines or unexploded ordnance, according to the Red Cross.



An Afghan land mine detection and disposal worker from the organization Halo Trust uses a metal detector to clear mines from the shoulder of a road in a heavily mined area near Bagram, north of Kabul, Saturday. Halo Trust operates in nine countries, with Afghanistan the largest operation, employing more than 1,000 mine removers who make about \$100 each.

U.S. delivers aid purchased by children

ASHGABAD, Turkmenistan (AP) — A U.S. Air Force cargo jet filled with parcels of winter clothes, toys and candy landed in Turkmenistan on Monday, the first shipment of aid purchased by American children for boys and girls in Afghanistan.

Millions of Afghans are facing the threat of famine and disease because of years of drought and civil war, and the packages are designed to help them through the winter and give them hope.

"I've got four kids of my own at home and I couldn't imagine them going through this kind of upheaval," the Air Force pilot said as the C-17 jet passed over the Caucasus mountains.

"I think this is one of the most important missions we can do, where we help people who get lost in the middle — what's better than that?" said Tony, a major who the Air Force said cannot be fully identified for security reasons.

Ten thousand gift parcels were purchased with \$1.5 million donated by American children after President Bush appealed to the country's youth to give what they could.

The packages are made up of practical supplies like winter tents, woolen caps and jackets, food, toothbrushes and soap, and also crayons, lollipops and teddy bears.

Each is marked: "A gift to Afghan children from American children."

Landing on the cold and windswept runway amid Soviet-era buildings, the cargo jet carrying half the packages was greeted by dignitaries including U.S. Ambassador to Turkmenistan Laura E. Kennedy, and Francois de la Roche, the European director of the American Red Cross.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

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

Industry	Wages (thousands of dollars)
Total excluding federal	\$179,462
Agriculture	\$17,320
Mining	\$2,364
Construction	\$11,243
Food processing	\$19,967
Lumber	
Other manufacturing	\$10,744
Transportation, communication and utilities	\$13,796
Wholesale trade	\$10,492
Retail trade	\$26,485
Finance, insurance and real estate	\$7,479
Service	\$27,760
State government	\$6,505
Local government	\$25,306
Federal government	\$5,878

* Information withheld to comply with the law with regard to nondisclosure of industries with less than three employees.
Source: Idaho Department of Labor

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Almost 300 clock in for last day at plant

POCATELLO - Monday was the last day on the job for almost 300 employees at the Astaris elemental phosphorus plant.

The company announced Oct. 11 that high power costs and use of cheaper purified phosphoric acid would force closure by year's end of the plant that manufactured elemental-phosphorus for 53 years.

Although production was ending Monday, 42 Astaris employees will remain at work for a week to handle shipping and 25 will stay through January to begin dismantling the plant.

The plant, originally owned by Westvaco Chemical Corp., was built in 1948 after the J.R. Simplot Co. recruited the business to make use of the Coy Mine on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. FMC bought Westvaco in 1949, completing construction and taking over operations.

In April 2000, FMC Corp. and Solutia Inc. formed Astaris, a joint venture, to operate the plant.

Energy costs forced cutbacks at the plant even before October's shutdown decision. Thirty-five employees were laid off in September 2000 and 21 more last February. In March, Astaris announced it was shutting down three of its four production furnaces and would eliminate 203 of 430 jobs at the plant by next June. Gradual reductions have left fewer than 300 employees at the plant.

Gateway puts plant on the real estate market

SALT LAKE CITY - In just more than a month, Gateway Inc.'s Salt Lake City manufacturing plant and call center has gone from bustling to bust, and now it's for sale.

The building and property have been put on the market for \$14.5 million.

From what was a staff of about 600, only a few remain to finish the job of removing high-tech equipment from the building.

By year's end, they will be gone from the 275,000-square-foot building, said Gateway's San Diego, Calif.-based spokeswoman Donna Kather.

The "shutdown" of the plant, announced in late August, was part of Gateway's layoff of 5,000 employees worldwide - roughly one quarter of its companywide workforce.

The layoffs were ordered in an effort to trim \$300 million from \$523 million in losses Gateway had reported for the first half of 2001.

When it opened in mid-1998, the plant was expected to eventually employ 1,350 Utah residents. A sagging personal computer market kept the plant's work force at about half that.

Kather said a Gateway-sponsored job-placement program had resulted in about one-quarter of the laid-off finding new employment by the end of October.

Compiled from wire reports

MV sees construction rise

 By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With a burst of new-home building in Twin Falls in September, plus costlier houses in Sun Valley, the region's construction sector rose a nice 30.3 percent from year-earlier building values.

Selected areas of Magic Valley finished September with an estimated \$25.85 million in overall building activity.

The value of projects receiving building permits in September beat September

GOING UP

2000's total by \$6.01 million for combined types in surveyed areas of the valley, according to data compiled in Wells Fargo Bank's recently released statewide report.

