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# THE FACES OF 2002



Computer enthusiast Casey Tucker is pleased that the Twin Falls school district is planning a professional-technical center. But the center's 2003 opening would come too late for the high school junior.

## This year's big issues will touch their lives

### Drivers keep traffic officers busy all year

TWIN FALLS - State and city engineers are planning lots of improvements for Twin Falls streets in 2002 and beyond. But unless some drivers improve their attitudes, Sgt. Matt Hicks will have plenty to do. So will the three officers he commands in the city police department's traffic division.

### Sgt. Matt Hicks

"The big challenge is still driver behavior," said City Engineer Gary Young. "Putting up speed bumps and stop signs and speed limit signs doesn't help the problem if people don't obey."

That's where Hicks and his fellow traffic cops come in. He said they spent much of 2001 patrolling school zones. They plan to keep stepping up their patrols all over Twin Falls as time and manpower allow.

It sometimes seems like a battle that can't be won. But Hicks hopes the 2001 traffic statistics coming out this month will show they've made a difference.

"By our projections, traffic incidents will be down for the first time in five years," he said.

Hicks says he wants more officers in his division, though the city budget hasn't allowed that yet.

"I'll be putting in requests for more traffic positions for as long as I'm division sergeant," he said.

-Mark Heinz

**These are the stories of people at the heart of the Magic Valley's hottest issues.**

To ring in the New Year, our writers sought out people connected to some topics you'll care about this year: dairies, health care, education and crime, to name a few.

**Some of them are well-known. Others are everyday people. They all have a stake in the issues of 2002.**

### MORE STORIES, A6-7



Sgt. Matt Hicks says his team is making a difference in Twin Falls traffic safety.

### Student finds tech appealing

TWIN FALLS - Casey Tucker has been passionate about computers for as long as he can remember. The Twin Falls High School junior is aiming at an information technology career, and he has taken advantage of his school's computer classes and facilities.

### Casey Tucker

But much to his disappointment, he won't be able to study at a professional-technical center being planned for the College of Southern Idaho campus. If voters approve construction in a March 5 election, the center will open in 2003 - after Tucker's graduation.

"I wish I was in it, because, the way I've understood it, it's going to be great," he said. "We really need it."

Tech center plans include a variety of professional courses - agriculture, manufacturing, health occupations and information technology. Most courses would lead to industry certification, said Linda Baird, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls School District.

Future classes may include electronics, drafting, construction and auto/diesel technology.

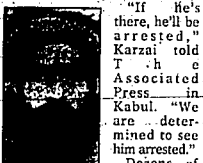
"The additional programs will be based on what the community needs," Baird said.

-Robert Mayer

## Marines scramble after Omar

The Associated Press

Combat-ready U.S. Marines launched a mission Monday to capture Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, thought to be hiding in the remote mountains of central Afghanistan, Prime Minister Hamid Karzai said.



"If he's there, he'll be arrested," Karzai told Associated Press in Kabul. "We are determined to see him arrested." Dozens of Marines boarded CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters at their base in Kandahar, Omar's hometown and the Taliban's final stronghold in southern Afghanistan. The helicopters, which can hold up to 25 soldiers each, took off toward the northwest just before sunset.

A B-52 bomber and fighter jet also could be seen headed in the same direction.

Also Monday, a U.S. special forces soldier was shot in the leg when his unit came under fire on a road outside of the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad, officials said. The wound was not life-threatening and the unit was rescued, said Lt. Cmdr. Matt Kloe, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command.

Afghan officials think Omar may be in the Baghlan area, a remote, mountainous region about 100 miles northwest of Kandahar. A U.S. intelligence official said Monday that American officials also think Omar probably is there.

Pentagon officials confirmed a mission was under way but refused to comment further, saying to do so could endanger those involved.

Any move against Omar probably also would include U.S. special forces, which are operating with the anti-Taliban Afghan groups that would also join the hunt. Special forces would help direct airstrikes and give the Afghans advice and supplies. President Bush would not confirm the mission, but repeated that the U.S. military is intent on getting Omar and terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.

"We're going to get him. It's just a matter of when," Bush said as he stepped for lunch while vacationing near Crawford, Texas. "Any time you get a person running, it means you're going to get him pretty soon." And the same with Mullah Omar: It's just a matter of time.

U.S. forces have been searching for Omar since he apparently fled Kandahar before its surrender to Karzai and other anti-Taliban forces Dec. 7. Omar has close links to Baghlan's tribal chief, Abdul Wahid, who was apparently involved in the negotiations that led to Kandahar's surrender.

Marines leaving for the mission carried full combat gear, including large backpacks, helmets, goggles and M-16 rifles. Their weapons also included 5.56mm light machine guns.

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## Ordinance seeks to address dairy concerns

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners took dairy operators' concerns into account when they drafted the fifth and sixth ordinances regarding animal feeding operations.

But people on both sides of the dairy issue say there are still some flaws.

Dairymen feared that tougher regulations would make it difficult, if not impossible, for them to expand their operations. They chose not to take part in a mediation on the first proposed ordinance and later filed a lawsuit saying commissioners hurt their businesses when they enacted five consecutive moratoriums that put expansions on hold.

The new draft ordinance addresses those concerns, allowing existing operations to expand the number of animal units to whatever their current permits allow, and to make improvements to corrals, barns, lagoons and storm run containments as long as they've been in compliance with ordinances already on the books.

However, they must apply for new permits if they want to

increase in size or capacity. And that, says local dairyman Alvin Smutny, could put some dairy operators out of business because they can't afford to make all the necessary changes to meet the new regulations.

Smutny, who's been in the dairy business half a century, still thinks dairy operators are having to pay the price for the actions of a few problem dairies.

"If you have one rotten apple in a basket, you throw the apple away. You don't throw the whole basket away," Smutny said.

Under the new draft ordinance, please see ORDINANCE, Page A2

## County ordinances

Twin Falls County commissioners Monday released the fifth and sixth draft ordinances on confined animal feeding operations. Public hearings on the ordinances will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 16 inside the Sheldahl Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The hearings will focus on the following ordinances:

- An ordinance establishing zoning standards for the siting of animal feeding operations 1,000 animal units and larger.
- An ordinance establishing procedures for approval or denying the zoning decisions made by the zoning administrator, hearing officer or planning and zoning commission. Copies of the proposed ordinances can be picked up at the Office of Planning and Zoning, 240 Third Ave. E. The ordinances also can be seen online at: www.twincounty.org. Click on proposed AFO ordinances.

**FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY**

### IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes  
 Yesterday:  
 High 35°  
 Low 11°  
 Middle Fork Lodge  
 Record low: 55° in 1990

Normal high/low:  
 54°/27°

Record high/low:  
 77°/11°

Normal month to date:  
 32°/13°

Normal month to date (Oct-1):  
 31°/13°

Normal year to date (Oct-1):  
 31°/13°

Normal year to date (Oct-1):  
 31°/13°

Humidity:  
 Yesterday at noon: 100%

Barometric Pressure:  
 Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.00 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 daytime and tonight's lows.

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**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS**

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Clouds and fog; then 20% sunshine. <b>▲36°</b>	Bill of rain or snow possible. <b>▼28°</b>	Cloudy; some rain, perhaps less early. <b>▲40° ▼30°</b>	Mostly cloudy; chance of a shower. <b>▲38° ▼28°</b>	Cloudy to partly sunny. <b>▲40° ▼24°</b>	Clouds and some sunshine. <b>▲42° ▼28°</b>

**CANADIAN CITIES**

City	Today	Wed
Calgary	11 30	15 30
Edmonton	11 30	15 30
Vancouver	22 24	41 30
Winnipeg	7 10	10 10

**NATIONAL WEATHER**

**Southern Idaho:** Areas of clouds and fog will give way to some sunshine today. Highs 28-44. Mostly cloudy tonight, chance of snow accumulating. Lows 12-32. Cloudy tomorrow with some rain; which may begin as sleet.

**Boise:** Area of clouds and fog will give way to some sunshine today. High 36. Mostly cloudy tonight with snow, ice or rain possible. Low 30. Cloudy tomorrow with some rain; which may begin as snow.

**Northern Nevada:** Thickening clouds today with rain and snow developing. Highs mainly in the 30s and 40s. Cloudy tonight with rain, snow and ice. Lows 19-34. Any mixed precipitation will change to rain tomorrow.

**Northern Utah:** Increasing and thickening clouds today with a rain or snow shower. Highs ranging from 20s in some mountains to 40s today. Mostly cloudy tonight; chance of rain or snow showers.

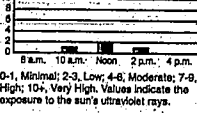
**Northwestern Idaho:** Today will bring clouds and sunshine. Highs in the 30s mountains to the 30s valleys. Mostly cloudy tonight with a bill of snow or ice possible. Lows 18-28.

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise: 7:21 a.m. Sunset: 5:06 p.m.  
 Moonset: 11:01 a.m. Moonrise: 10:14 a.m.  
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Jan 5 Jan 13 Jan 21 Jan 28

**UV INDEX TODAY**



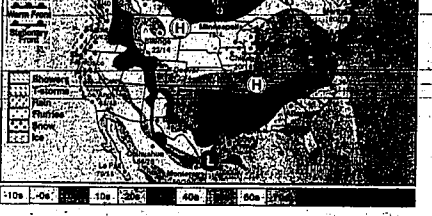
**WORLD CITIES**

City	Today	Wed
Athens	51 33	43 37
Bahia	77 77	77 77
Bangkok	32 16	29 17
Beijing	30 18	33 18
Bombay	33 30	33 30
Brussels	48 41	48 41
Calcutta	85 47	57 38
Chongqing	7 32	6 32
Dhaka	78 65	78 65
Guangzhou	16 24	16 24
Hong Kong	20 16	20 16
Kobe	32 28	32 28
London	37 30	43 41
Madras	70 77	70 77
Manila	31 24	31 24
Osaka	63 54	63 54
Paris	28 16	28 16
Seoul	28 6	19 12
Singapore	88 72	88 72
Taipei	24 16	24 16
Tokyo	58 38	48 24
Washington	28 22	36 16
Zurich	25 20	33 24

**NATIONAL EXTREMES**

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)  
 High 72° in Jacksonville, FL  
 Low -24° in Williston, ND

**NATIONAL WEATHER**



**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Wed
Boise	38 23	44 21
Butte	32 28	38 32
Coeur d'Alene	39 24	42 21
Elko	31 17	31 38
Hagerman	38 25	38 29
Idaho Falls	20 9	24 16
Kalispell	21 15	33 28
Lewiston	39 35	46 35
Malden	32 23	33 25
Malia	10 4	23 14

**Randy Hansen AUTO PLEX**  
 Poeline At Blue Lakes North

**Treasury orders suspected terrorist assets blocked**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. government designated another six entities as suspected terrorist organizations and ordered their financial assets blocked.

A Treasury Department spokesman said it was too early to tell if any of the six organizations has financial assets in the United States.

She said the organizations were not believed to have been involved in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Treasury said five of the six

**Times Square says patriotic farewell to Sept. 11 victims**

NEW YORK (AP) - Under tight security, huge crowds converged on Times Square on Monday to usher in 2002, pay a red, white and blue tribute to the Sept. 11 victims and say goodbye to one of the most terrible years in New York history.

New Year's Eve revelers lined up at security checkpoints to stake out spots for the annual dropping of the Waterford crystal ball at the stroke of midnight.

Among them was Javier Romero, 21, who said participating in the celebration was part of getting back to normal after the terrorist attacks. "It's kind of my part of saying I'm not afraid," he said.

Some 500,000 people - about the same as last year - were expected to ring in the new year, as partygoers have done in Times Square since 1954.

Smaller celebrations were planned across the country, from fireworks in Philadelphia and Seattle to a bash at an Anchorage, Alaska, bar featuring a Canadian rock band that plays "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Some celebrations - including Denver's citywide party and fireworks in New York's Central Park - were canceled.

The New Year's celebration in Times Square was New York's largest event since the Sept. 11 attack at the World Trade Center killed nearly 3,000 people.

Some 7,000 police officers were on duty - twice the number for an ordinary New Year's celebration - and some carried radiation detectors. There were also hand-held metal detectors and bomb-sniffing dogs at the checkpoints.

Plans called for police sharp-

**Pakistan arrests militant leader**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Pakistan said Monday that it arrested a key leader of the Islamic militant group accused of attacking India's parliament and that it rounded up two dozen other activists, a development that could ease the dangerous military standoff between the two nuclear powers.

Indian officials called the move a "step forward" but stopped short of saying they'd agree to sit down with Pakistan and sort out the differences that have led to two hostile neighbors toward another armed confrontation.

President Bush welcomed the arrests as a step toward reconciliation and urged India to be patient.

"The fact that the Pakistani president is after the terrorists is a good sign," Bush said during a visit to a delicatessen in Crawford, Texas, near his ranch.

Bush said he urged Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf during a phone call Saturday "to do everything he could to crack down on the terrorist networks that he had..." raised the Indian parliament.

He said he told Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee that he should allow Pakistan time to arrest the terrorists. "I said, 'Give us all a chance to work with President Musharraf to bring the terrorists to justice."

An independent analyst called the arrests an important step that could be the kind of action India has been demanding since an attack on its parliament Dec. 13, which killed nine Indians and five of the attackers.

"This is as concrete as things could get," said P.R. Chari, director of the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies in New Delhi and an expert on South Asia security.

Pakistani authorities reported that they had arrested Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, the leader of the Lashkar-e-Tayyaba group, which India blames as among those behind the attacks on its parliament.

Pakistani officials also arrested about two dozen militants in Karachi.

Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh called the arrest of Saeed and others a "step forward in the right direction." But he said more was necessary.

**Omar**

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grenades and 72mm anti-tank weapons - which also can be used to destroy other vehicles and bunkers. Their commanders had maps and battle plans spread out on the ground.

The Sea King helicopters they called distinctive for their rotors, have a range of about 180 miles and are the Marine Corps' main medium-lift troop transport helicopter.

Karzai did not provide any details on how many Afghans were involved in the operation or what their role might be.

Asked whether he thought Osama bin Laden might be with Omar, Karzai said: "It is difficult to know. There have been so many rumors about bin Laden's whereabouts."

U.S. officials say they think bin Laden was in the mountainous Toru Bora area of eastern Afghanistan at least until mid-

December. In a new videotape, the former leader implied he was speaking in early or mid-December.

North of the Toru Bora region near Jalalabad, the special forces unit involved in the shootout was on a road where bandits and Taliban supporters make travel dangerous. The unit came under fire at 12:30 p.m. EDT, fired back and called in a quick reaction force for backup, Klee said.

The unidentified gunman had fled by the time a U.S. helicopter brought the reaction force, Klee said.

Meanwhile, U.S. forces in Afghanistan took custody of 30 more suspected Taliban or al-Qaida prisoners, bringing the total held to 180, said Pentagon spokeswoman Maj. Cynthia Colin.

Twenty-five more prisoners were taken to the base at Kandahar, bringing the total there to 164, Colin said.

**Ordinance**

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conditions on nearby lands must be installed and maintained.

The site will be served by roads of capacity sufficient to carry the traffic generated by the animal feeding operation and does not place an undue burden on existing transportation and service facilities in the area.

The site is of sufficient size to accommodate the animal feeding operation, including, but not limited to, vehicle and equipment movement within the site, parking, feeding, storage areas and corrals.

Another ordinance establishes procedures for appealing decisions made by the zoning administrator, hearing officer and planning and zoning commission to county commissioners.

According to the draft ordinance, only people living within one mile of a proposed location may file an appeal.

And Len Miracle, who lives near Hank Hagler's dairy in Filer, said one mile isn't nearly far enough. Miracle said many of the people affected by dairy odors live more than a mile away.

"We know it drifts to gag a valentine as much as three miles," Miracle said. "Some of the people who suffer the most live along the Cedar Draw, which is two miles away. What this (ordinance) does is prevent an effective appeal from anyone. It prevents any protest."

Bill Chisholm, a local environmental activist and member of the Idaho Rural Council, agrees.

"It's totally bogus," Chisholm said. "It's totally off base in terms of who should be able to appeal."

nances, animal feeding operations would only be allowed in agricultural zones and agriculture reserve preservation zones.