That progress was this year's fourth monthly rise from year-earlier values. Construction values valleywide were down 10 percent in May and 38 percent in June before shooting up a stunning 68 percent in July and dropping 24 percent in August,

compared with the same months in 2000. Wells Fargo's reporting is delayed by several months, so September's numbers are the most recent available.

For perspective: In September 2000, a slump across several sectors slashed Magic Valley construction activity nearly in half, compared with September 1999's performance, despite higher average new-home values.

In September this time around, Sun Valley, rural Blaine County, Shoshone, Cassia County and rural Minidoka County all improved on their year-earlier values

for combined construction types. Gooding, Ketchum, Jerome, Twin Falls, rural Twin Falls County and Rupert, on the other hand, lost ground in September.

A few parts of the valley are not included in the bank's survey. And this time, Wells Fargo received no report from Hailey, so *The Times-News'* comparisons exclude Hailey.

In the valley's major city, housing was September's most valuable player. All Twin Falls' commercial construction categories fell short of year-earlier building

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IVS FOR TREES



Nick Lusk, shown in Drain, Ore., last month, demonstrates the device that he and his business partner have begun marketing, which he says lengthens the life of a cut Christmas tree.

Pair invents water system for holiday trees

The Associated Press

CUNTING, Ore. - No one can accuse Nick Lusk of ignoring his wife. As soon as she asked him to take down the Christmas tree May 16, he did it, without argument.

"We left it up so long to convince ourselves it was worth spending the money on the patent (application)," Lusk said. The patent, that is, for Lusk's invention: a Christmas tree I.V. kit. Or, as Lusk and his partner Dave Cooper call it: St.-Nick's Safer Tree Watering System.

The system acts as an intravenous-style water-delivery device for trees. Using a half-inch spade bit, a 1-inch hole is drilled into the tree trunk. A hollow plastic plug is inserted into the hole, then attached to surgical tubing that hooks up to a reservoir that relies on gravity to deliver the water.

Lusk and Cooper were fired by the classic American inventor's dream of designing a better

mouse-trap. Hitting on the idea was the easy part. Developing a marketing and distribution plan

and snagging consumers is another matter entirely.

Although they've sold several thousand of the units, which have a suggested retail price of \$19.95, the duo is having trouble landing big-name retailers.

Just how well the system works has not been independently established.

The two men say their product keeps Christmas trees hydrated much longer than conventional water bowl stands. The wetter and greener the tree, the

less the fire danger and the fresher the tree looks.

"With this, you can keep a tree inside for five months," Cooper said. "Nick did."

The problem with using a traditional water bowl is that after about a week, the tree no longer takes water because pitch seals off the bottom of the tree, Cooper said.

"That's why they tell you to cut a quarter- or half-inch off the bottom of the tree before you put it in water,"

Cooper said. But within hours of making a fresh cut at the bottom of the tree, pitch is already working to plug the wound, he said.

The St. Nick's system delivers water directly to the cambium layer of the tree trunk, where it then flows to the tree limbs and needles, Lusk and Cooper said. Lusk said in several tests he and Cooper conducted, the Christmas trees did not seal off the injection hole with pitch.

The two men, both with backgrounds in Christmas tree harvesting and selling, said trees using their system generally drink a lot of water the first few days then taper off to around 4 ounces to 8 ounces a day after that.

Lusk, a commercial painter who lives in Drain, operates a Christmas tree lot every year in Manteca, Calif., north of Modesto. He came up with the I.V. idea in late 1998.

Driving back to Oregon after selling his allotment of trees, Lusk was thinking of tree watering systems.

"There was a house fire in Manteca caused by a dried-out tree," Lusk said.

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Sears mulls free-standing stores

Knight Ridder News Service

ATLANTA - Sears is looking beyond the mall and is considering free-standing department stores for future growth - a tactic that has worked well for its biggest competitors, including Kohl's and Target.

"I could see new free-standing stores in strip (shopping center) locations," Alan J. Lacy, chairman and chief executive, said in an interview. "They'll be more profitable. Free-standing is a good place to be."

But the company - which has stores in the Magic Valley - may now shift to the off-mall format until Sears' planned transformation is completed in 2004, Lacy said.

Sears, one of the nation's oldest department stores, has had free-standing locations before - including its first ever in Chicago in 1925. The appeal today is that

they're less expensive than mall stores, Lacy said.

Lacy spent his first year at Sears' helm pinpointing trouble spots. By late October, Sears announced its latest major overhaul of the business. This time, the chain plans to remake departments to include central checkouts, wider aisles and self-service departments - formats that have worked well for discounters. Sears will also reduce its number-of-apparel brands and focus on a core group.

The first store in metro Atlanta to incorporate some of the changes is the Sears at the new Mall at Stonecrest in Lithonia.

It has a new "Tool Territory," a reformatted electronics departments and central checkout areas. All Sears stores are due to have central checkouts by mid-2002.

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Pier 1 Imports soars above the norm

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas - While the retail industry continues to grow overall, more retailers are joining the ranks of merchants who could report sales declines for the year.

But Pier 1 Imports saw same-store sales jump 12.5 percent, leading the company - which has a Twin Falls store - to revise its earnings estimates upward for the third time this quarter. Adjusting that number for a calendar shift, the company saw same-store sales rise about 9 percent.

Chief Financial Officer Cary Turner said the company has been pleased with its continued performance gains. The Fort Worth-based home furnishings chain expects to earn 25 to 26 cents a share for the quarter, up from its previous estimate of 21

to 23 cents a share. Pier 1 plans to report third-quarter earnings Dec. 18.

"When we made the announcement with one week left in November, we were trending at about 10 or so, so we just wanted to be careful," he said, explaining why the company did not revise earnings higher in a previous adjustment. "The last week continued to get even stronger."

Traffic was up 15 percent for the month.

Meanwhile, Michaels Stores - which is preparing to open a Twin Falls store - reported same-store sales up 20 percent for the month. "Given the strength of customer traffic that we've seen throughout the fall, we've taken the opportunity to reduce our promotional efforts," said Chief Financial Officer Bryan DeCordova in a conference call with analysts and investors. The

Irving, Texas-based craft store chain has eliminated three sales promotions, shifted one event from November to December, and shifted another event from January to December.

Without the calendar shift, the company would have seen about a 6 percent same-store gain in November, DeCordova said.

Customer traffic for the month was up 15 percent, and the average ticket size was up 5 percent. Michaels will begin trading its stock on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday.

Fort Worth-based RadioShack - which also has Magic Valley operations - reported same-store sales down 3 percent, but the consumer electronics chain said it would probably meet its quarterly earnings projection of 66 cents a share with higher gross margins than achieved in the same period last year.

- BANKRUPTCIES -

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Alma Alvarez, 247 Bell St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 01-42256.

Shelli Marie Hendricks, also known as Shelly Towns, 642 Maurice St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 01-42253.

Randall Gene Towns, also known as Randy Towns, 232 Park St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 01-42252.

Levi Daniel Blake, also known as Levi Blake, 1981 Woodside Blvd., Hailey, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 01-42242.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Eric M. Haag and Donna M. Haag, 675 W. 400 S., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 01-42254.

Casey Knudsen and Teja Knudsen, 260 Falls Ave. W., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 01-42244.

Allard Wayne Van Berkum, 360 E. Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 01-42239.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Stephen Kelley and Brenda Kelley, 164 Sevensprings Ave., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-42255.

Leslie D. Young and Turley Lynn Young, 400 E. 27th St., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-42243.

Leila E. Shephard, 229 Heyburn Ave., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-42243.

Thomas Charles Stuart and Gwendolyn Marie Stuart, also known as Gwendolyn Castro, Gwendolyn Jewitt, Gwendolyn Ulpi, Gwendolyn Shopp, Gwendolyn Harper, Wendy Castro, Wendy Jewitt, Wendy Ulpi, Wendy Shopp and Wendy Harger, 164 W. 580 S., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets not listed, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-42240.

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“ We’re pretty good. ”

—Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre after the Packers improved to 9-3 with a win over the Chicago Bears on Sunday

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school boys basketball ISDB at Bliss, 6 p.m.
- Carey at Ketchum, 6 p.m.
- Minico at Hillcrest, 6 p.m.
- Dietrich at Camas County, 6 p.m.
- Glenns Ferry at Castelford, 7:30 p.m.
- Shoshone at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
- Buhl at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
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- Hansen at Raft River, 7 p.m.
- Wood River at Filer, 7:30 p.m.
- Wendell at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.
- Declo at Glenns Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
- Kimberly at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
- Pocatello at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
- High school wrestling Mt. Home/Gooding at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

- Minico will meet Hillcrest tonight**
RUPERT — The Minico High boys basketball team will travel to Idaho Falls tonight to meet Hillcrest High. The game was rescheduled due to inclement weather.
- Yanks, Glambli near deal**
BOSTON — The New York Yankees just about finalized their deal with Jason Giambi on Monday, a seven-year contract approaching \$120 million. The team and player began making arrangements for the first baseman to take a physical, a baseball official and a lawyer familiar with the talks said on the condition they not be identified. When a player takes a physical, it's usually a sign that a deal is imminent. The contract will be worth \$118 million to \$120 million, the sources said, with the amount hinged to the payout schedule.

Judge sentences CSI athletes for theft

Freshman first-team All-American Uceda dismissed from team

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Two members of the College of Southern Idaho volleyball team were sentenced Monday in Twin Falls Magistrate Court on one charge each of petit theft, according to court records.

Freshmen Amanda R. Santos and Jessenia B. Uceda, both 20, each received suspended 30-day jail sentences, court records say. They were also sentenced to 12 months' probation and each fined \$236, records say.

"It was a stupid mistake," CSI coach Ben Stroud said. "It's unfortunate."

Santos and Uceda were each ticketed on a charge of petit theft on Nov. 30 by Twin



Amanda Santos

Falls police officer Clint Doerr, court records say. The tickets were issued at about 7 p.m. at the Winco store at 1569 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. The two pleaded guilty on Friday, according to court records.