Commissioners said the purposes of the zoning requirements in the draft ordinances are to accomplish the following:

- Minimize the effects of animal feeding operations through design and siting standards.
- Provide a process for applicants to obtain necessary permits that also protects the interests of Twin Falls County residents.
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas of the county by regulating the location of animal feeding operations.
- Require the use of effective technologies concerning the design and operation of animal feeding operations.
- Special-use permits will ensure the following conditions:
  - Full compliance with state and local regulations, including regulations concerning animal and human health.
  - Site recognizes prevailing climatic conditions to minimize potential adverse effects on residential or agricultural environmental.
  - Facility design and location will not adversely affect the use and peaceful enjoyment of nearby lands for lawful purposes.
  - Outdoor lighting shall be certified by a qualified, licensed professional to be fully shielded and maintained to keep all direct light within the property boundaries.
  - Effective buffers against material adverse environmental

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# Gunmen rule roads outside of Kabul



A bus packed with people heads to Farighman, west of Kabul, on Sunday. Buses travel cautiously on the roads outside the capital of Kabul, Afghanistan. Rarely do buses leave the city after noon most days and never do they travel at night.

**GARDEZ, Afghanistan (AP)** — At a checkpoint outside the Afghan capital, a soldier with a Kalashnikov rifle leans into the car and warns to be careful on the road ahead: "Everyone is with a gun."

In Kabul, there is a new Afghan government and an international peacekeeping force. Beyond the city, there is no security to speak of, just occasional roadside posts — some manned by government soldiers, others by armed men loyal to the local tribal chief or council.

Each weapon-toting guard offers the same advice: "I wouldn't go on." "We can't be

certain who is on the road ahead." "That's not our area."

At one checkpoint, four tanks are lined up like sentries ready for action. But their presence does little to diminish the danger in the area, where dark roads stretch for miles with no houses or farms. Two men leap from behind a tree, their faces wrapped in blue scarves so only their eyes are visible. They take aim, but too late. The car has sped past.

At the next checkpoint, a soldier named Poinda Khan is told of the armed men.

Afghanistan's Interim prime minister, Hamid Karzai, in office just one week, says security is a top priority, along with unifying his deeply divided nation. But Afghans say their country will not be unified more fragmentation as long as every road from Kabul is too dangerous to travel.

On the road to Gardez, 65 miles southeast of Kabul, a young man carrying a Kalashnikov flags down a truck.

The driver of a nearby car watches. "Why is he stopping him? There is no traffic, nothing," says Ghulam Ali. "He just wants money."

With such shakedowns and

other problems so common, it's no surprise that in rural Afghanistan, residents say they welcome international peacekeepers.

In Surmad, 18 miles beyond Gardez, men sit on the carpeted floor of a cavernous cement-walled room, sipping sweet black tea. Their shoulders wrapped in traditional woolen shawls, they discuss Afghanistan's future.

"We don't want the gun anymore, that's true, but we have to have security because without it, no one will trust the other," said Mohammed Naef Farook, the district's police chief.

## Computer contains al-Qaida plans

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A computer used by Osama bin Laden's agents in Afghanistan could be an intelligence bonanza pointing to future methods of attack and inside information about how the al-Qaida terrorist network operates, former military officials and analysts said Monday.

A U.S. intelligence official confirmed that a computer bought by The Wall Street Journal in Kabul apparently had been used by al-Qaida. It contained memos of the terrorist group's chemical and biological weapons program, justifications for killing civilians and a propaganda video made from footage of people fleeing from the World Trade Center, the Journal reported.

Increasingly, officials told The Associated Press, computers are replacing confidential memos as a prime target when looking for intelligence left behind by a routed enemy. The faster the enemy is destroyed, the juicier the information.

"It's like in the old days when you have safes, you'd have hand grenades laying around to take out the safe," said Marc Enger, former director of operations at the Air Intelligence Agency, the Air Force's intelligence arm. "These guys were more intent on getting out than worrying about information left behind."

Enger said American forces retrieved valuable information from computers in Iraq and Kuwait during the Persian Gulf War as well as in the 1989 invasion of Panama.

"We got good data there," Enger said, citing evidence of financial transactions and drug trafficking. "It was in (Panamanian Gen. Manuel) Noriega's personal underground command center. They found computers in there that had all kinds of stuff."

A looter in Kabul said he got the desktop computer after a U.S. bombing raid in November that killed several senior officials of al-Qaida, the Journal said. The newspaper said it bought the

*"This type of primary source material is so valuable because there aren't many opportunities to get this sort of insight."*

— John Pike, [Globalsecurity.org](http://Globalsecurity.org)

machine from the looter for \$1,100.

The terrorist group functioned like a multinational corporation, with memos referring to al-Qaida as "the company" and its leadership as "the general management," the newspaper said.

One memo referred to a "legal study" of the killing of civilians, in which the writer said he had found ways to keep "the enemy" from using the killing of "civilians, specifically women and children," to undermine the militants' cause, the Journal said.

A letter addressed to top al-Qaida lieutenant Ayman al-Zawahiri said "hitting the Americans and Jews is a target of great value and has its rewards in this life-and, God willing, the afterlife," the Journal said. The author of the letter said he had written to bin Laden separately.

While the Journal said many of the files were protected by passwords, Enger said American technicians have had little problem overcoming those kinds of technological obstacles.

The computer also contains a video file made after Sept. 11 that uses television footage of people fleeing the World Trade Center, combined with a sound track of mocking, chants and prayers in Arabic, the newspaper said.

The creation of the video "shows an intermediate level of technical sophistication," akin to a drug cartel, said analyst John Pike of [Globalsecurity.org](http://Globalsecurity.org). But unlike a drug network that con-

stantly pushes money and narcotics around, a terrorist group can be silent for months.

"That's why this type of primary source material is so valuable because there aren't as many opportunities to get this sort of insight into their operation," Pike said.

The U.S. intelligence official would not comment on whether the United States had access to or a copy of the computer's hard drive.

Text files include an outline of an al-Qaida project to develop chemical and biological weapons, foodstuffs and al-Zabadi, Arabic for curdled milk, the newspaper said.

One memo laments the slow progress of the weapons development and adds that "we only became aware of them when the enemy drew our attention to them by repeatedly expressing concern that they can be produced simply."

Al-Qaida's euphemisms for chemical weapons and other terms could be used to find more intelligence, analysts said.

"Historically, that's been a real big problem you have with drug operations," Pike said. "The drug runners come up with new nicknames for drugs faster than the cops can learn them. So understanding their code names is extremely valuable."

Unlike battlefield intelligence which usually focuses on troop movements and strengths in a particular area, the al-Qaida computer files pertain to strategy as well as tactics. This may help U.S. strategists to better protect the country against future attacks.

"If we're going to be successful in securing the homeland we need to put ourselves in the bad guy's shoes," said Phil Anderson, a retired Marine and analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

"There's so many vulnerabilities that we have to address," Anderson said. "Anything that's going to help us focus our attention is going to be useful."

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# Vandals flood U.S. mosque

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Vandals broke water pipes and flooded the Islamic Center of Columbus and left several copies of the Quran shredded or thrown in the parking lot.

"I think this is part of the hate crimes that we have received right after the Sept. 11 attacks," said Mohammed Shareef, president of the Islamic Foundation of Central Ohio and a center member. "Things have been cooled down, but it looks like there's some new revival."

Police have no suspects, said spokesman Sgt. Earl Smith.

Members of the three-story center, which serves as a mosque and has classrooms, discovered the damage when they came for prayer services about 7 a.m. Sunday, said Siraj Haji, one of the first to arrive.

The vandals went to a third floor bathroom and pulled the water pipes from the sink and walls, said Ahmad Al-Akhras.



An Afghan girl cries as she waits for a relative collecting wheat from an aid truck in Madakhel, about 30 miles east of Jalalabad, Afghanistan, Monday. The aid is provided by Ali Baba, an Afghan businessman.

## A LITTLE UPSET

# Terror suspect faces judge this week

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The man who might be the missing 20th hijacker of Sept. 11 will be arraigned Wednesday just four miles from the Pentagon, where a jetliner that he allegedly conspired to hijack crashed.

Zacarias Moussaoui was indicted on six counts of plotting with

the 19 hijackers of Sept. 11.

Most arraignments are perfunctory, but Moussaoui's is likely to be highly charged.

"The whole area is going to be cordoned off. I'm sure they're going to have sharpshooters on the building," said Sol Z. Rosen, chairman of the criminal law section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

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# Rout in desert marked turning point of war

The Washington Post

TARIN KOT, Afghanistan — What may have been the decisive battle in the Afghan war could also qualify as the most obscure.

It was fought here, in the remote high-desert outpost that senior Taliban commanders regarded as home. After an opposition force had taken Tarin Kot in the first days of Ramadan without firing a shot, Taliban troops rushed to recapture the town — and ran into a hail of fire that finished them as a fighting force.

In the early morning hours of Nov. 18, the first of perhaps 1,000 Taliban fighters in about 100 double-cab pickups were approaching the outskirts of Tarin Kot when an armada of U.S. fighter jets swarmed to meet them. Over the next six to eight hours, according to witnesses, Taliban trucks after Taliban truck was blasted into flames by bombs directed by U.S. Special Forces spotters lurking on the ridgeline above.

Scores of Taliban soldiers were blown apart in the beds of the pickups before awareness overcame surprise, and they began scrambling from their vehicles for the relative safety of the surrounding rubble.

When it was over, at least 30 charred chassis lay along a road also lined with fresh graves. The trail of destruction ran from the valley just above Tarin Kot to the edge of the Desert Bom (pronounced boom).

The Taliban forces who survived the rout fled back to Kandahar, still breathing but

with the fight apparently taken out of them. From that point on, the last major battles of the war would be fought not by Taliban soldiers, but by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida fighters, defending their base at the Kandahar airport and the mountain redoubts of Tora Bora.

"When the Americans destroyed their vehicles and also killed their troops, we knew we could take Kandahar soon," said Malim Rahmadullah, the newly installed governor of remote Uruzgan province, long known among Afghans as the Taliban's true stronghold.

"It was easy," Rahmadullah said. "They fled. They knew they should not fight with America."

The U.S. commander on the scene spied victory in the wreckage of the valley floor as well.

"We broke the back of the Taliban that day," Capt. Jason Amerine said in an interview this month at a hospital in Germany, where he was recovering from wounds inflicted by an errant U.S. bomb two weeks after the fighting at Tarin Kot. There were no U.S. casualties at Tarin Kot.

In northern Afghanistan, the front lines were often within camera range, but the battle for the south was as remote and isolated as Uruzgan province. Located in the center of the country, the province is ringed by mountain ranges that open into deserts. Tarin Kot, its capital, is reached by gravel tracks that in some long stretches disappear into river beds, and in others simply disappear.

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Judge Monte Carlson

Judge hopes drug court can help

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley's drug court program hit some rough spots during its first few months. But officials expect its size and influence to keep growing in 2002.

"I believe in drug court. I like the participants very much," said Judge Monte Carlson. "When they release, I feel injured."

Drug court offers a way out for nonviolent drug offenders. If they can stick to Carlson's rules and complete the year-long treatment program, the charges against them will be dropped. The program suffered a setback

recently, when the Idaho Supreme Court announced budget cuts in the judicial system. But those cuts should affect only some of the program's support positions.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb said he has enough faith in drug court to keep steering some defendants toward it.

"We've put drug court to use," Loeb said. "We think it is an

appropriate way to deal with the meth user who hasn't graduated to violent crimes, property crimes, or selling and dealing meth to other people."

That's important, because officials don't expect the valley's trouble with drugs — especially methamphetamine — to slack off any time soon.

—Mark Heinz

Frank Veenstra

Living 'on the end of the canal'

HAGERMAN — Farmers are gearing up to make 2001's historic water deal work in 2002.

"The years you're short, you've all got to work together," said Frank Veenstra, who farms near Hagerman.

Veenstra and other Northside farmers who draw water from deep wells will convert to canal irrigation where possible. The move will help replenish springs owned by fish hatcheries downstream.

Between 8,000 and 9,000 replacement acres are needed.

"I'm on the end of the canal," Veenstra said. "I will be capturing water as other people shut off."

The switch will require some changes on his farm. But it also will save him the electrical cost of pumping water from a 200-foot well, he said.

The impact of groundwater pumping on spring flows has long been disputed in the Snake River Basin. The 2001 drought nearly led to curtailment of more than 1,000 wells in the Magic Valley and eastern Idaho. Senior surface irrigators, dependent on spring flows, weren't getting all their water.

With the threat of curtailment, irrigators reached a two-year truce. They have two years to determine how the state should jointly manage groundwater and surface-water rights.

—Janiffer Sandmann

Gary Hoxey

Burley AD wants sports to continue

BURLEY — Gary Hoxey figures his work will get done in 2002, with him or without him.

Athletic directors are among the various options for cutting school budgets in the coming year. But Hoxey, who holds that job at Burley High School, figures sports and activities will continue even if ADs disappear.

"Somebody will still have to schedule games, arrange buses and line up ticket takers — so "a lot of different people would be doing different parts of the job," he predicted.

Budget headaches ordered by Gov. Dick Kempthorne have been particularly tough for Hoxey's school district and others with small contingency funds.

The worst fear is that shaky tax revenue could force further cuts. There's even been some talk of trimming sports and other activities.

"So far, that's just talk. No one knows what 2002 will bring. Hoxey isn't worried about his own future. With 18 years of teaching experience, he said, he'll probably make a classroom comeback if his AD job ends.

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Tim Allen hopes to put his concrete forms back in action at Idaho dairies this year if moratoriums are lifted.

## Construction company owner wants to build dairies again

**GOODING** — Tim Allen thinks 2002 will be a good year for the construction business.

Allen's company, Allen Construction in Gooding, pours concrete on residential and commercial jobs throughout the Magic Valley. Dairies accounted for 20 percent to 30 percent of that work — until Twin Falls County and Gooding County moratoriums halted dairy construction and expansion.

"I diversified elsewhere,"

Allen said.

"The moratoriums are expected to be lifted in 2002, with new ordinances going into effect."

"It will increase the amount of work we have," Allen said. "I think it's going to be a good year."

Allen grew up in Gooding and started his construction business in 1986. He said he'd like to see

counties let existing dairies expand while still protecting the environment.

"The price-of-milk is up, and dairies are going to want to expand and improve," Allen said. "They're businesses, and they need to keep progressing. But we also need to protect our water."

— Sandy Miller

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## Rep. Cella Gould Rancher, candidate and soccer mom only begin to describe her

**BUHL** — Self-described as "a little rough around the edges," Celia Gould typifies much of southern Idaho.

This year, folks can expect to hear more from the often Wrangler-clad, boot-shod 44-year-old, as she campaigns to become Idaho's lieutenant governor.

Gould, a Buhl-area rancher and a Republican state representative, says her direct manner and hands-on experience in agriculture will serve her well in the job. Idaho's natural resources will be her priority.

"We keep hearing that Idaho has to change or die," she said. "In fact, we have to work with the federal government to make sure we get changes in ag, timber and mining policies."

Gould entered politics as a teen-ager, when she interned for the legendary Rep. Tom Stivers, R-Twin Falls. She's been hooked ever since.

Though she has earned wide respect in the male-dominated Legislature, she said what matters to her most is her role as mother to her teen-age son.

"I'm not a soccer mom," she said. "I'm a football, wrestling and track mom."

— Julie Pence



When not pollocking, state Rep. Celia Gould enjoys spending time with her miniature horses.

### John Wasko

## Dell keeps one man in the Magic Valley

**TWIN FALLS** — Nearing the end of his schooling, John Wasko was willing to move to Boise for a job in his chosen field, computer support technology.

He's glad to stay in Magic Valley, instead.

Wasko, 31, of Filer reports to work Jan. 14 at Dell Computer Corp.'s new technical-support operation in north Twin Falls. Dell was the valley's most lauded economic-development catch of 2001.

"I'm glad that they're here," Wasko said. "It really opens up the job market in this area for computer support, definitely."

Dell's first local hires will join the payroll as trainees this month. They'll start fielding customers' calls in February. The Texas-based computer giant plans to employ 230 to 250 people here by the end of February.

Economic-development leaders say they expect more Dell jobs eventually — perhaps as many as 700.

Wasko's new job as a tech-support representative is a switch from retail. Most recently, he sold Wonder Bread.

"I had an accident and had to find a new line of work," he said.

"They said I had to find a sit-down job."



LISA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

John Wasko prepares to take a final exam in a computer class at the College of Southern Idaho. He will put his education to work at Dell Computer Corp.'s technical-support operation in Twin Falls.