Uceda, from Lima, Peru, has been dismissed from the team, Stroud said. Disciplinary action for Santos is still being decided.

"Amanda has been a perfect kid,"



Jessenia Uceda

Stroud said. "She's been no problem — she's great to coach. She made one mistake. I think she deserves a second chance."

Uceda, a member of the 2001 Peruvian Olympic team, was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association first-team All-American team on Dec. 4 after finishing the regular season with 418 kills and 361 digs. Santos, from Minas, Gerais, Brazil, led the Eagles in blocks with 192 and earned honorable mention recognition on the All-American team.

The Golden Eagles finished fifth at the NJCAA volleyball tournament this season.

Dolphins clobber Colts

Fiedler finds the mark as Manning's problems continue

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Jay Fiedler went another game without a turnover, and the Miami Dolphins won again. Peyton Manning added to his rising interception total, and the Indianapolis Colts lost again.

Fiedler threw three touchdown passes — two to rookie Chris Chambers — and ran for 17 yards as Miami took advantage of Manning's three interceptions to beat Indianapolis 41-6 Monday night.

The Dolphins' third straight victory extended their AFC East lead to 1.5 games over the Patriots and two games over the New York Jets. Their 41 points Monday were a season high.

The Colts (4-8) lost their fifth straight game and were pretty much eliminated from postseason contention, especially with their 0-4 record against division foes Miami and New England.

Fiedler, who threw 15 interceptions in Miami's first nine games, has seven touchdown passes in his last three games without an interception or a fumble.

Manning now has a league-high 20 interceptions this season. He has thrown 11 INTs in the last five games.

Brock Marion had two interceptions for Miami (9-3) Monday, including one in the fourth quarter that led to a touchdown.

Manning threw behind an open Marcus Pollard, who tipped the ball into the air. Marion caught it and returned it 41 yards to the Colts' 13-yard line. Two plays later, Fiedler found Oronde Gadsden in the corner of the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown.

In all, the Dolphins turned four turnovers into 20 points.

Lamar Smith had his best game in more than two months, running 28 times for 107 yards, his second 100-yard game this season.

Fiedler completed all six of his passes on the opening drive, including a perfectly placed one on third-and-17 to Travis Minor for 28 yards to set up the touchdown. Fiedler connected with six receivers for 76 yards on the drive. Backup quarterback Ray



Miami Dolphins defensive back Brock Marion (31) runs back an interception of Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning as the Colts' Jeff Saturday tries to make the tackle Monday at Pro Player Stadium in Miami.

Lucas, often used in short-yardage situations, capped the drive with a 2-yard run. It was the second time this season Miami scored on its opening possession. The other one also came against

Indy on Nov. 11. The Dolphins made it 20-0 by turning two Manning interceptions into two touchdowns. David Bowers hit Manning just as he released a pass, causing it

to float toward Terrence Wilkins. Safety Brock Marion cut in front of Wilkins, intercepted the pass and returned it 37 yards to set up a first-and-goal at the 8.

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Olympics budget approaches \$2 billion

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The last time the United States held a Winter Olympics, athletes slept in a prison and organizers nearly had to declare bankruptcy on a \$168 million budget.

As top officials meet in Switzerland this week to review final plans for an Olympics only two months away, they'll find the accommodations aren't the only thing upgraded since 1980 in Lake Placid, N.Y.

The Salt Lake City Olympics will be the most expensive Winter Games ever, costing nearly \$2 billion — or \$791,667 per athlete — to stage 17 days of skiing and skating. Nearly \$1 of every \$5 will be picked up by U.S. taxpayers.

The budget dwarfs what was spent in Lake Placid and nearly triples the cost of the much larger 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, even in inflation-adjusted dollars.

"I don't know how they're spending so much. It's the Winter Games, for gosh sakes," said Dick Pound, an influential International Olympic Committee member from Canada, who headed the IOC oversight committee for the Atlanta Olympics.

The lavish spending is a reflection of a trend in recent years, where the cost of staging the games has skyrocketed as each Olympic city tries to outdo the last.

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Cardinals acquire Istringhausen on quiet second day

The Associated Press

BOSTON — There was little action on the second day of baseball's winter meetings, with the St. Louis Cardinals getting Jason Istringhausen in the only signing, and the Chicago Cubs acquiring Alex Gonzalez from Toronto in the only trade.

Usually, the winter meetings are known for crowded lobbies filled with general managers, agents and swirling rumors. Instead, there appeared to be little talk and a lot of waiting around.

In an effort to end the uncertainty created by commissioner Bud Selig's attempt to eliminate two teams, the players' association spent the day trying to negotiate an agreement with owners that would delay contraction until at least 2003. The sides were close to a deal, and recessed their talks until today.

On the second day of the five-day meetings, teams and agents also seemed to be waiting for the top of the market to be set. The Yankees and first baseman Jason Giambi moved closer to a seven-year deal that would be worth \$118 million to \$120 million, a lawyer familiar with the talks

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Stockton and Mailman return to old ways

Duo combines to dump Dallas, 107-98

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — It was classic Stockton and Malone, and it had to feel great for Utah's two superstars, considering the opponent.