He has been unemployed since his February 2000 accident — first recovering, then attending the College of Southern Idaho. Some of his CSI computer classmates will be among his new Dell colleagues.

Wasko thinks he'll stick with the company a long time.

"I've heard a lot of good things about them."

— Virginia S. Hutchins

### Marlene Rodgers

## Nurse always expects a busy emergency room

**TWIN FALLS** — Whatever 2002 brings, Marlene Rodgers knows it won't be dull.

Rodgers, a registered nurse, is the clinical director of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's emergency room. Life in the ER is never dull, but this year could be the most exciting than most for Rodgers and her colleagues.

The emergency room at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital closed for good today, after the clinic was sold to Magic Valley Regional. So Rodgers and her crew expect to see even more patients pour through their doors from now on.

The patient load already has been climbing. While the average emergency room sees a 3 percent to 4 percent annual increase in patient volume, Magic Valley Regional has experienced 15 percent to 25 percent increases, Rodgers said.

This year will also bring a 12,700-square-foot expansion to help handle the increasing



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Marlene Rodgers is looking forward to more patients than ever in 2002 — and a bigger emergency room to serve them.

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— Sandy Miller

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WORLD

# Putin steers Russia on unexpected course

MOSCOW (AP) — When Vladimir Putin gives one of his rare smiles, there are lines and sags around his eyes that weren't there when he became president two years ago.

But the former KGB operative has put his own marks on Russia since rising to power after the surprise resignation of Boris Yeltsin on New Year's Eve 1999.

At first, Putin was seen as a leader who would try to reassert the Kremlin's Soviet-era place at the center of world affairs by resisting — and undermining — Western influence.

His regime spoke repeatedly and harshly against the eastward expansion of NATO. Russia cultivated relations with North Korea, Iraq and other countries unfriendly to the United States in a campaign that it said aimed at establishing a "multipolar world" to replace American dominance.

The Kremlin also vehemently objected to U.S. proposals to pull out of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty and proceed with development of a missile defense system. Putin himself threatened to scrap all strategic arms-reduction treaties.

Yet, today Russia has forged remarkable new levels of cooperation with NATO, although still nominally holding its opposition to the alliance's expansion. When President Bush gave formal notice of a U.S. withdrawal from the ABM treaty, Putin responded not by scrapping arms-reduction treaties, but by proposing even deeper cuts.

Since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, the Kremlin has redirected its foreign policy toward working with the United States and other Western countries — including its unexpected acquiescence to NATO nations basing warplanes in former Soviet Central Asia for the military campaign in Afghanistan.

The latter impressed even some of Putin's strongest critics, such as Andrei Piontkovsky, a columnist for the newspaper Novaya Gazeta.

"The man went to great political and personal risk for the sake of what he considers to be the true interests of Russia," Piontkovsky wrote last week.

Putin, whose demeanor is rarely anything but steely, has managed to make such policy changes without looking as if Russia is backing down or being inconsistent. A threat to him whenever he speaks, he does not appear to be gripped by ideological insistence.

Cool pragmatism is a sharp contrast to Russia's years under Yeltsin, who by turns seemed visionary or barely lucid, and many observers regard it with clear relief.

"We are entering civilization. We have recognized that the United States is the only sphere of influence. We're not playing the game of a 'multipolar world' — we are looking for our place in the world," said Igor Bunin, an analyst at the Center for Political Technologies, a think tank.

But that same pragmatism worries other observers. Putin increased the presidency's powers by pushing through measures that reduced the influence of regional governors, including taking away their seats in the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament.

"The system of restraint and

counterbalance has been practically broken. The role of parliament is sharply weakened," analyst Lev Gudkov said in an interview with the newspaper Novaya Gazeta. "Achieving such control over the Federation Council and the Duma (the lower house) allows the formation of a semi-authoritarian regime."

His critics also point to the takeover of the only nationwide independent television channel by

the Kremlin-connected natural gas monopoly and the closing or overhaul of some publications critical of Putin and his government.

The decline of independent-minded media has led to reduced coverage of what may be Putin's major weakness — the war in Chechnya, which has entered a third year with no end in sight.

Putin and the rest of the Kremlin refer to it not as a war but as an "anti-terrorist cam-

paign," drawing parallels between Chechnya and the U.S.-led campaign in Afghanistan. With that justification, it would be difficult for Putin to call a halt to the fighting even if he wanted to.

"Understanding that the hopeless situation, the continuing war in Chechnya, threatens his authority, it appears he simply doesn't know what to do," Gudkov said.



Russian President Vladimir Putin, a former KGB operative during the Cold War, has put his own stamp on the course in the two years since he succeeded Boris Yeltsin.

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## Russia claims it killed 73 rebels from Chechnya

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian forces killed 73 Chechen rebels and took 20 prisoners in a major operation in the separatist republic, officials said Monday.

The Interfax news agency also quoted officials as saying two Russian servicemen held by Chechen rebels were freed Monday.

The agency said a top rebel leader, Ruslan Chibayev, was among those killed. Interfax quoted the office of Sergei Yastrebemsky, the Kremlin's spokesman on Chechnya.

The report said mercenaries were among the dead, but provided only sketchy details on the rescue of the Russian servicemen.

Casualty figures from both sides are believed exaggerated and cannot be confirmed independently.

Russian troops withdrew from Chechnya in 1996 after a standstill in the 20-month war. The Kremlin sent troops back to the region in September 1999 after apartment explosions blamed on separatists killed 300 people and incursions by Chechnya-based rebels into neighboring Dagestan.

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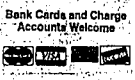
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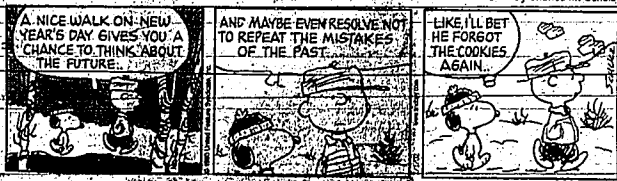
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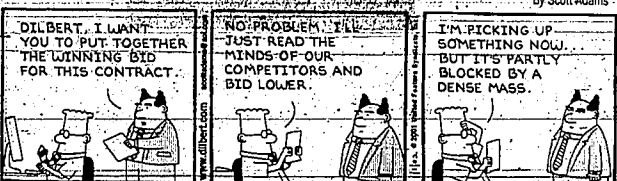
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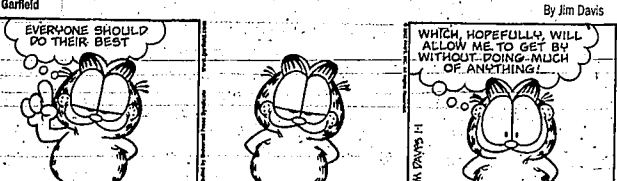
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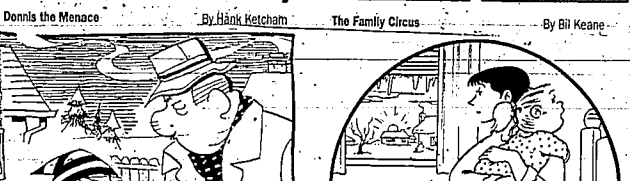
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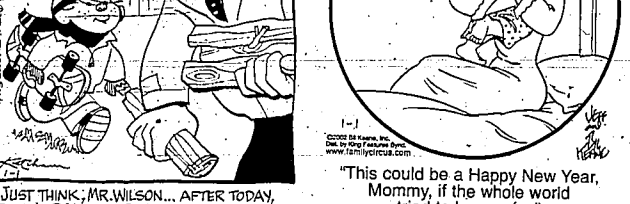
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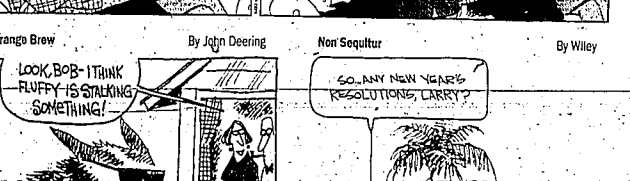
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## EDITORIAL

### Magic Valley's economy paid off well during 2001

The year 2001 will start fading into our collective memory today. Before it does, Magic Valley residents should pause to appreciate the blessings of the past year.

While much of America and Idaho watched the economy turn sour after a decade of irrational exuberance, the Magic Valley's agriculture-based economy has enjoyed a robust year. Prices for commodities grown and processed in southern Idaho have risen. Many farmers are seeing some of their best returns in more than a decade.

Even though the Magic Valley endured a third year of drought, our people's hard work and resilience paid off.

Just a few examples of agriculture's good year: Wheat prices have swung upward, closing in on \$4 a bushel. Milk has seen a drastic change from a year ago, up to an average of nearly \$14 per hundredweight.

Idaho's signature crop, potatoes, has rebounded, thanks to contractions in supply. A year ago, Idaho growers earned just under \$2 per hundredweight, and now those averages are nearing \$7 each.

More good news came during the year on prices for sugar beets, barley and even alfalfa. For most commodities, if there wasn't a top price, there was at least a modestly good one.

For years, the spotlight shone on the Treasure Valley's booming technology industry as Idaho's newest brass ring. Meanwhile, the Magic Valley's ag-

based economy plodded quietly along.

But in uncertain financial periods like this one, it's good to know that the relative stability of traditional agriculture and spin-off business does more than just keep us afloat - it also can bring us relative prosperity.

It's also reassuring to see Magic Valley economic devel-

opment make even bigger waves. The year 2001 will go down as the year a Fortune 50 company picked the Magic Valley as an expansion site. Dell Computer Corp.'s arrival is a significant step toward diversifying (but certainly not replacing) our ag-driven economy.

In the long run, there are promising signs of Idaho's continuing strength. Census data for 2001 reveals that Idaho continued to attract more people. Idaho's population grew 2.1 percent last year, ranking seventh in the nation for state growth. Those figures show Idaho is keeping pace with its impressive 28.5 percent growth during the 1990s.

Most states would envy that kind of solid but manageable growth. And even though Idaho's state revenue is behind projections, the rate of population growth hints at an underlying strength that may speed economic recovery.

All the good news combined shows Magic Valley lived up to its name in 2001. Here's hoping 2002 sees more of the same.

*Even though the Magic Valley endured a third year of drought, our people's hard work and resilience paid off.*



### Year 2001 ends on a note of hope

Outgoing New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, who got so much else right after Sept. 11, showed perfect pitch again in his farewell address last week when he predicted the ruins of the World Trade Center would take their place with other enduring monuments to American sacrifice and valor such as Valley Forge, Gettysburg and Normandy. "This is going to be a place that's remembered a hundred and a thousand years from now," he said.

What will make the site so memorable is not only the sudden searing wound that it suffered on the morning of Sept. 11. It's what happened after, the countless acts of heroism, compassion and clarity that followed day after day as the entire nation coalesced to help the families and the city recover.

That's what makes this year so memorable, too. Sept. 11 was one of the worst days in U.S. history. But it has been followed by many days that witnessed America at its best. This terrible test has shown the country to be stronger, more rooted and more connected than cultural critics on the left or the right had expected.

Before the attacks, it had become commonplace to complain that America had grown too cynical to trust its leaders. Yet the nation has rallied around President Bush as unreservedly as it has behind any wartime president. Bush deserves credit for striking a unifying tone from the outset, at key moments, he has seemed to be not so much speaking to, as for, America. But the surge of support he's received from millions of Americans who voted against him also showed that the instinct to enlist behind the president at a moment of crisis is as powerful today as it was in earlier generations.

Other fears have fallen. On the right, there had been a long-standing suspicion that Americans had grown too jaded to salute the flag. Flags now flutter everywhere, not just on pickups, but Volvos.

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Some on the left have long seen America as an irredeemably racist society. Yet the country has stood far short of a draconian backlash against Arab or Muslim Americans. Have there been individual examples of prejudice? Sure. But the dog that didn't bark this fall was any major upsurge in violence or intimidation of Arab Americans.

Televangelist Jerry Falwell was widely condemned when he implied the attacks represented a form of divine retribution for our acceptance of homosexuality and abortion. Conservative social critics such as Shelby Steele likewise have gotten almost no traction for their attempts to blame the case of John Walker Lindh, the American Taliban fighter, on modern education or social liberalism. Americans seem to understand that in this dangerous world, they have enough real enemies abroad without trying to fabricate new ones at home.

Perhaps the best news has come on the front where critics made their most important case against American society. For years, the keenest cultural critics on left and right have been arguing that America had lost the thread of community. We were, in these portraits, a nation "bowling alone," laying waste our energies with getting and spending, isolated, materialistic, shallow.

That picture has undeniable elements of truth. But, post-Sept. 11, it clearly needs serious revision. The unprecedented torrent of charitable contributions for the families of the victims is only the most visible evidence that Americans are not nearly as self-absorbed as the critics feared. The more telling measures are both more subtle and profound. More subtle as in the volunteers who stand out on New York City's West Side Highway each day waving encouragement to the rescue workers as they drive toward

their grim and grueling labors. More profound as in the passengers of Flight 93 who sacrificed their own lives so that their plane could not be used to kill others.

The attack hasn't bridged all divisions. Lines of race, class and ethnicity still separate Americans in their daily lives. Politically, we remain two countries, split almost exactly in half on the key domestic choices - as the razor-thin result of the 2000 presidential election demonstrated. Solidarity in wartime doesn't demand that Congress and the country suppress those deeply held domestic differences.

Yet the lesson of the past three-plus months is that those differences are only the seams in a much larger web of shared beliefs and priorities. That simple truth should frame our political disputes in their proper proportion.

After Sept. 11, it should be clear that whatever our disagreements about guns or abortion or taxes, a powerful consensus extends across American society about our obligations to each other and to the nation itself when it's under assault. What unites America turns out to be much more profound than what divides it.

Which is perhaps the lasting message in this tragedy. In his speech last week, Giuliani proposed to build a memorial at Ground Zero in New York that would allow anyone who comes to it "to feel the great power and strength and emotion of what it means to be an American." A memorial is a fine idea. But even without a statue or plaza, millions of Americans have already experienced, or been reminded of, exactly the feelings Giuliani evoked. Across the country, this awful crucible is forging a renewed sense of connection and common purpose. And that makes 2001 a year defined not only by sorrow, but hope.

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### Telemarketers could find bin Laden

Osama bin Laden may very well be dead, despite the videotape of him that was aired on Al-Jazeera television last week. But - dead or alive - he doesn't seem any closer to being caught than he was when we set out to find him two months ago.

His ability to keep his whereabouts secret is a feat perhaps more mind-boggling than invading and attacking impenetrable America. Sure, the network of caves in the Afghanistan mountains is as intricate as the pathways in hand-stitched lace. But it still seems surreal that something as primitive as a cave can offer protection from our highly sophisticated methods of surveillance, much less from hundreds of soldiers breathing down your neck.

Think about it. Osama bin Laden has evaded detection in a world in which:

- Our every move is tracked by databases, monitors, cameras, microphones and paperwork trails, and our every thought endures in the e-mail afterlife.
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- We're so detectable that machines can recognize us by voice, touch, heat or our mother's maiden name (even our telephone can find another telephone that we're on the line).
- We're such a part of the public domain that not only can't we hide but we can be stolen. Someone else can steal our identity and have more fun than we're having by buying things we'd never buy for ourselves.

But bin Laden manages to evade us still. Maybe he should be more creative in our mission. Maybe we should put

#### JILL PORTER

telemarketers on bin Laden's trail. I'm sure they'd find him the minute he sat down to dinner.

Sure, other heinous criminals have avoided capture and arrest over the years. Everyone on the FBI's Most Wanted list, for instance, is the object of an intense manhunt. One fugitive has been on the list for 20 years, another for almost that long.

But most long-sought fugitives are known only to their would-be captors. They could live next door to us for years without having their cover blown. And they could be anywhere in the world at any time, making an intense manhunt problematic.

But Osama bin Laden? He's tall, bearded and ignominious. He couldn't disguise himself without the help of a plastic surgeon. He certainly couldn't live among us without detection. And at least we know which corner of the world he's hiding. We've tracked his radio transmissions and traced his trail to the area of Tora Bora. We've narrowed our search to the caves in the nearby hills.

But still no bin Laden. The videotape bin Laden released last week is no doubt meant to reassure the terrorist faithful that he's still alive. But it's also meant as a taunt to us, a reminder that he's outsmarted us once again - so far anyway.

If it's unfathomable that Osama bin Laden breached the security of the most powerful nation in the world, it's even more so that the most powerful nation in the world can't breach his.

Jill Porter is a columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News.

### Don't compare Bush to bin Laden

A writer in December compared President Bush with bin Laden. He compares their parents, then says that neither were elected by majority. You are right, Bin Laden and the Taliban took over the government by killing those in government that didn't escape to other countries. Our leader was elected in a close election. Shows we had two good men to choose from. Afghanistan people had no choice.

He said both believe God was on their side. How many days did their god protect the nation from the forces of a country whose leader honors Jesus? Need a rocket scientist to figure that out?

He goes into the "outrageous" condition of women and persecution of unbelievers? Do we persecute unbelievers? No! Even the writer of that letter can travel as he

pleases, worship or not, worship in kind of idol or god he chooses. Try that in bin Laden's country.

He states they act with box cutters and we retaliate with B-1 bombers. Yes; they used box cutters and, oh yes, airplanes loaded not with bombs but with innocent men, women and children and crash into buildings that cause more than 5,000 deaths.

Innocent people get killed when they are in a war. Answer this: "How many plane loads and ship loads of food and relief items has the Taliban sent to the survivors of the twin towers?"

Regarding the Constitution and Washington, Madison and Jefferson: You talk about the treatment of women. How many women voted for these men?

None!

They weren't allowed to vote. Have you ever traveled to the historic homes of

these men and looked at their slave quarters where they housed the slaves that they owned?

Your "wise man" quote about patriotism being a refuge for scoundrels: I say, "Thank God for patriots. It is because of them you can write and publish such stuff." They died for that privilege.

If it is not worth giving up some personal freedoms to make it safe to travel on public transportation, breathe the air, open the mail, attend mass gatherings, then I highly suggest that you do yourself and all of us citizens a great service and find a country where you can have your kind of freedom.

Yet, there is one hope, even for hatred as you harbor. That is Jesus, who offers forgiveness for your sins and hope for eternity just for believing and asking.

WILLIAM SPAIN  
Twin Falls

### LETTER

**Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

**Mallard Fillmore** By Bruce Tinsley

# LETTERS

### God said don't practice sorcery

I fail to recognize how so many ignorant people out there can not understand that J.K. Rowling's novels are fictitious and meant for entertainment. I hardly think that people are going to quit and attempt to cast spells and

### curse people.

When God said do not practice sorcery, he did not ever once say, "DON'T read about it." ATZ GREGORY B. MALBERG San Diego, Calif. (Editor's note: Gregory Malberg is a native of Filer and currently serving in the Navy stationed in San Diego.)

### Mountain lion story hit home

Hi. Just a note to tell you that the story about the mountain lion (Dec. 27- Outdoors) was wonderful, and just reading it, I could picture the whole scene he

was experiencing. Being as I mostly grew up in Idaho - Idaho Falls and also lived in Twin Falls - I know just what he is talking about concerning the beauty of the state of Idaho. I also am a transplant from the east coast - SHARON MITCHELL Great Falls, Mont.

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The storms, the first to hit Sydney since the fire crisis started a week ago, also brought strong winds that fanned flames. A new outbreak threatened homes in the small town of Hilltop, 50 miles southwest of Sydney, forcing the evacuation of as many as 1,000 people.

Some forecasters said the storms would produce little rain and that dry Outback winds and temperatures approaching 100 degrees would return Tuesday.

About 150 homes have been destroyed and thousands of acres of forest and farmland blackened by the fires during the past week.

Officials said more than half of the 100 blazes across New South Wales State have been lit by arsonists. Police have arrested six people. Other fires started when lightning hit tinder-dry forest, said state fire chief Phil Koperberg.

Thick smoke choked Sydney, a city of more than 4 million, which had fires on its northern, western and southern perimeters.

"It roars when the wind blows so hard. Now I know why they are called wildfires," said Glenda Youngman, who watched firefighters stop 23-foot flames from engulfing her home in Springwood, 50 miles west of Sydney.

Fires also raged near Australia's national capital, Canberra. The latest flared Monday morning at Mt. Painter, just north of the city.

Australia's forests are dominated by eucalyptus and other oil-bearing trees that burn easily, but regenerate quickly after fires.

Despite the destruction, officials said an annual massive fireworks display will go ahead in

Sydney to mark the New Year. Fires have come within 12 miles of downtown Sydney where smoke has set off fire alarms and obscured landmarks, including the opera house and bridge, which is to be used as a launching platform for hundreds of skyrockets.

Normally, almost 1 million people cram vantage points around Sydney to watch the New Year's fireworks. But many say the view

will be obscured this time and that pyrotechnic smoke will only add to record air pollution levels. There are also fears that stray fireworks might spark new fires in bushes that hug the harbor's shores.

Nevertheless, state Premier Bob Carr said the show would go on.

"It is a signature for Sydney that is seen around the world," he said.



The Sydney Harbor Bridge is barely visible at noon on Sunday as the entire city of Sydney, Australia, normally visible to the left of the bridge, is engulfed in smoke because of the brush fire that have been burning all over New South Wales for more than a week.

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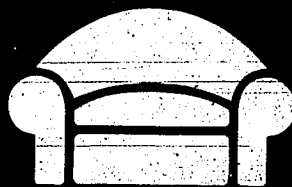
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## Fireworks explosion kills 18 in China

**BEIJING** (AP) — Explosions at two Chinese fireworks factories killed a total of 18 people and injured 85 others, state media said Monday.

The deaths came as China's fireworks industry, where fatal accidents are common, steps up production for lunar new year festivities. Chinese set off millions of firecrackers on the holiday, which this year begins Feb. 12.

Nine people were killed Saturday when a boiler holding raw materials exploded at a fireworks factory in the southern city of Yulin, the Xinhua News Agency said. Yulin is about 250 miles west of Hong Kong in the Guangxi region, one of China's poorest areas.

Pieces of the boiler were found up to 350 feet away from the factory, which had 2,100 employees, Xinhua said. It said 25 people were injured.

China's fireworks industry employs hundreds of thousands of people, many in poor areas. Much of the work is done by hand.

In the second disaster, a series of seven or eight explosions Sunday ripped apart a rural factory in Jiangxi province, killing nine people and injuring 60, news reports said.

The area is about 800 miles south of Beijing.

Photos in the newspaper Beijing Evening News showed firefighters picking through the smoking rubble of the factory, which was knocked flat.

Jiangxi is a center for fireworks production, with much of the work done by hand in small workshops or at home in poor villages.

An explosion in March in another part of Jiangxi destroyed a schoolhouse and killed at least 42 people, most of them children.

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SERVICES

Elko commissioners elect new chairman

Fannie May Branch of Twin Falls, Idaho, memorial celebration of her life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel...

Ward LDS Church on Main Street in Buhl; friends may call from 7-8:30 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl and one hour before the service at the church; burial will follow in the Buhl Cemetery.

Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 1274 S. 300 W., Twin Falls; burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1274 S. 300 W., Paul; burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

By Karen Terrell Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — Electing a new chairman will be the first order of business when the Elko County Commission meets this week at the courthouse.

Meeting Elko County commissioners will meet Wednesday afternoon in Room 105 of the County Courthouse. The meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m. each day and are open to the public.

vides for one satellite office and it must be located in a county-owned building. The county maintains no buildings in Wendover, said Commissioner Mike Nannini.

Commissioner Mike Nannini, who represents Wells, said the idea was the "answer to a problem we have been working on for a long time" and readily endorsed the plan.

The idea was tabled, however, after Commissioner John Ellison questioned how the service would impact the salary of the Elko municipal court judge.

County Commissioner Cash Miner noted that a Wells office would have "no significant impact" on the Elko judge's salary.

In other matters to come before the commission are reports from the tower to Boris Iq, Jackpot and Montello and a host of committees. The commission will also discuss the quarterly budget report for county entities.

Commissioners will also consider a request from Jeff Bloom to carry over more than the allowed 240 hours of accrued vacation leave because of a misunderstanding of county policy.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obit@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

BURLEY



Daniel Ross

Daniel Ross, 12-year-old Burley resident, died at his home on Friday, December 28, 2001, in a playing accident.

Daniel was the oldest of the three children who operated the Kids Garden Stand in Burley, Idaho. Daniel was born at home July 4th, 1989, in Boca de Yuma, Dominican Republic and moved with his parents to Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1990 and then back to Burley to his family's home at the time he was 10 years old.

Daniel was just an ordinary average boy in school but when it came to his garden he excelled above all. He was a lover of his plants and deeply enjoyed caring for his plants and chickens. Daniel was a true son of our community. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Montgomery Institute in care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th Street, Burley, Idaho, 83318.

A memorial service will be held for Daniel at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2002, at the Grace Community Church, 100 North Meridian in Rupert.

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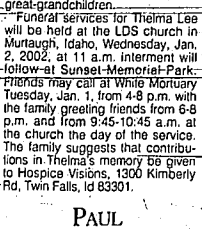


Thelma Marie Lee

Thelma Marie Lee died December 29, 2001, at the age of 95 at Heritage Retirement Home, Born March 20, 1906, in Spring City, Utah, to Claus and Katie Clawson. Thelma was the oldest of four children.

She was preceded in death by her husband LaRoy Lee, son Kenneth Lee, brother Jim Clawson, her stepmother, LeRoy Lee, on Sept. 3, 1923. Their marriage was later solemnized on Nov. 24, 1930 at the Salt Lake City Temple.

PAUL



Thelma S. Widmair

Thelma Sanford Widmair, 80-year-old Paul resident, died Friday, December 28, 2001, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 14, 1921, in Paul, Idaho, the youngest child of Cyrus Gilbert and Mary Matilda Wheeler Sanford. She had three other brothers, Bill, Bud and Ray. She attended Lincoln Elementary School and graduated from Paul High School. Following graduation, she attended Albion State Normal School. She married Robert Oliver Widmair on December 27, 1939, in Burley.

Her musical talent was an integral part of her life. She played the piano her whole life starting when she was eight years old. She played in the Paul City Band and with Bill and Jackie Martin. Her musical talent was enjoyed by many. She most recently was the accompanist for the Variations Singing Group. Mom was an accomplished artist, painting landscape and floral paintings for family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Robert; two sons, Kirk Widmair and Michael Widmair; one grandson, Cyrus Widmair; and her three brothers.

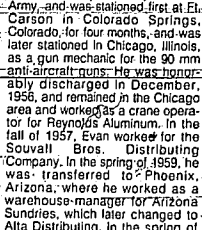
The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 2, 2002, at the Emerson First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 127 South 950 West, of Paul, with Bishop Scott Stevenson officiating. Inurnment will follow at the Paul Cemetery.

WEWENDELL

Evan Stanley Jensen

Evan Stanley Jensen, 66, of Wendell, Idaho, died of cancer on December 28, 2001, at his home with his family.

BUHL



Paul Donald Holdeman

Paul Donald Holdeman was born to Monroe and Emma-Kuepfer Holdeman on April 13, 1920, at Harrison, Michigan. He peacefully passed away at his home surrounded by his family on December 28, 2001, reaching the age of 81 years, 8 months and 15 days.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and served in many different positions throughout his life. He was a Ward Athletic Director, Deacon's Quorum Advisor, Finance Clerk, Ward Clerk, Counselor in the Elder's Quorum, Secretary to the Bishop, and a Sunday school teacher. He was also a member of the Bishopric, Stake Missionary, and Assistant High Priest Group Leader.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, brothers Ralph Jensen and Ross Jensen, two nieces, and two nephews. The funeral service will be held on January 2, 2002, at the Buhl First Ward LDS Church on Main Street in Buhl, Idaho, at 11 a.m., with Bishop David F. Fingore presiding. Friends may call at the Buhl Cemetery Chapel in Buhl, Idaho, on January 1, 2002, from 7-8:30 p.m., and one hour prior to the service at the Buhl Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

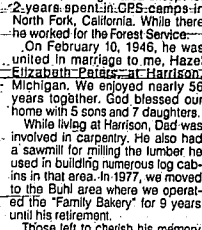
The family would like to extend a special word of gratitude to the staff of Idaho Hospice and Home Care in lieu of flowers. The family requests that donations be made to the Idaho Hospice organization. Also, thanks to Dr. Robert Ward and the nursing, Laurie and the nursing staff at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital for the kind and compassionate care given to Dad during his illness. Also, special thanks to the many friends and colleagues who gave of their time and spirit to comfort and care for Evan and his family. Your kindness has not gone unnoticed.

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BUHL



Katie Metz

Katie Metz, age 105, of Buhl, Idaho, died December 29, 2001. Katie was born Oct. 26, 1896, at Eureka, S.D., to Gottlieb and Frederica Sandau. And in 1904, she came to Kulm, N.D., with her parents and they settled on a farm eight miles southwest of Kulm, and that is where Katie grew up until she got married to Theodore Metz on Dec. 12, 1917, at Kulm, N.D.

Following their marriage, they lived and farmed around the Kulm area. Until they retired and moved to Kulm which was in 1952. Katie was employed by the Kulm school as a cook for eight years. Her husband Ted died Oct. 26, 1967. So in Nov. 1977, Katie sold her belongings and her house and moved to Renton, WA, to be closer to her family. She had an apartment in the home of her daughter, Sylvia and John Lieske for 13 years. Then in 1977, Katie sold her belongings and her house and moved to Renton, WA, to be closer to her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted and three sons, Willard Metz, Loyd Metz and Eloy Metz and six brothers and five sisters.

Katie has 28 grandchildren and about 34 great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren. The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl. Funeral arrangements are made by Farmer's Funeral Chapel.

Goodwill donors collect receipts

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Extended New Year's Eve hours at the Goodwill Store to accommodate people hurrying to make last-minute donations was a sure sign that thoughts were beginning to turn from holidays to the future.

"It's a tax write-off and a lot of people take advantage of it," said Lorri Weniger, a Goodwill employee. Weniger said the week after Christmas is one of the biggest

times of the year for donations. Sometimes they clean out surprising items, including Thomas Kinkadee paintings, furs and jewelry, Weniger said.

Donors generally ask for receipts, they can declare tax deductions. "Some people bring in one pair of shoes and ask for a receipt," said David Sever, who was working the drop-off trailer in the Goodwill parking lot.

DEATH NOTICES

Paul William McKinnon

HAGERMAN — Paul William McKinnon, 70, of Hagerman, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, in Hagerman.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Rodney I. Wiase

JEROME — Rodney I. Wiase, 63, of Jerome died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Services are pending and will be announced by Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Lois Olds

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Lois Olds, of Carson City, Nev. and formerly of Jerome died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, in Carson City.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Clara Marie Emma Lierman

TWIN FALLS — Clara Marie Emma Lierman, 87, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

HOSPITAL

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER. Some names are omitted at the patient's request.

Admitted Glenn Carpenter of Twin Falls, Curtis Callen of Twin Falls and James Edwards of Kimberly.

Dismissed Melissa James of Twin Falls, Robert Perrine of Hansen and Gary Sringer of Filer.

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# M-C groups wait for awards announcements

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News Writer

RUPERT — Tammy Hanks and the Mini-Cassia HealthNet Coalition are waiting patiently to hear if they are the brightest star.

The organization was nominated by Rupert Mayor Audrey Newerth, along with Earl Corless, as finalists for Gov. Dick Kempthorne's Brightest Star awards.

The award is new this year. Hanks said, the winner in each category — individual, business and organization — will earn \$5,000.

If HealthNet is chosen as the winner, Hanks said, a good portion of the award money will be given to the Lunch Buddy program that has begun in Mini-Cassia schools.

Currently, HealthNet is funding the program with about \$3,000. With more funding, more students could participate, Hanks said.

"We have more kids than we have funds," she said.

Six students from each participating high school and junior high are currently participating in the program, but more than 50 students have been trained and are ready, Hanks said.

Minico, Burley, Declo, Raft River and Oakley high schools are all participating, as well as East and West Minico junior highs and Burley Junior High.

The Lunch Buddy program pairs a high school or junior high student with an at-risk elementary student to eat lunch together regularly.

The Brightest Star awards will be given away annually, said a press release from the governor's office. Anonymous charitable foundations have contributed to the prize money.

Nominations were submitted to mayors, who picked a finalist in each category. The finalists were submitted to the governor

by Nov. 1. Awards will be announced in January, Hanks said.

Kempthorne, in the press release, said these awards would recognize "those caring people, organizations and businesses that dedicate their time to guiding young people. These Idahoans are a constant, positive influence that lifts up the lives of families and children."

Newerth said Corless has been active in getting youth involved with the demolition and renovation of the Wilson Theater and Building. HealthNet does many things in helping youth be involved in the community as well.