Karl Malone scored 30 points and had 10 rebounds while John Stockton had 21 points and 12 assists as the Utah Jazz rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the Dallas Mavericks 107-98 Monday night in a rematch of last year's first-round playoff series.

Unlike last season, when the Mavericks came back in the fourth quarter to win the decisive fifth game, it was the Jazz who came from behind this time.

Donyell Marshall scored 17, including seven in the final 3 minutes and Malone had nine in the last 4.5 minutes.

The Mavericks went ahead 97-89 with 4:53 to go when Eduardo Najera took a feed from Steve Nash for a dunk that capped a 7-2 run. But that was the last Dallas field goal and the Mavericks got only a free throw by Juwan Howard from there.

Dirk Nowitzki, back in the starting lineup after missing Saturday's loss to Washington, 27 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Mavericks while Nash had 25. Howard and Najera scored 12 each.

Rookie Andrei Kirilenko had 16 points and six steals for Utah. The Jazz outscored the Mavericks 18-1 over the last 4:39 for their fourth straight victory.

Utah struggled early in the season, and the victory was a good start to a tough week. Still ahead are home games against Minnesota and Portland, and a road trip to San Antonio.

The Mavericks lost their third straight and fell to 0-8 in games in which they trailed entering the fourth quarter. That statistic didn't seem to worry the Mavs when they erased Utah's 81-78 lead going into the final period.

Dallas seized the momentum behind Najera's hustle and Nowitzki's shooting. Throw in 3-pointers by Nash and Tim Hardaway, and the Mavericks decided to have everything under control.



Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki drives past Utah Jazz forward Donyell Marshall Monday in Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE 2002

Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

59 days until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The Olympic flame heads north today, skirting the Texas hill country, from San Antonio to the state capital of Austin.

March to the Medals: Athletes won an off-the-field victory Monday when the International Olympic Committee agreed they could pick the head of the IOC commission that represents them. Starting in August, the athletes will select their clear and submit the name to IOC president Jacques Rogge for final approval.

SPORTS

Blue Devils dismantle Castleford

DIETRICH - Junior Bryoni Southwick scored 21 points, including nine in the first quarter, as Dietrich dismantled Castleford 73-31 Monday.

The Blue Devils managed 23 steals in the contest and the Lady Wolves led 18-8 in the first half. Raysa Parker and Jessica Helsey each added 12 points for Dietrich.

The Blue Devils (6-2) travel to Camas County today.

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Shoshone 47, Richfield 33

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Gonzaga cracks Top 25 for first time in two years

By Jim O'Connell
The Associated Press

Duke was a unanimous No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll for the second straight week. Monday, which three teams fell from the Top 25.

The Blue Devils (8-0), who beat Temple and Michigan last week, received all 72 first-place votes and 1,800 points from the national media panel.

Missouri, Maryland and Kansas headed the Top 10 for Shoshone.

Only one of the three newcomers to the rankings is in for the first time this season.

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Three plays later, Fiedler hit Chambers on a fade pass for the score. Chambers' touchdown reception was his sixth this season, breaking Miami's rookie

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said on the condition he not be identified.

While the deal wasn't finalized, the Yankees began making arrangements for Giambi to take a physical, one of the necessary steps.

Oakland general manager Billy Beane, arriving in the Cardinals, said he hadn't heard recently from Giambi, the heart of his lineup.

Oakland did lose a player Monday, when Irsinghausen finalized a \$27 million, four-year contract with the Cardinals.

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Table with columns for Player, Points, Rebounds, Assists, etc.

The Community School 56, TFCA 23

TWIN FALLS - Kristian Hickey scored 14 points to lead a balanced Community School attack as the Crusaders beat Twin Falls Christian Academy 56-23 on Monday.

Junior Jessica Wilson scored eight points and senior Adrian English added five points and eight rebounds to lead the Lady Warriors.

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The Lady Bears (4-2) meet the Idaho School for the deaf and the Blind today.

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Fowers added 15, as the Hansen boys basketball team rolled past Twin Falls Christian Academy 83-56.

Tyler Jordan finished with 18 points, including six 3-pointers, and Roy Miller added 18 to lead the Warriors.

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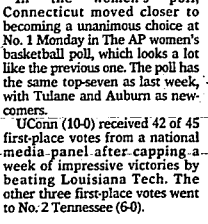
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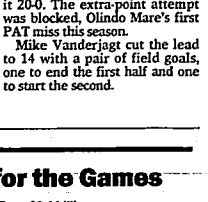
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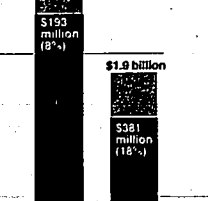
The federal government is spending nearly as much on the staging of the Salt Lake Olympics as it did on the staging of the previous three U.S.-hosted Olympics combined.