Both Corless and HealthNet have done a lot to help youth do things to improve themselves, Newerth said.

Mayor Cleo Cheney and the city of Heyburn sent their three names to the governor for consideration as well. The nomination for an individual was Nancy Kunau, principal at Heyburn Elementary School; for a group the nomination was awarded to the Heyburn Lions Club and the nomination for a business was United Electric Co-op.

The Heyburn Economic Development Committee submitted the names and Cheney endorsed each one. They have been sent to the governor for consideration, Cheney said.

The committee chose Kunau for her dedication to teaching and helping the community's children. The Lions Club was chosen for its work in getting eyeglasses to those who need them and United Electric Co-op was chosen because of its continued support of schools.

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# Burley's new mayor will take oath

BURLEY — Burley's new mayor and re-elected council members will take the oath of office at Wednesday's City Council meeting.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the council chambers in City Hall. It is open to the public.

Mayor-elect Jon Anderson is expected to submit the names of a new council member for council approval at Wednesday's meeting.

A vacancy will exist on the council once Anderson assumes

the mayor's seat because he was in the middle of his four-year council term when he defeated incumbent Mayor Doug Manning in the November election. The appointed council person will serve a two-year term. Anderson said Friday he did not plan to announce his nominee prior to Wednesday's meeting.

The new mayor will appoint a city attorney and city clerk Wednesday as well. Those appointments are made each time residents elect a new

mayor, City Clerk Melanie Haynes said.

Council members will also elect a council president from among themselves.

More discussion is pegged to occur about the Wal-Mart traffic agreement, and the council will hear an economic development report from Michelle McFarland of the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Council.

City Administrator Mark Milton is to discuss classification pay levels for city employees and

to present the council with bids submitted for city roads.

City Attorney Randy Stone will discuss a settlement with Idaho Construction and a gas easement.

In addition, the council will consider approving a \$100,000 building permit for Chatswick Property to remodel the building at 139 W. Main St. into a restaurant and sports bar.

A closed executive session to discuss a legal and real estate matter is also listed on the agenda.

# Commission works on transportation plan

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News Writer

BURLEY — Burley Highway District Chairman Gaylen Smyer and engineer Stephen Freiburger presented a list of the necessary ingredients for a county transportation plan to Cassia County commissioners Monday.

"This is an outline of a transportation plan. It's what the basic document would consist of," Freiburger told county officials.

There are no guidelines or rules yet included in the plan. The roads board, the planning and zoning commission, highway district officials and other interested parties will fill in the details if the project is approved, County Administrator Tim Hurst said.

The outline calls for data collection on population projections,

land uses, road and intersection layouts, major traffic generators, accident histories and demographics. This information would be used to create a model of the county road network, which would help county officials prioritize where improvements or new roads should be made, Freiburger said.

Because counties with transportation plans are favored for grant funds, the plan would also give local road projects a better chance of receiving federal aid, he said.

The plan will help the planning and zoning commission determine if existing roads can handle increased traffic from proposed developments, Commissioner Paul Christensen said.

Implementing the plan would cost \$153,500, Freiburger estimated. A federal grant supports transportation plans would

cover all but \$11,300, he said. The application for the grant is due Feb. 1.

The commissioners agreed to send letters to the organizations in charge of local roads in the county and ask for their commitment to cooperate with the plan.

In other business Monday, the commissioners reviewed a land exchange between the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Six S Ranch. The ranch received 520 acres of public land south of Declo and in exchange gave the BLM an exclusive road easement and fee title on 480 acres of land east of Idaho Road. The easement gives the BLM ownership of the Coc Creek Road.

The commissioners agreed to sell 17 acres of land at the Albion waste transfer station to the Idaho Transportation

Department for \$730. The transportation department will use the land to build part of the new, realigned Albion highway. The sale of the land will not affect the transfer station, Christensen said.

Commissioners authorized partial payment from a federal grant to the Oakley Valley Water Company. The company will use the money to upgrade its water systems. Oakley Valley officials have proposed replacing the existing water mains, which lie in the highway rights of way and easements.

This will be of greater impact to the Oakley Highway District than to us," Christensen said.

Water mains lie beneath the roads so fire hydrants are easily accessible.

Commissioners renewed beer licenses for Rite Aid and United Oil in Burley.

# New fence guards headgates of Klamath project

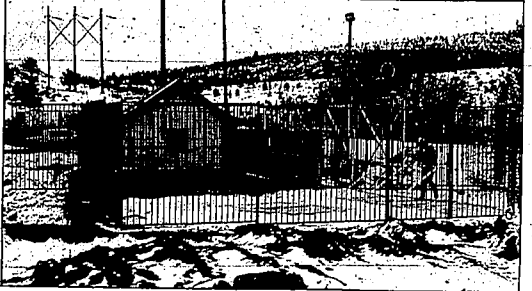
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP) — A new security fence, video cameras and motion detectors are taking the place of federal police guarding the headgates of the Klamath Reclamation Project irrigation system.

The \$90,000 security system was completed last week around the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation structure that became the center of protests last summer over restricting irrigation water to farms to conserve water for threatened and endangered fish, spokesman Dave Jones said Monday.

Contract security guards will remain through mid-January, when a final decision will be made on relying solely on the fence, cameras and motion detectors to protect the headgates, Jones said.

The security system went up after protesters met with authorities the day after the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and said they would pull out to allow the federal government to concentrate on fighting terrorism.

The bureau spent about



A new security fence surrounds the Canal headgates in Klamath Falls, Ore., Thursday. The headgates were the site of prolonged protests last summer.

\$750,000 guarding the headgates from July 14 through Sept. 26, when federal police left the site.

Bureau spokesman Dave Jones said he was not aware of any breaches of the security system.

"We are hoping for a very peaceful new year," said Jones. "The snowpack building up in the

Siskiyou and the area there gives us every hope this will not be another contentious year, that we have enough water to meet both the environmental obligations we have as well as our longstanding relations with the farmers who depend on that water."

Due to last winter's drought,

there was not enough water to supply farmers after meeting Endangered Species Act requirements for endangered suckers in Upper Klamath Lake, the project's primary reservoir, and threatened coho salmon in Klamath River, which drains the region.

# Opponents continue battle against proposed plant

BONNERS FERRY (AP) — Plans for a Boundary County waste-to-energy plant are in limbo, but opponents still hope to kill the idea and turn their county into a model for waste reduction.

When the Kootenai Tribe announced plans to build a 20-megawatt power plant fueled by trash last spring, Mike and Linda Richardson fretted about their property value.

"As a good idea, we just didn't want it by us, because it's industrial," said Richardson, a self-employed artist. "But I turned against it after we started researching it and finding out what the industry's like and the problems."

"The pollution would be a real bad thing for the whole county," Supporters, including the mayor and county commissioners, saw it as a way to bring good-paying jobs to the county while offsetting a shortage of landfill space. They were assured by the

tribe that an environmental impact statement would be conducted, and that the plant would provide a valuable source of renewable energy.

The tribe estimated the proposed state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly plant would provide 34 full-time jobs and consume 200,000 tons of waste per year. The \$22 million project was to be financed primarily through private dollars, with the help of federal grants and \$1.5 million in tribal cash.

But critics remained concerned about air pollution. Just as a group called Boundary County Concerned Citizens was about to bring an internationally known critic of incinerators to town, the tribe announced in August that it was changing its proposal to a biomass incinerator that would burn only wood waste.

Steve Carwood, the tribe's business manager, said the project also was put on hold for a year.

# Ranch

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lingering reputation. The police took Ashley to jail and locked up his gun. When Crowe heard of the incident, he came straight to the jail and demanded Ashley's freedom and the return of the gun.

"He knew I hadn't done it," Ashley said. The sheriff released Ashley but said Ashley was unreliable and he couldn't give the gun back. Crowe looked the sheriff straight in the eye and said slowly, "You're not listening to me. I'm in charge of this boy now, I want the gun." The sheriff started to say something, then turned, and unlocked the rifle.

"I was stunned. That was it, right there, in the jail, I had it back the first time in my life anyone had stood up for me. Without a father, I'd never had anyone who would take my side," Ashley said.

Sometime in 1950 or 1960, Ashley made his first foray into what would become a lifelong passion. In his spare time, he welded together pieces of steel — metal — pipe and fencing — to build the body of a little car. He traded his saddle for a motor and found a set of red soap box derby wheels. The car ran well. He started his first time on the road. He started in the town of 15 miles to town before he ran out of gas.

"I knew I wasn't supposed to go into town, but the car kept going, and I didn't want to stop," Ashley said. As he rolled into town, a photographer snapped his picture. The next day, the shot was in the Times-News. It would not be the last time a vehicle he built made the newspaper.

# Life beyond the ranch

When Crowe and Ashley decided it was time for him to leave the ranch, he enrolled in Boise Junior College, now Boise State University. He worked his way through school doing the hard labor he had learned on the farm: stacking logs at a sawmill, welding and laying.

He spent some time working for the father of the student body president, a pretty young woman named Delores Dalrymple. Ashley courted her and they married in their senior year. Delores and Ron Ashley both found jobs, she at the Internal Revenue Service and he as a sales representative for the American Tobacco Company. On the weekends, Ashley would weld metal into the shape of cars. He built three cars that took National Hot Rod Association records in three different classes. In 1970, Ashley and a pair of friends pooled their money to build the

Firebird Raceway in Boise, but Ashley's love was building and racing cars, not hawking tickets. He sold his share of the raceway to his partners in 1971.

For a while Ashley worked selling aluminum-framed windows. It seemed like good business and he decided to "fire up" his own store. In 1976, with the help of two partners, he fired up Ashley Glass and, encouraged by its success, opened Boise windows in 1987.

# The Youth Ranch today

Ashley has served on the Idaho Youth Ranch Board since 1996. He is not reticent to give the story of his past when he thinks it might help other children.

"I saved my bacon, absolutely. There is no question in my mind, I wouldn't have ended up where I am if I hadn't gone to the Idaho Youth Ranch," Ashley said.

He realizes the ranch cannot help everyone. When he worked up on one of the boys who had been at the ranch with him, Ashley found he had just been released from Oregon State Prison. But Ashley believes all children are worthy of a fresh start.

The Youth Ranch now takes in youth, both boys and girls, for nine months. Ashley says it would be better if they could stay longer but he also knows it

may be more realistic to take in more students for a shorter period.

The ranch facilities have been much improved since he left. There is a gym, a climbing wall and accommodations for more than 50 youth. The ranch has five other homes across the state: the Anchor House in Coeur D'Alene, the Nampa Boys Home, the Hayes Shelter Home and Emancipation Home in Boise and the Harbor House in Idaho Falls. Curtis Stewart, the Rupert facility manager said.

Though J.R. Crowe has retired, the principles of the ranch remain the same. The youth there still spend much of their time outside working with animals and, just as Ashley was allowed to weld, the students have many opportunities for play, Stewart said.

Having built his family and a successful career in Idaho, Ashley has the connections and the respect to be a highly effective member of the board. "He has always asked, 'How can I help, what can I do for you?' This is a great opportunity for him to give something back," Jones said.

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# CSI

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grams, cabinetworking, aquaculture, drafting, electronics, veterinary technology, law enforcement, welding and heating, refrigeration and air conditioning.

The schedule also contains all of the Community Education Center's non-credit enrichment programs such as art, computers, investing and other personal pursuits. Schedules and descriptions of the college's new PC Prep course, evening computer classes and academic classes are included, along with maps and registration instructions.

# Snow

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pack yet to deliver everyone their full share of water in the 2002 water season, Beus said. But weather trends so far have been favorable, he said.

Near-normal snowpack and stream flows are needed this winter to provide an adequate water supply during the 2002 irrigation season, says the Idaho Water Supply Outlook Report by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Normal precipitation levels will provide enough water for only one irrigation season. Several years of above-normal winter and spring precipitation are needed to recharge soil mois-

The spring 2002 semester begins on Tuesday, Jan. 22, as the previous Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which is observed by CSI. New students are encouraged to see a counselor at the Records Office on the second floor of the Taylor Building as soon as possible to enroll for the classes they want. All CSI offices will be open for regular business hours Wednesday. Returning students may register online by going to the CSI Web site at www.csi.edu and using the student ID and PIN numbers they were issued when they first registered.

ture, fill reservoirs and replenish storage water in the reservoirs, now nearly dry, the report says. Even though the pinch of below-average precipitation was not felt until 2001, the drought may have started in July 1999 after the snow melted, the NRCS report says. Reservoir storage helped many irrigators make it through the 2001 irrigation season. Only about six of the past 28 months have seen normal precipitation.

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MORNING BREAK

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39 Parking or vacant lot	547	548	549	550	551	552	553	554	555	556	557	558	559	560
40 East	561	562	563	564	565	566	567	568	569	570	571	572	573	574
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# Try to seize each day and make it your own

**DEAR READERS:** My New Year's column has become an annual tradition. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Al-Anon with the addition of some variations of my own.

Just for today, I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality.

I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

Just for today, I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abigail VanBuren

something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and not speak ill of others.

I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll try not to improve anybody except myself.

Just for today, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight,



WEST

# Wyoming's Red Desert: Environmental battleground

FARSON, Wyo. (AP) — In the 1870s, Jack Morrow had a reputation in the mining towns of the West as a hard-drinking thief and swindler. He even killed a man in a gunfight.



AP Photo

The hills in southwestern Wyoming's Red Desert that bear his name are unforgiving in their harsh climate and isolation. And they are the subject of a rancorous battle among ranchers, environmentalists, oil and gas companies, hunters and others.

The Jack Morrow Hills, which lie mostly on federal land, have become a testing ground of two Bush-administration commitments: opening more of the Rocky Mountains to drilling and protecting America's natural treasures.

In 1935, then-Wyoming Gov. Leslie Miller proposed the area as a national park and in 1961 Congress mullied creating a national monument. Today, environmentalists are again advocating some type of federal protection.

With pressure to develop more domestic energy, drilling companies say that locking up the area would deprive America of large reserves of oil and natural gas.

About 150 wells have already been drilled in the hills. Debate heated up last year when the U.S. Bureau of Land Management concluded that 65 more could be squeezed in.

Bruce Babbitt paid a visit in his last days as interior secretary and announced that he was rejecting the BLM plan and ordering the agency to adopt an alternative that leans more toward conservation.

President Clinton had already used the 1906 Antiquities Act to create 19 monuments and expand three others, protecting 5.9 million acres. Babbitt's move was seen by industry and Wyoming officials as another way the Clinton administration sought to squirrel away Western lands.

But Clinton did not create a monument out of the Jack Morrow Hills because he was not allowed to. Federal law prevents any new national monuments in Wyoming without congressional approval.

The law was enacted in 1950 as a compromise when Grand Teton National Park was enlarged over

A natural gas well site next to the Killpecker Sand Dunes in the Jack Morrow Hills area of Wyoming's Red Desert on June 15, 2001. The Bureau of Land Management is studying whether more wells can be drilled in the area without harming the environment. Conservation groups and some residents and businesses oppose more development.

the objections of Jackson Hole ranchers and state officials.

Stewart Udall, interior secretary from 1960-69, tipped off Babbitt about the hills. He said Babbitt's order was the only option the administration had to protect the area in a state with a seemingly unquenchable thirst for mineral tax revenue.

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"I feel sorry for Wyoming," Udall said. "There's no voice in the government for conservation in Wyoming today. My friend (former Wyoming Sen.) Al Simpson used to have a sense of restraint on some things. But I don't hear those things now. It's let'er rip."

Indeed, man's presence is evident throughout the hills: cellular towers dot high ridges and scars from buried pipelines and cattle trails cross the area.

But because the Red Desert is so vast and underpopulated, many signs of humankind go

unnoticed. Breathtaking vistas of towering buttes, volcanic formations and the largest shifting sand dunes in North America still abound.

Proponents of more drilling say the area is so wide open that a few more wells will not spoil the view nor harm herds of elk, mule deer, antelope and wild horses that roam the high desert.

"We honestly believe that we can have a balance between environmental protection and economic growth. We do it all the time," said Dr. Dru Borer, vice president of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming. "There is a tremendous gas reserve in the Jack Morrow Hills, and we don't believe it should be withdrawn or excluded from development."

Mac Blewer, of the Lander-based Wyoming Outdoor Council, said too much of the 4.5

million-acre Red Desert has already been developed, and enough is enough.