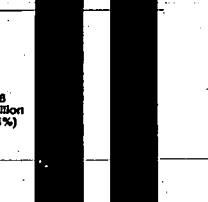
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Oklahoma's Williams wins Nagurski Trophy

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Oklahoma's Roy Williams won the Bronko Nagurski Trophy as the top collegiate defensive player, edging Julius Peppers of North Carolina on Monday night.

Williams, a junior, won the Jim Thorpe Trophy as the country's best defensive back last week. But he didn't expect to get the Nagurski Trophy, which was last won by a defensive back in 1998, by Champ Bailey. Charles Woodson won it in 1997.

The 6-foot, 221-pound Williams led Oklahoma to a 10-2 record, and a berth in the Cotton Bowl. He had five interceptions and four sacks this season.

Bronco quarterback's status is day-to-day

DENVER - Brian Griese remained woody on Monday after suffering a concussion against Seattle, and his availability for next Sunday's game at Kansas City is uncertain.

The Denver quarterback was hit by Seattle linebacker Levon Kirkland at the end of a 9-yard scramble early in the third quarter. He had to be helped to the sideline and didn't return.

Although Griese was confident in the locker room after the 20-7 win that he would be recovered the Kansas City game, coach Bill Shanahan said the Broncos' medical staff were taking a more cautious approach.

Agent: Ramirez uncomfortable in Boston

BOSTON - Clubhouse turmoil made Mariny Ramirez uncomfortable and hurt his performance in the first year of his eight-year, \$160-million contract with the Boston Red Sox, his agent said Monday.

"He performs best in a relaxed environment," Jeff Moorad said during the baseball winter meetings. "He prefers a comfortable clubhouse. It was anything but that last season."

Also Monday, a Dominican newspaper reported that three-time Cy Young winner Pedro Martinez, who missed about half the season with a sore shoulder, threw without pain on Friday for the first time in three months and said he will be ready for spring training.

ESPN expands to European audience

BRISTOL, Conn. - ESPN is expanding to Europe with its first network, which will feature great sports moments from the past.

ESPN Classic Sport will be launched early next year in France, reaching at least 2.5 million homes via two satellite TV systems. Other European markets will be opened over the next several years, the network said Monday.

The new venture is jointly owned by ESPN and Sports Channel Partners. ESPN is majority owned by Walt Disney Co.

NFL fines Buffalo wide receiver Price

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. - Buffalo receiver Peerless Price was fined \$30,000 by the NFL for shoving an opponent from behind after the Bills' game against San Francisco.

The league considered two \$5,000 fines Price received for unnecessary roughness earlier this season in determining the amount of the \$30,000 fine, NFL spokesman Dan Masonson said Monday.

The \$5,000 fines were for Price's actions in games against Indianapolis on Sept. 23 and New Orleans on Sept. 9.

Former U.S. Boxing official faces sex charges

PORTLAND, Ore. - Former USA Boxing president Jerry Dusenberry was indicted Monday on sex abuse charges.

Dusenberry, of Portland, was being held in the Multnomah County Detention Center on \$1 million bail, police spokesman Henry Groppner said.

Dusenberry led USA Boxing, the organization governing Olympic-level boxing in the United States, in the 1990s. He headed the country's boxing team at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Don Chaney replaces Van Gundy, for now

NEW YORK - Don Chaney will be the head coach for the New York Knicks for the rest of this season. He has no guarantees beyond that.

Chaney officially was promoted Monday, taking over for the departed Jeff Van Gundy. Team president Scott Layden would not repeat contract terms, but Chaney was straightforward.

"I want to do the best I can for the duration of this contract, which is this season," Chaney said.

St. Joseph's drills Drexel, Georgetown wins

PHILADELPHIA - Na'Im Crenshaw scored 18 points and Bill Phillips added 17 as No. 16 Saint Joseph's took an early lead and coasted to an 85-64 victory over Drexel on Monday night.

WASHINGTON - Sophomore forward Mike Sweetney scored a career-high 30 points before leaving with an injured left ankle and the Hoyas (7-1) improved to 15-0 against Morgan State, their most victories against an opponent without a loss.

Heisman vote comes up short

NEW YORK - Thought the Bowl Championship Series was confounding? Try the Heisman Trophy voting results.

In one of the closest Heisman races ever, more than 30 percent of the 900-plus voters didn't return a ballot, the lightest response in more than two decades and among the lowest in a half-century.

Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch won college football's top individual award by 62 points over Florida quarterback Ric Grossman on Saturday night in the fourth tightest race in the 67-year history of the award.

Just 585 of the 924 eligible Heisman voters cast their ballots, a 63.3 percent return.

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SPORTS

Lemmel tops saddle bronc for third time

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Red Lemmel grabbed a share of his third saddle bronc victory in four rounds, scoring 79 points aboard Blood Brother on Monday night in the National Finals Rodeo. "It wasn't a pretty ride, but it was a ride," said Lemmel, of Faith, S.D. "It was an awesome pen of horses — the fans really like that and as long as everything's even, the cowboys like it too."