"It's a world-class landscape," he said. "You can go from red-rock country into a sea of sagebrush and then into a landscape resembling Saudi Arabia. I know of no place in America where you can do that."

"Where do we draw the line in the sand and say this is inappropriate? What landscapes do we further have to sacrifice?"

The hills draw not only drilling interests but mountain and dirt bikers, hunters, anglers, backpackers, horseback riders, rock climbers and photographers.

American Indians want protection of their ancestors' religious sites while paleontologists value

the abundant fossils. Historians advocate preserving storied South Pass and other remnants of the Oregon, California and Mormon Pioneer trails which pass through the hills.

Scott Krier, of Larkspur, Colo., prefers the area not be roped off. "It needs to be a happy medium for everybody and it seems like a lot of environmentalists push for either their way or no way," he said while stopping to ride his all-terrain vehicle at the dunes during a vacation.

Charged with the thankless task of striking a balance among this milieu of competing interests is the BLM, which has been studying a 622,000-acre area encompassing the hills for four years.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“It nearly seems like I don't belong there in the company of icons, to be honest with you.”

”

—Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden on being mentioned in the same breath as his idol Bear Bryant. With a victory in today's Gator Bowl, Bowden will equal Bryant on the all-time victories list.

### IN BRIEF

#### Times-News deadline moved up for holiday

We are unable to include reports on several Monday events because of holiday deadlines. See Wednesday's Times-News for complete coverage.

#### Big Country to miss season due to back pain

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Grizzlies center Bryant Reeves will miss the rest of the season because of chronic back pain.

Reeves, the team's career leader in games played, has degenerative discs and has not played during the regular season. He appeared briefly during preseason.

Reeves averaged 12.5 points and 6.9 rebounds in his first six NBA seasons, all with the Grizzlies. He is the Grizzlies' career leader with 395 games played. He was the first player drafted by the team, taken sixth overall in the 1995 draft.

#### NBA suspends, fines 76ers' Coleman for throwing punch

NEW YORK — Derrick Coleman of the Philadelphia 76ers was suspended for one game without pay and fined \$7,500 on Monday for throwing a punch at Karl Malone.

Philadelphia coach Larry Brown, who complained about the officiating, also was fined \$2,500 by the NBA.

Coleman will miss the 76ers' game Wednesday at Phoenix.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



### SALT LAKE 2002



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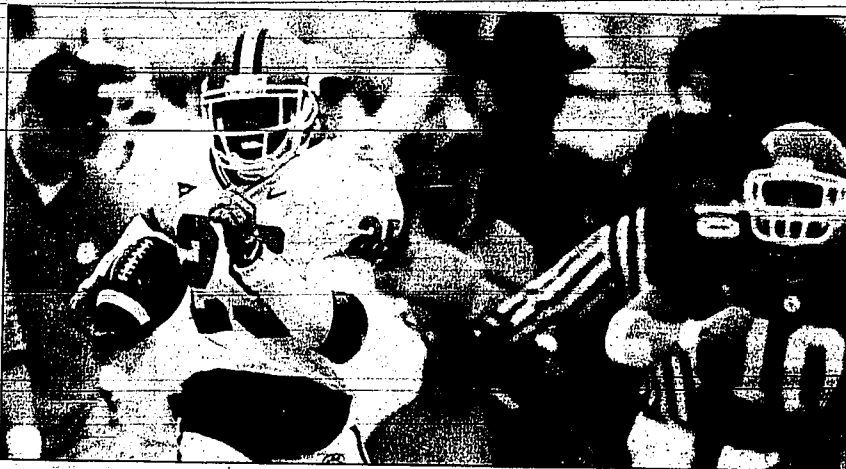
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Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: Not even 7 feet of snow can keep the Olympic torch out of Buffalo. The five-day snowstorm that dumped nearly 83 inches on Buffalo did not derail the torch tour from this city.

The torch was expected to arrive in Buffalo on Monday night, spend the night there and then continue through the city on Tuesday. Soccer Joe Mesi is expected to be the torch's last bearer this year. Mesi will accept the torch at 11:53 p.m. Monday and carry it to Roosevelt Square downtown, where fireworks will mark the beginning of 2002.

# Clemson Dantzes



## Tigers wallop La. Tech in H-Bowl behind Dantzer's 4-TD performance

By Joe Sunnen  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Clemson quarterback Woody Dantzer might want to look into getting the patent rights to his athletic ability. It's going to make him a millionaire.

The senior marketing major and early-season Heisman Trophy candidate finished 15 for 23 for 218 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Tigers past Louisiana Tech 49-28 in the Humanitarian Bowl at Bronco Stadium in Boise on Monday.

"Louisiana Tech is a very good football team," Clemson coach Tommy Bowden said. "We struggled with the offense a little bit but it was a good win. I don't know if it was our best game or not."

The game capped a stellar career for Dantzer, who became the first player in college football history to pass for more than 2,000 yards and rush for more than 1,000 yards in a single season.

"Woody performed like he has all year," Bowden said. "He's hard to hem up. And when you're trying to hem him up, you usually leave yourself vulner-



Top, Clemson wide receiver Roscoe Crosby (25) leaves Louisiana Tech defensive back Michael John Lonard (10) behind as he heads for the goal line to score on the pass play during the second quarter of the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise on Monday. Left, Clemson linebacker John Leake sacks Louisiana Tech quarterback Luke McCown during the second quarter.

able." With the Bulldogs concentrating on Dantzer, junior-running back Bernard Rambert was able to gain a career-high 102 yards on mostly straight dive plays. Louisiana Tech also struggled after starting safety Bobby Gray left the game in the first quarter with a strained medial collateral ligament in his knee.

"That hurt a lot," Louisiana Tech senior Jason Olford said.

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## Chargers fire unsuccessful Riley

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Mike Riley was fired as coach of the San Diego Chargers on Monday after ending the season with a nine-game losing streak that left him 14-34 in three seasons.

Riley, who never held an NFL job before being hired by then-general manager Bobby Beathard in January 1999, was fired by GM John Butler hours after the Chargers lost 25-22 to Seattle, finishing the collapse that left them with a 5-11 record. San Diego's season is finished because it has a bye the final week.

"It just came down to the bottom line, and that's winning football games," Butler said at a news conference.

"Unfortunately, that didn't take place as much as we'd hoped this year and in previous years."

While Butler and team president Dean Spanos were grimaced, Riley was his usual pleasant self when he met with reporters a short time later.

When asked what he accomplished, Riley said: "I don't know, but I did it my way. I treated people the way I wanted to, and I coached the team the way I



San Diego Chargers coach Mike Riley is escorted from the field after the Chargers 25-22 defeat to the Seattle Seahawks Sunday in San Diego. Riley and the Chargers lost their final nine games and Riley was fired just hours after their last defeat.

wanted to. I feel good about that."

After Butler and Spanos told Riley he was fired, Riley said he thanked Spanos for the opportunity to coach in the NFL.

"The best deal in a thing like this is to be grateful," Riley said. "I told Dean Spanos, 'Not many people get a chance like this.'"

The only coach from Riley's staff who will be retained is offensive coordinator Norv Turner, who has three years left on his contract. Butler was non-committal when asked if Turner would be considered for head coach.

Turner coached the Washington Redskins for eight seasons until being fired in December 2000. The Chargers hired Turner last Jan. 9.

The Chargers will pay the final two years of Riley's contract, at \$750,000 a year. The contracts for the rest of the staff expire at the end of January.

The Chargers will be searching for their fourth head coach since the popular and successful Bobby Ross was forced out following the 1996 season in a power struggle with Beathard. Butler, Buffalo's GM from 1993-2000, has surrounded himself with former Bills players and front-office personnel. A possible replacement for Riley is Ted Cottrell, the New York Jets' defensive coordinator-assistant head coach. He was with the Bills from 1994-2000, the last three seasons as defensive coordinator.

## Shades of Terry Bradshaw

By Joe Sunnen  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Just how long has it been since Louisiana Tech played a game of any kind in the snow? Here's a hint: Terry Bradshaw was lining up behind center.

The last time Louisiana Tech took the field with white flakes in the air, the Bulldogs met the University of Akron at the Granite State Rice Bowl in Murfreesboro, Tenn., in 1968.

Louisiana Tech defeated the Zips 33-13.

#### A first time for everything

Clemson University linebacker John Leake picked the right time to collect his first career quarterback sack. The 6-foot-2 sophomore from Plano, Texas, tackled Louisiana Tech quarterback Luke McCown for a loss of nine yards on a first down play at the Tigers' 34-yard line to help stall the Bulldogs' drive at the end of the second half and preserve Clemson's 14-10 lead.

#### Record breakers

Louisiana Tech kicker Josh Scobee became just the fourth player in Bulldog history to score over 100 points in a season when he hit a 29-yard field goal in the first quarter.

Bulldog receiver John Simon also moved into the record books. The senior from Baton Rouge, La., has caught a pass in each of his 47 career games.

#### Goal line stand

Clemson's decision to hand the ball to Chad Jasmin on the Ginch line with a 49-24 lead and 19 seconds to play rather than run out the clock left Louisiana Tech a little angry. The Bulldogs stopped Jasmin short of a touchdown but left Louisiana Tech coach Jack Bicknell upset.

"I wouldn't have done it," Bicknell said. "That's not me. But this isn't Little League and I'm glad we lined up and stopped them."

He also added he was looking forward to meeting Clemson next season. The Bulldogs play Clemson on Sept. 7.

#### Snow ball fight

Fans seated in the end zones threw snowballs at the players when they scored touchdowns. After the game, several Clemson players returned the favor, dousing the Tiger student section with snowballs.

## Notre Dame will possibly

### hire Willingham

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Notre Dame was expected to hire Stanford's Tyrone Willingham as its football coach, possibly as early as late Monday, The Associated Press has learned.

"It's not all wrapped up yet, but he's not all crazy to fly him there if it wasn't set after all that's happened," a source close to the Stanford athletic department said on the condition he not be identified.

Willingham's expected appointment at Notre Dame was first reported Monday by the Santa Barbara News-Press.

Citing a source with close ties to Stanford's football program, the paper said Willingham would fly to Notre Dame to finalize details of a contract.

The Stanford athletic department source also told The AP that Willingham would head for South Bend on Monday for further contract talks.

If hired, Willingham would become the first black head coach in any sport at Notre Dame.

SPORTS

# Cougars drop Purdue

EL PASO, Texas (AP)— Jason Gesser passed for 281 yards and ran for a touchdown Monday to help Washington State rally in the second half for a 33-27 victory over Purdue in the Sun Bowl.

No. 13 Washington State (10-3) trailed 20-17 at halftime, but the Cougars held Purdue scoreless in the second half until the final two minutes.

Purdue (6-6) drew to 33-27 with a 53-yard pass to wide receiver Kyle Orton and recovered the ensuing onside kick. Kick The Boilermakers drove to the Washington State 22 before turning the ball over on downs.

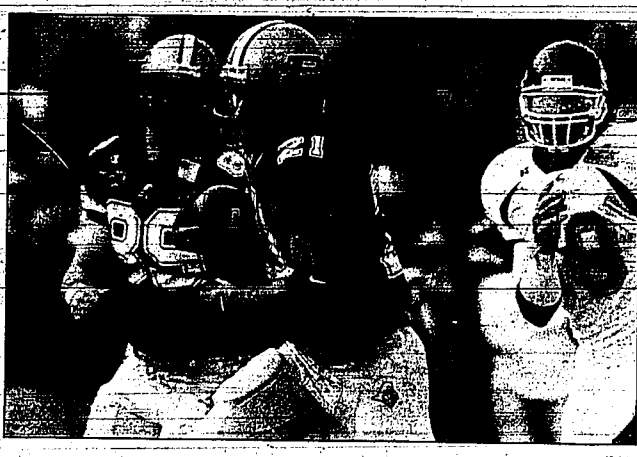
Drew Dunning hit four of four field goal attempts and Nakoa McElath caught five passes for 116 yards as the Cougars won their first bowl game in seven years.

Purdue freshman Kyle Orton was 38 of 74 for 419 yards passing and two touchdowns, but was intercepted four times. Taylor Stubblefield caught nine passes for 196 yards and two touchdowns, and John Standeford caught 12 passes for 103 yards for the Boilermakers.

Purdue was gaining momentum in the second quarter when Orton threw a 65-yard pass to Stubblefield that put the Boilermakers on the Washington State 3-yard line.

Orton threw to Stubblefield again for a touchdown with 1:56 left in the half to tie the score at 17.

The Cougars went three-and-out and Purdue drove to the Washington State 33 where Travis Dorsch kicked a 50-yard field goal with 37 seconds left to

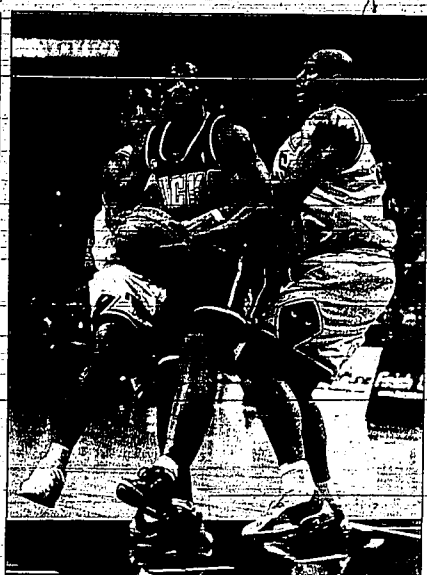


Purdue's Taylor Stubblefield (21) runs for a first down after catching a pass with Washington State's Lamont Thompson in pursuit during the Sun Bowl on Monday in El Paso, Texas. Stubblefield was tackled short of the goal line, setting up a touchdown for Purdue.

give the Boilermakers the half-time lead. Washington State's defense put up their first points in the game when Jason David intercepted a pass and ran it back 45 yards with 13:10 left in the first quarter. The Cougars struck again in the first quarter when Gesser hit Mike Bush on a 46-yard pass to make it 14-0.

Purdue scored 20 points in the second quarter. The Boilermakers got their first score with 12:54 left in the half on Montrell Lowe's 1-yard run. The Cougars scored first in the second half and never trailed again after Dunning kicked a 34-yard field goal with 13:23 left in the third quarter, which tied the score at 20. Gesser ran for a

touchdown from the 1 with 3:04 left in the third quarter to give the Cougars a 27-20 lead. Neither team mounted much of a rushing attack with Purdue running for 32 times for 55 yards and Washington State 27 times for 81 yards. The Cougars' last bowl win came in 1994, when they beat Baylor 10-3 in the Alamo Bowl.



Milwaukee's Rafer Alston drives to the basket between Chicago's Kevin Ollie, left, and Marcus Fizer on Monday in Chicago.

## Bulls win second straight

CHICAGO (AP)— Ron Mercer scored 20 points, and Marcus Fizer had 17 points and a career-high 14 rebounds Monday as the Chicago Bulls beat the Milwaukee Bucks 90-83 to win their second straight game.

The Bulls pulled away late in the fourth as Mercer hit a jumper and Ron Artest made a steal and layup to put the Bulls up 82-76 with 4:22 left.

The Bulls (6-23) improved to 2-0 under coach Bill Cartwright, who took over last week when Tim Floyd resigned. It's the Bulls' first two-game winning streak since last April 17-18, when they beat New Jersey and Philadelphia on the road.

The Bucks unraveled emotionally when Anthony Mason was hit with a technical by referee Marc Davis, and Tim Thomas flopped to the ground in disbelief after getting his fifth foul with 2:52 left.

Milwaukee was without leading scorers Ray Allen and Glenn Robinson, who sat with injuries. Sam Cassell scored 28 to lead the Bucks (18-10), who had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Both teams were sluggish at the start, with the Bucks unable to score a field goal until 5:48 remained in the first quarter. But Cassell hit a 3-pointer and a jumper to put the Bucks ahead 14-11, and Milwaukee led 19-16 after one.

Allen missed his sixth straight game because of left knee tendinitis, and Robinson sat out with a left thigh bruise, which he suffered in the Bucks' game Saturday.

Frustration eventually set in for the Bucks, who were given four technical fouls in the fourth quarter alone, and played the final 2:12 without coach George Karl, who was ejected for arguing a call.

As a junior, he threw for a career-high 434 yards and six touchdowns as the Ducks came from 14 points down in the final 3:21 to beat Arizona State in double overtime, 56-55.

The Ducks also feature a running game that has two 1,000-yard tailbacks. Offensive coordinator Jeff Tedford, who will take over as head coach of California after this game, said Oregon has "a couple of hundred" offensive plays and has 97 to 100 pass plays in every game plan.

# Today's Fiesta Bowl has title-game feel

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)— For the past week, The Associated Press national championship trophy has been on display at every Fiesta Bowl news conference, giving evidence of the implications of today's game.

Not only should the matchup of No. 2 Oregon (10-1) and No. 3 Colorado (10-2) be high-scoring and highly entertaining, but the winner could earn a share of the national title.

Oregon's defense ranked next-to-last in the Pac-10 in defense, allowing 406.5 yards per game, but the Ducks were third in scoring defense, giving up 21.8 per contest. Colorado allows 357.2 yards and 23.3 points per game.

best quarterback we've faced all year," partly because of factors that don't show up in the statistics.

"It feels like a national championship game," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said Monday. "Everything about it feels that way."

"Colorado has a great offense," said Wesly Mallard, the Ducks' aptly named "linebacker." "From the games I've watched on TV, once they get started, they're rolling. It's just going to be up to us to limit their big plays and their big, long runs."

"We give up a lot of yards but don't give up a lot of points, and the last time I checked, it's points that beat you."

Harrington is 21-3 as a starter. Ten times in his career he has rallied his team to victory from a fourth-quarter deficit, four of them this season. His biggest comeback was on the same field where he will end his college career on Tuesday.

This was not what the Bowl Championship Series people intended. There is supposed to be only one championship game — No. 1 Miami No. 4 Nebraska, Thursday in the Rose Bowl.

Not matter the opponent, Oregon's undersized defense plays at least seven or eight plays up on the line to stop the run, leaving its cornerbacks to cover one-on-one. Against Colorado, the Ducks plan to emphasize stopping the run even more.

Bellotti thinks that with two powerful offenses going against each other, the defense that plays the best could determine the outcome.

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"We can't play in the Rose Bowl. That's the reality of it," Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington said. "But we have a great chance to play against the hottest team in the country right now and prove to the rest of the country that we should have been there."

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Barnett believes it might be turnovers. "We won the last two games by creating eight or nine turnovers," Barnett said. "In the two we lost, we turned it over nine times and didn't create any."

The Ducks, who never have had an 11-win season, have the fewest turnovers in college football this season at 11 — five interceptions and six fumbles.

Colorado (10-2) steamrolled into the game with a 62-36 rout

of Nebraska, followed a week later by a 39-37 victory over Texas in the Big 12 title game.

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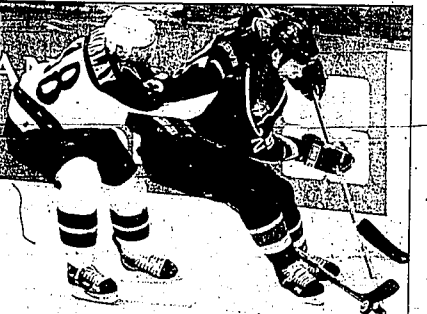
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Atlanta's Yannick Tremblay battles Florida's Viktor Kozlov (25) for control of the puck during their game in Sunrise, Fla., Monday.

## Panthers rally over Thrashers

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP)— Darren Van Impe's power play goal with 10:45 remaining lifted the Florida Panthers to a 4-3 comeback victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Monday.

Darcy Hordichuk was serving a four-minute double-minor high-sticking penalty at the time of the goal.

Van Impe, claimed all waivers from the New York Rangers on Dec. 18, scored his first goal for Florida to give the Panthers (6-5-1 in December) their first winning month since April 2000.

Marcus Nilson added two goals for Florida and Bure had a goal and an assist. Roberto Luongo made 29 saves as the Panthers won back-to-back games for the second time this season.

Positioned just outside the crease, Van Impe beat goalie Milan Hrnjicak up on the stick side. Van Novoselset set up the play with a pass to Pavel Bure, who poked at the puck, which slid

Atlanta has won just once in six games. Frantisek Kaberle scored on the power play with 16:34 left in the third period to pull Atlanta even at 3. Tony Hecck won the face-off back to Kaberle, who skated to the middle of the ice and tripped in a slap shot for his third goal of the year.

## Humanitarian

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"He's our whole defense. When he's not back there getting everybody going and telling people where they're supposed to be it makes it hard."

Clemson scored three touchdowns in seven minutes during an explosive 28-point third quarter to put the game out of reach. Rambert scored twice in the quarter, turning a short pass into a 62-yard touchdown rumble and again on a 21-yard scamper to push the Tigers' lead to 35-10 with 6:36 to play in the third.

Today's College Bowl Games			
<b>Outback Bowl</b> At Tampa, Fla. \$2.2 million Ohio State (7-4) vs. South Carolina (8-3), 9 a.m. (ESPN)	<b>Citrus Bowl</b> At Orlando, Fla. \$4.25 million Michigan (8-3) vs. Tennessee (10-2), 11 a.m. (ABC)	<b>Fiesta Bowl</b> At Tempe, Ariz. \$11.13 million Colorado (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-1), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)	<b>Sugar Bowl</b> At New Orleans, La. \$11.13 million Illinois (10-1) vs. LSU (9-3), 6:30 p.m. (ABC)
<b>Cotton Bowl</b> At Dallas \$2 million Arkansas (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 9 a.m. (FOX)	<b>Gator Bowl</b> At Jacksonville, Fla. \$1.4 million Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Florida State (7-4), 10:30 a.m. (NBC)	<b>McCown's only touchdown pass came with less than eight minutes to play in the game when he found senior Delwyn Daigre for a 34-yard score.</b> "The score doesn't dictate how great a season you have," Daigre said. "I think we got beat by a very good football team today. Danzinger is an outstanding football player and I'm very proud of the way we played."	<b>McCown's only touchdown pass came with less than eight minutes to play in the game when he found senior Delwyn Daigre for a 34-yard score.</b> "The score doesn't dictate how great a season you have," Daigre said. "I think we got beat by a very good football team today. Danzinger is an outstanding football player and I'm very proud of the way we played."

"Danzinger connected with senior wide receiver Matt Bailey for a third touchdown in the first quarter and found freshman tight end Ben Hall wide open in the end zone for a 5-yard touchdown on Clemson's opening drive in the third. He

also completed a 53-yard touchdown pass to Roscoe Crosby.

Derrick Hamilton capped Clemson's scoring with a 57-yard touchdown reception from Willie Simmons with just over nine minutes to play in the game. The Tigers' five touchdown passes were a team

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SPORTS

Rose Bowl QBs speak softly Falcons' Vick shows steady improvement

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The look harmless enough off the field.

Nebraska's Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch and Miami's Ken Dorsey speak softly about the fierce game they play. They talk about dedication, hard work and loyalty...

And, as Dorsey says, they become "very competitive on the field." He is the tall, skinny kid from Colorado...

On Thursday night at the Rose Bowl, the quartet backs to center stage when No. 1 Miami (11-1) plays No. 4 Nebraska (11-1) in the BCS national title game.

But winner is automatically No. 1 in the coaches' poll.

Dorsey, a 6-foot-5, 200-pound junior, has the luxury of a star-studded supporting cast.

Crouch, a fifth-year senior, has carried the Huskers' load virtually by himself, running for 1,115 yards, passing for 1,050 yards and producing 26 TDs.

Even in the 42-36 loss to Colorado in the Huskers' last game, Crouch set a school record with 360 total yards.

He's listed at 61, 200 pounds, but doesn't look it. He won't flinch, though, when faced with trying to plow through heavy traffic.

Wistrout said that's why you know Eric was going to be something special. He does whatever it takes for the extra yard, whatever it takes to make this football team successful.

This season, there was the record-breaking 95-yard TD run against Missouri, a zigzagging odyssey in which Crouch broke at least five tackles. And there

was the 63-yard TD catch off a trick play that sealed a 20-0 win over Oklahoma.

"He never ceases to amaze me," Wistrout adds.

Crouch also is the fastest quarterback Nebraska's ever had, and coach Frank Solich says the coaches' option was redesigned to include more plays for his quarterback.

"I just try to make people miss and get some yards as I can," Crouch said, "but being physical is part of my game."

Even though he is surging twice on his right-throwing shoulder, Crouch never missed a snap because of injury in his first three seasons. He says he'd like one chance to stop running and keep throwing. But at Nebraska, it's power football forever.

"The only time I did it was on a video game," Crouch said. "I'd like to throw it every play and myself. I have enough confidence in myself that I think I could get it done if I throw 40-50 times."

Dorsey threw for 2,652 yards and 23 TDs with just nine interceptions, completing 57.9 percent of his passes. "I wish I knew how to stop him," Solich said. "There's no one yet who's been able to stop him and their offense."

Crouch and Dorsey met in the week leading up to the Heisman presentation on Dec. 8 and struck up a friendship.

"He has all the characteristics of a big-time leader and that's why their team is so successful. He knows how to get the ball to the right players," Crouch said. "Plus he's a down-to-earth guy."

In addition to running the offense, Crouch has spent time this week defending — the Huskers' selection to play for a national title, Miami and Nebraska finished 1-2 in the final BCS standings, which determine who plays in the Bowl Championship Series title game.

Colorado was third, Oregon fourth. "Despite what's being said about what's fair and what's not, it's really that we are playing in this football game," Crouch said, "and I think that we definitely put all that behind us right now. It's a great opportunity for us to prove we are a better team than we were the last time we stepped on the field."

Even the Miami players are impressed by Crouch. "He's a complete player," Miami cornerback Phillip Buchanan said. "He doesn't pass the ball that much, but he's a tremendous athlete."

Falcons' Vick shows steady improvement

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons never doubted Michael Vick's ability. They were concerned about his ability to call plays and avoid mistakes.

Vick, the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft, played his best game of the season in a 21-14 loss at Miami on Sunday, accounting for 277 of the Falcons' 388 yards of total offense.

"I think he's better," coach Dan Riffe said Monday. "He had a couple of things where he had missed call when the direction. Protection was called one time wrong. We had a formation where he called it wrong one other time. Other than that, he did a really good job."

The 21-year-old Vick will make his second career start this week in St. Louis in Chris Chandler is still hurting. Chandler left in the second quarter Sunday after hitting his right elbow against Dolphins safety Arturo Freeman. Though X-rays were negative, the 36-year-old quarterback sustained some nerve damage and couldn't return. The players were given Monday off.

"We're going to talk about it today, and tomorrow when we start doing the game plan," Reeves said. "We may want to look at Mike and see how he does in this game or we may go with Chris. We'll just have to wait and see how he is physically."

Reeves refused to speculate on Chandler's future beyond the Rams game. "Let's worry about St. Louis," he said. "We'll worry about those decisions later. We've got some time. We don't have to make that decision today."

Atlanta has had just four of five after entering December with playoff hopes for the first time in three years. The Falcons failed to have a winning season for the 28th time in their 36-year history. They visit NFC West champion St. Louis (13-2) this week.

Vick, who completed 11 of 20 passes for 214 yards, threw a 4-yard touchdown to Derek Radek with 9:16 remaining. He also was intercepted twice. "On his second series, Vick lost a fumble at (7-4) because of an errant Lorenz Bromell sacked him for an 8-yard loss. Four plays later, the Dolphins took a 21-7 lead.

UConn women dominate over Wright St. in 97-39 win

FAIRBORN, Ohio (AP) — There's no place like home for Tamika Williams.

Playing in the shadow of her collegiate career, the Connecticut senior poured in a season-high 20 points and Sue Bird added another 20 in a 97-39 drubbing of Wright State on Monday.

UConn coach Gene Auriemma called it a "good outing" for the top-ranked Huskies. "When Sue's being aggressive and looking to score and looking to create things, that's what I really want to play against," Auriemma said. "And Tamika was more aggressive today than I've seen her in a while."

About 20 relatives and scores of well-wishers turned out for the game at the Ervin J. Nutzer Center, where a crowd of 4,762 turned out to watch Williams, who scored a school-record 2,015 points when she played at Chaminda-Julienne High School in nearby Dayton. Before Monday's game, Wright State had been averaging 231 fans per home game.

UConn (14-0) put on a clinic against the Raiders (2-10), hitting 49 percent from the field com-

pared to Wright State's 29 percent. The Huskies played a stifling defense, outrebounding the Raiders by more than 2 to 1 and beating Wright State in transition.

Bird was a perfect 7-for-7 from the floor for the Huskies, with four 3-point baskets.

UConn broke the game open early, shooting a sizzling 58 percent from the floor in the first half and scoring 30 unanswered points in a 10-minute stretch. The Raiders ended the drought with 3-pointing by Angie Ott at 7:30, making the score 36-7.

No. 6 Vanderbilt 106, Nashville 64

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Chantelle Anderson scored 27 points and Vanderbilt pulled out a rout of Tennessee.

Vanderbilt (12-2) opened the game with 11 straight points. The Golden Griffins fought back to tie it at 13, before the Commodores regrouped and built a 53-33 lead by halftime.

Canisius (5-6) posed little problem for Vanderbilt thereafter, despite Shauna Gerzonis's game-high 30 points.

Boston College sees victory in Big East opener

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Kenny Walls scored 20 points and Troy Bell added 18 as No. 11 Boston College opened defense of its Big East title by beating Seton Hall 81-66 on Monday.

Ryan Sidney, the other member of the Eagles' perimeter trio, added 15 points and came up with four 3-point plays that left Boston College (12-7) still away.

Bell, who was coming off one of the worst shooting games of his career (2-of-12 against Holy Cross), had 12 points in the first half on 4-for-7 shooting but was limited to 11 minutes in the second half because of foul trouble.

Seton Hall (7-6) went into 6:54 on a jumper by freshman John Allen with 5:32 to play. Sidney, who has been playing since early December with his jaw wired shut after breaking it in practice, hit the Eagles' only 3-point shot of the second half with 5:01 left to make it 63-41.

He then blocked Andre Barrett's short jumper, took off with the ball and found Walls with a lay pass on the break for a 65-54 lead with 4:26 left, and the Pirates never got closer than eight points the rest of the way. Boston College closed the game by going 12-for-14 from the



Seton Hall's Charles Manga, right, and Boston College's Ryan Sidney battle for control of the ball Monday in East Rutherford, N.J.

free-throw line over the final 2:16.

Allen had 14 points to lead Seton Hall, which has lost four of five and also was playing its conference opener, while Barrett led 12. Darus Lane, the team's second-leading scorer,

had 11 points, all in a three-minute span of the second half and all but two on 3-pointers.

Lane missed the game against Iona because of travel problems, then went scoreless against Fordham in the most recent game.

Sidney finished with 11 assists, while Bell had five for the Eagles, who were 7-for-12 from 3-point range in the first half and 1-for-7 in the second. Bell finished 6-for-11 from the field, and three of the four fouls called against him were off-

No. 18 Alabama 76, Florida A&M 52

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Kenny Walker scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead No. 18 Alabama over Florida A&M 76-52 on Monday.

The Crimson Tide (11-2) walked to an early 17-5 lead with Walker scoring nine points and led 42-20 at halftime. Rod Grizzard scored 16 and Terrence Meadd added 12.

Alabama won a more rebound and accurate shooting. The Crimson Tide held a 48-34 edge off the boards and made 45 percent of its field goals compared to 31 percent for Florida A&M (10-9).

Raiders never got closer than 20 points in the second half. Demarcus Wilkins scored 14 points for A&M while Songye Tudeme and Dominique Jacksta had 11 each.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference basketball scores. Includes teams like Denver, Houston, and Phoenix.

Sunday's Late NBA Box Scores: Minnesota 98, Chicago 84; Detroit 97, Cleveland 82; Memphis 87, New Orleans 78.

National Basketball Development League scores: Dallas 77, Memphis 72; Oklahoma City 75, Tulsa 68.

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IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore

How much did you pay for these seats? A cartoon illustration of a person sitting in a stadium seat, looking thoughtful.

Table with columns for Women's College Basketball Top 25. Lists teams like Connecticut, Duke, and Stanford with their records.

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Table with columns for West Coast Hockey League scores. Includes teams like San Diego Gulls, San Jose Sharks, and Las Vegas Raiders.



## Notes on the economy

### Magic Valley report

This chart shows the annual average 2000 employment in Blaine County for industries covered by the Idaho Employment Security Law.