Jesse Bull of Camp Crook, S.D., matched Lemmel with a 79 and Rod Warren of Big Valley, Alberta, was third at 78 as only six of the 15 cowboys lasted the 8 seconds. Lemmel, who also has a third-place finish and has won \$44,601 in the first four rounds, was backed off by Blood Brother in his only other attempt on the horse. "A world champion should be able to ride all kinds of horses," he said.

Lemmel entered the \$4.6 million, 10-round rodeo in 12th place in the world standings, \$192,474 behind leader Glenn O'Neill of Water Valley, Alberta. But O'Neill has yet to record a qualified ride and Lemmel has moved up to sixth place. "I'm just trying to go for first every round," Lemmel said. "Anything can happen here. Billy Etbauer proved it (in 1992 when he won \$101,531). Cody Hancock won bull riding last year after qualifying 15th."

Ball also came back to win the bull riding competition with a 92-point ride. Fred Boettcher of Tomah, Wis., was second with an 89 and Philip Elkin of Granbury, Texas, finished third at 87. In bareback riding, Pete Hawkins of Weatherford, Texas, won the round with an 85. Lan Lajeunesse of Morgan, Utah, and Joe Ketter of Roy, Wash., tied for second with 84s.

Fred Whitfield of Hockley, Texas, won calf roping with a 7.1-second run. Trevor Brazile of Pueblo, Colo., and Joe Beaver of Huntsville, Texas, tied for second at 8.1 seconds. In steer wrestling, Chad Biesemeyer of Stephenville, Texas; Roy Myers of Van, Texas; and Cash Myers of Athens, Texas, tied for first at 3.6 seconds.

Travis Tryan of Billings, Mont., and Matt Robertson of Augusta, Mont., won the team roping with a 4:46-second run. Frank Graves of Poplarville, Miss., and Monty Petka of Turlock, Calif., were second in 4.7 seconds. Janet Stover of Rusk, Texas, took the barrel racing competition with a 13.87-second run. Delores Toole of Manter, Kan., was second in 14.06 seconds.

On Sunday night, the bucking horse Grand Plains was put down after breaking his back in the third round of bareback. The 14-year-old horse, owned by the Andrews Rodeo Co. of Bagwell, Texas, was injured following a 77-point ride by William Pittman II of Florence, Miss.

Vernon, Flames blank Red Wings

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Mike Vernon snapped his 13-game winless streak that lasted 10 months with a 28-save performance as Calgary shut out Detroit 2-0.

Vernon, making his seventh start of this season, was 11-1-2 since his last victory on Feb. 9. It was his 27th career shutout.

Jarome Iginla scored at 4:11 of the third period and Rob Niedermayer added an insurance goal into an empty net with 15 seconds remaining. Calgary halted a five-game home winless streak, and won for just the second time in 12 games (2-6-4).

Detroit has scored just three goals in its four-game winless skid. It is the longest Red Wings have gone without winning since going 0-6-1 from Dec. 18-31, 1998.

Hurricanes 4, Rangers 3, OT

NEW YORK — Ron Francis scored a power-play goal 2:36 into overtime, lifting Carolina over the New York Rangers.

Eric Lindros was called for tripping at 1:51 of overtime to give Carolina the man advantage. New York's Petr Nedved scored with 4:56 left in regulation on a power play to force the extra session.

Rod Brind'Amour and Bates Battaglia each had a goal and an assist for the Hurricanes; Sami Kapanen also scored for Carolina. Lindros and Theo Fleury each had a goal and an assist for New York.

Flyers 3, Thrashers 1

ATLANTA — Jeremy Roenick and Keith Primeau scored third-period goals, leading Philadelphia to its fourth win in five games.

Roman Cechmekan stopped 14 shots as the Philadelphia defense frustrated the Thrashers and allowed few clear shots on goal. The Flyers took a 1-0 lead when Roenick fed Simon Gagne for his team-high 14th goal.

Atlanta tied it with 9:17 remaining in the second period when Tony Hrkac scored. Canadiens 4, Wild 0 MONTREAL — Oleg Petrov had a goal and two assists, and Jose Theodore stopped 24 shots as Montreal stopped a five-game winless streak.

Petrov, who had one point in 10 previous games, scored his eighth goal 2:08 in — snapping a five-game drought. He assisted on Andreas Dackell's goal early in the second, and scored his third point of the game on Arron Asham's third-period goal.

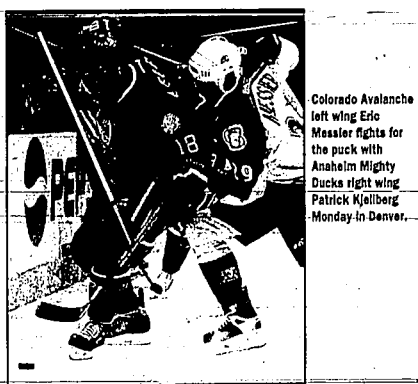
Making his 16th straight start, Theodore registered his 10th career shutout — and second of the season. Minnesota remained winless in four games after a winning first.

Denver — Joe Sakic scored his 13th goal late in the first period, and the Colorado Avalanche salvaged a 1-1 tie with the Anaheim Mighty Ducks on Monday night.

Anaheim's Dan Byslma had the only goal of the first period. Mighty Ducks goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 33 saves, and Colorado's Patrick Roy stopped 17 shots in the second.

Colorado extended its unbeaten streak to nine games (7-0-2) and its unbeaten streak against Anaheim to eight (5-0-3). Anaheim had two prime scoring chances in the third period. Early on, Paul Kariya's shot from the right circle trickled past Roy but glanced off the left post.

Moments later, Anaheim had a 5-on-3 advantage for 42 seconds, but couldn't convert.



Colorado Avalanche left wing Eric Messier fights for the puck with Anaheim Mighty Ducks right wing Patrick Kuebelberg Monday in Denver.

Blue Jackets 3, Devils 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Espen Knutsen ended Columbus' 10-game scoring drought and also had an assist as the Blue Jackets beat the New Jersey Devils 3-1 Monday night, snapping a five-game losing streak.

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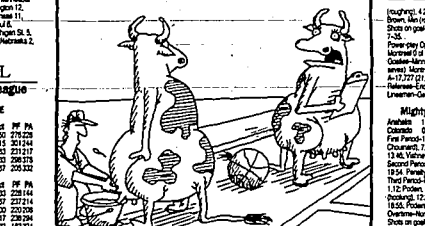
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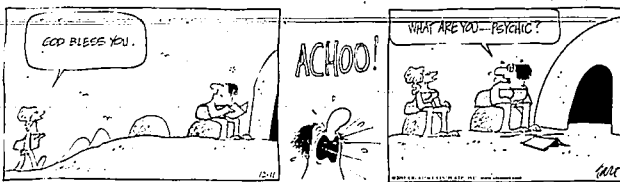
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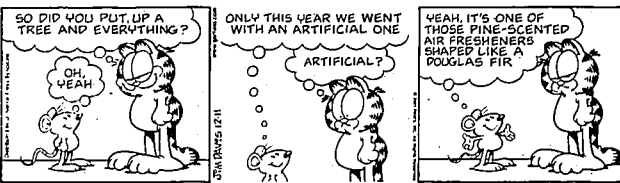
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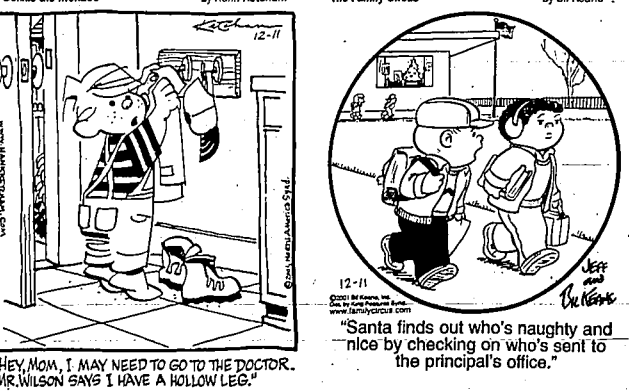


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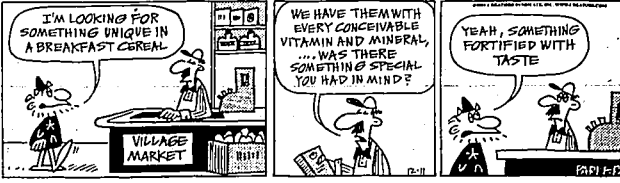
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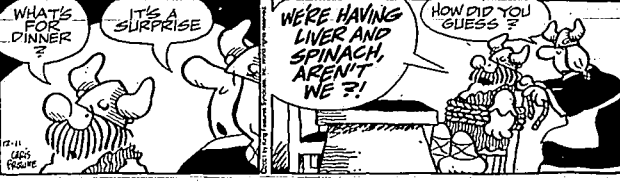
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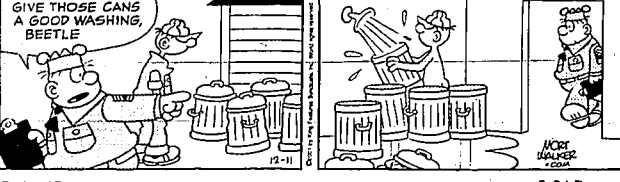
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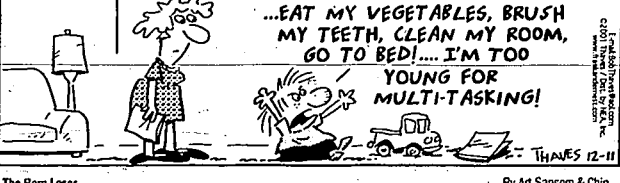
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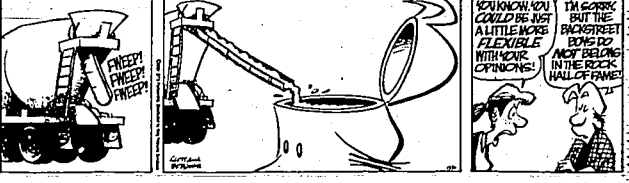
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