Total excluding federal	11,286
Agriculture	75
Mining	57
Construction	1,902
Food processing	15
Lumber	36
Other manufacturing	262
Transportation, communication and utilities	267
Wholesale trade	350
Retail trade	2,738
Finance, insurance and real estate	2,816
Service	2,816
State government	59
Local government	1,123
Federal government	92

Source: Idaho Department of Labor

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Milk production goes up over seven percent

BOISE — That state's average milk production-per-cow last month was higher than the national average. Idaho dairy cows produced an average of 1,720 pounds of milk per cow. Production in 20 major states averaged only 1,480 pounds.

The state's milk production for November was up 7.4 percent from the same time last year, but down more than 5 percent from October.

Officials at the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service said revised production for October 2001 totaled 672 million pounds, up 7.2 percent from October 2000. Nationally November milk production was up less than 0.5 percent from last year.

### Elmer's sees lower second-quarter earnings

TWIN FALLS — Portland, Ore.-based Elmer's Restaurants, Inc., which has a pancake and steak house in Twin Falls, "saw lower second-quarter earnings for the 12 weeks that ended Oct. 15."

"The company reported net income of \$255,000, compared with \$280,000 a year earlier. Earnings per fully diluted share were 13 cents compared with 15 cents a year ago. Revenues for the quarter rose to a record \$8.2 million from \$5.9 million.

For the 28 weeks that ended Oct. 15, Elmer's earned \$271,000, or 25 cents per fully diluted share, compared with net income of \$588,000, or 31 cents, for the year-ago period.

"Despite a challenging economic environment and start-up costs with a new restaurant opening, we achieved record growth in revenues and generated record cash flow during the first half of the year," Chairman Bruce Davis and Chief Executive Officer William Service said in a joint statement.

"On the humanitarian front, Elmer's raised \$17,000 in revenues for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks during our second quarter."

### IRS experts present overview of tax issues

TWIN FALLS — Internal Revenue Service experts have pulled together an overview of common tax issues in one place — Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax."

The updated and free publication, available on the IRS Web site, contains an array of helpful information in one guide. From stock sales to student loans, people can get many of their questions answered in this 280-page publication. A sampling:

- Need help deciphering the mysteries of the Roth IRA? Try Chapter 18 for retirement accounts.
- Have a new child in the house? See Chapter 35 for the Child Tax Credit.
- Selling stock for the first time? Check Chapter 17 for capital gains. If you're unloading losers, capital losses are there, too.
- Need to report the profit on your home sale? See Chapter 16 for how to do it.
- Only need to report the sale of your home if your gain is more than \$250,000 (\$500,000 if married filing a joint return). To get a copy, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) under the "Forms & Publications" section. Or call 1-800-TAX-FORMS.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Seminar offers business tips

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With the start of a new year, some small-business owners might take deep breaths and search for new strategies — particularly as national recession extends its fingers to the Magic Valley.

A well-timed workshop next week aims to help. The four-hour "Keeping Up in a Down Economy" will be presented by the Idaho Small Business Development Center and keynote speaker U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson Jan. 9 at the College of Southern Idaho.

The free workshop overviews recession-related strategies for small businesses. Instead of gloom-and-doom lectures, organizers said, expect to hear helpful, easy-to-implement ideas to help businesses thrive.

"While economists disagree about the length and severity of the current economic downturn, small-business owners who educate themselves on recession-proofing strategies and begin following a disciplined course of action will be better insulated against the twists and turns of a volatile economy," the ISBDC's event announcement said.

Simpson will speak about the economy. Other sessions through-

The Idaho Small Business Development Center will host the "Keep Up in a Down Economy" seminar on the morning of Jan. 9 in the College of Southern Idaho's Evergreen Building, Room A05.

Here's the agenda:

- 8:15 a.m. — Registration.
- 8:15-8:45 a.m. — Rep. Mike Simpson, keynote speaker.
- 8:45-9:15 a.m. — Local accountant Dennis Tilley, on cash management. Topics include: implications of liquid assets; most; cash-flow analysis; ratios; and strategies to manage cash.
- 9:15-9:45 a.m. — Ray Parrish, Region IV Development's loan officer, on working with your bank. Topics include how to approach a bank during difficult times; signs a bank sees as

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financial difficulties; what a bank looks for; options if a loan goes to assist management; whether new capital is appropriate; and how the Small Business Administration can help with special programs.

- 9:45-10:15 a.m. — Break.
- 10:15-10:45 a.m. — Local attorney Tom Karchaw Jr., on legal issues in a downturned economy.
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. — Local accountant Dennis Tilley, on cash management. Topics include: implications of liquid assets; most; cash-flow analysis; ratios; and strategies to manage cash.
- 11:15-11:45 a.m. — Rosemary Fomshell,

a CSI business professor and formerly the college's human resources director, on human resources.

Topics include staff effectiveness and support; alternatives to layoffs, and flexibility in tough times; how to keep staff focused on results; building positive morale in a challenging economy; legal issues; terminations and other maneuvers; what businesses should know when discussing reorganizing or laying off employees; and pitfalls and other tricky issues.

- 11:15-11:45 a.m. — Bryan Matsuoka, of the ISBDC, on sales and marketing and ISBDC services.
- 11:45-12:15 p.m. — Bryan Matsuoka, of the ISBDC, on sales and marketing and ISBDC services. Topics include selecting target markets strategically; customizing for niche markets; finding additional markets; and leveraging existing relationships.
- 12:15 p.m. to noon — Matsuoka, closing.

out the morning will cover cash management, for example, employee morale, marketing, banking and legal issues and the resources the ISBDC has to help small businesses.

Troubles elsewhere around Idaho — such as mining closures, the timber industry's downturn and the technology market's softening — affected the rest of the state and spurred the ISBDC to offer help, said Bryan J. Matsuoka of the center's Twin Falls location.

The workshop is geared for

existing businesses, but startups could benefit, too.

"I truly think that it would be good for any small business," Matsuoka said.

He expects attendance to mirror the center's normal traffic patterns: service and retail businesses in the biggest numbers, then manufacturers as the third-largest group.

"We decided not to tie this to (the) Sept. 11 disaster at all since none of us have really seen a negative economic impact in our valley because of that. This will,

rather, speak to the overall economic downturn that's affecting business in our country," said Sherry Rust, training coordinator for the ISBDC at CSI. "We are doing this to let people know who might not have ever needed or heard about our services before, that we are here to help them."

Call Rust at 733-9554, Ext. 2455, for information.

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# Businesses prepare for currency switch

The Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — For the last time, Europeans in 12 countries used only their old familiar money to catch the train, get breakfast or shop on Monday, with the midnight arrival of euro cash — the largest currency changeover in history — just hours away.

Signs of the impending changeover were visible all over, as many vending machines and other coin-operated services were already equipped to take euros, although the currency would not become legal tender until the 15 European Union countries until midnight.

A one-euro coin (worth 88 cents) dropped into a vending machine in Frankfurt, Germany, produced a bottle of Evian mineral water. Airport luggage carts in Austria, shopping carts in France and cigarette machines in Germany also were equipped to take both national currencies and euros.

"I like the Deutsche mark well enough, but I think it's super that they're introducing the euro, that you can go to any country in Europe and pay with the same currency," said Dagmar Gruber, an optician's technician in Frankfurt.

Manfred Obels, a district manager for Burger King, said his restaurants were ready. "We ran some tests last night, no problem," he said.

His personal view was more skeptical. "There is a lot of show when they say this is of economic benefit," he said.

Banks might find it easier with a new currency, but Obels pointed to his experience buying a croissant: the price in marks was 1.75, but the bakery converted that to one even euro, or 1.96 marks.

European Central Bank officials say as many people will lower prices as raise them when they round figures to euros during the transition, but consumer groups and many ordinary people are skeptical.



From left to right, the governor of the Central Bank of Ireland, Maurice O'Connell, with Charlie McCreavey, Ireland's Minister for Finance, and Phillip Honeill, chairman of the Euro Changeover Board of Ireland, celebrate the introduction of euro notes and coins with shoppers on Grattan Street in Dublin, Monday.

ECB and European Commission officials have staked their hopes for a rapid, hassle-free transition on two key measures.

First, almost all the euro zone's 170,000 automatic teller machines should give out euros beginning New Year's Day. And second, many merchants will be giving change only in euros, under agreements between governments and major retail associations.

This should vacuum most of the old currency out of the economy within two weeks, if it goes as planned, though the old cash still can be used for up to two months, depending on the country. National central banks will exchange the old money for years afterward. But the European Central Bank predicts most transactions should be in

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euros by Jan. 15.

Some taxi drivers in Austria's Vorarlberg province urged customers to stick with Austrian schillings until after a Jan. 6 national holiday.

Long lines formed at Helsinki, Finland, cash machines, but there was little sign in Berlin of shoppers rushing to get rid of

their marks.

Officials in Germany on Sunday downplayed a story in the mass-circulation Bild newspaper that many merchants would refuse to accept marks after Jan. 1. Alone among euro countries, Germany made the euro its sole legal tender as of Jan. 1, meaning that legally businesses would be within their rights to not accept marks.

But the government has persuaded the major merchant associations to accept marks until Feb. 28, and officials at the influential Bundesbank say the distinction has little practical significance.

The euro actually was introduced in 1999, when national currencies were pegged to it at fixed rates and ceased to be traded independently on currency

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## Small firms pare costs, inventories

Knight Ridder News Service

CHICAGO — By nature, small-business owners are an optimistic bunch, adept at thinking on their feet. The bad old bigger and better-equipped rivals...

But even the most assured entrepreneur heading one of the nation's 5.8 million small firms would be hard-pressed to deny that 2002 promises to be a test of chutzpah and leadership skills.

"These unpredictable times require particularly solid navigation and leadership skills on my part," said Lawrence Hollins, president of The Hollins Group Inc., a Chicago-based recruitment firm.

Yet most small firms have taken a few common steps to help cushion the worst effects of the softening economy. Many have focused on leadership skills by reducing operating costs, which has resulted in cuts in inventory and capital spending.

More of the same is expected over the coming months as firms search for new business and policy-makers struggle with how best to provide assistance.

In each of the past seven months, more small firms have cut stock than reported accumulating inventory, according to the National Federation of Independent Business, whose monthly surveys track business spending and optimism. The NFIB, which has more than 600,000 members, said less than one-third of firms say they plan to spend more on capital expenses in the first half of next year, a trend likely to continue.

Other signs of a tougher road ahead are already surfacing. Most notably, in the 12 months ended Sept. 30, personal and business bankruptcy filings in Illinois rose 14 percent, to 70,750 from 61,953 a year earlier, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

Business bankruptcies rose 15 percent, to 1,487 from 1,282, in the period.

Nationwide, individual and business bankruptcies filed are expected to reach a new high for the year ending Dec. 31, up 7 percent to 1.4 million, compared with 1.3 million in the year-earlier period.

Before Sept. 11, we could stretch across whatever gaps existed to get where we needed to go," Hollins said. "Today, the gap is much wider and we need to be more creative in our recruiting strategies and approaches to achieve the same successful results for our clients."

**Costs and credit**

Coupled with such external uncertainties are equally challenging operational headaches.

Some small firms, such as Chocolaterie Confections, have chosen to expand despite the slowdown. Co-owner Stuart Bander said he and partner Ferry DiGirolamo are about to open their second Chicago store, confident that the niche confectionery retailer is well placed to survive the downturn.

But even Bander is concerned about escalating costs.

"Our sales are in a relatively recession-proof area, an indulgence purchase," says Bander. "But we, like everyone else, are worried about health care and labor costs."

Analysts say substantial hikes in general insurance are likely. Please see COSTS, Page B10

# Plan for the coming year with a financial snapshot

By Albert B. Crenshaw  
The Washington Post

The future, baseball great Dan Quisenberry once said, "is much like the present, only longer."

It's a remark that comes to mind at the end of a year because this is often a time for thinking about the future, especially in uncertain financial times such as these.

But if Quisenberry was right, and he often was, a good grasp of the present should be the first order of business when planning for the future.

So rather than spending the coming days pondering what the economy or the stock market will

do in 2002, consider figuring out where you are now. The best planning comes from a good base of knowledge.

The present, in financial terms, consists of two key components: how much you've got, and how fast it comes and goes. In more formal terms, these are called your net worth and your income and expenses. And they are quantifiable.

Your net worth is the value of all your assets minus all your debts. It's useful in trying to figure out where you stand with respect to various goals — such as retirement — and in estate planning.

To compute it, you need to list

the things you own and their values — your house, car(s), savings and money-market accounts, stocks, bonds and mutual funds, plus any other assets you have, such as a boat, vacation property, life insurance with a cash value, expensive jewelry and life-like. Essentially, list anything you could sell at more than a nominal price.

There's lots of help for this available on the Internet. Just go to Google or some other search engine and type "net worth calculator" and you'll get lots of hits. Kiplinger.com offers a detailed calculator. It's under "tools," then "cash & credit."

Don't worry about making the

values exactly accurate. This is a guide for your own use, not a legal document. But try to be realistic, especially on the big items, because you don't want to mislead yourself. When in doubt, use low values — that way, any later surprises will be pleasant ones.

Some of your assets are easy to value. Your savings account, for example, is worth whatever the current balance is. Stock prices are usually available online or in the newspaper.

Your house, unless you've had a recent appraisal, may be a little more difficult.

Tax assessments in some jurisdictions are fairly accurate, but in others they are way off. Recent

sales in your neighborhood provide a clue, as do for-sale listings in newspapers or at local brokers. For cars and boats there are guidebooks, but classifieds work about as well for "this computation."

Jewelry, art and things like stamp collections are hard to value and typically require a professional appraisal, which is probably not worth it unless you think you have something of real value. Otherwise, go by what you paid for it, plus a fudge factor for inflation if you've held it a long time.

When you're done, add it all up. The total is what your assets are worth. Please see SNAPSHOT, Page B11

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Real estate market climbs in Treasure Valley

BOISE (AP) - Sparked by low interest rates, home sales in southwestern Idaho increased dramatically in November. New and existing home sales in Ada County were up 27 percent over the month of October...

"It definitely spiked," said Tracy Lynn Collier, Nampa Association of Realtors president. "We had a huge increase." Gene Strate, president-elect of the Ada County Association of Realtors, said home sales have been strong throughout the whole year...

was just more than \$163,000. Like Strate, Collier also attributed the increase to interest rates. "Normally, first-time home-buyers dominate the market this time of year, but Collier said the low interest rates brought-out all types of buyers." Strate said he also saw many existing homeowners making the decision to move up to a larger home because of the drop in rates...

sales - up 36 percent - while existing home sales were up 10 percent. The average price for homes sold in Canyon County in November was about \$107,000. "Both Collier and Strate anticipate the market will remain strong in 2002. Strate said he still sees the recent spate of layoffs, he still sees a lot of people moving into the area. "Next year will be a banner year," Strate said.

Stocks wrap up year with a loss

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street ended one of its most dreadful years on a down note as investors sent stocks sharply lower Monday to minimize their tax bills. The Selloff seemed an appropriate finish to 2001 for the market, which saw its major index lose ground for a second straight year - their worst performance in nearly three decades.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 12.94, or 1.1 percent, to 1,148.08, while the Nasdaq composite index dropped 36.86, or 1.9 percent, to 1,950.40. For the year, the Dow dropped 7.7 percent, the NASDAQ fell 12.9 percent and the S&P fell 13 percent. The last time all three indexes fell for two consecutive years was in 1973 and 1974.

Costs

Continued from B9 way following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Small firms can expect premiums for liability, property, worker's compensation and business interruption insurance to increase between 15 and 25 percent, according to the Independent Insurance Agents.

Democratic members of the House Small Business Committee. "The \$1.35 billion tax package earlier this year included reductions in marginal tax rates, which were a boost for many small-business people and sole practitioners." Broader tax relief measures that focus specifically on small firms stalled, including education deductions for equipment and tax credits for long-term training. Those measures are expected to return in 2002.

Small Business Administration

The government agency responsible for backing many new and emerging firms, the Small Business Administration, had a miserable fiscal 2001. It could be in flux throughout much of the next year after the recent appointment of administrator Hector Barreto, who is defining a stronger advocacy role for the agency.

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Health-care costs

Health-care costs rose 10.2 percent nationally this year, according to Lincolnshire-based benefits consulting firm Hewitt Associates. Analysts estimate that double-digit health-care increases are in the cards as well for most small firms, which are unable to manage the buying power of a larger organization.

Perennial concerns

Perennial concerns about a lack of capital for small, often cash-strapped businesses have been on the back burner in recent years as banks pushed to increase market share and win business in fast-growing sectors of the economy, particularly among small firms and women-owned businesses.

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Now, add up your debts. For this purpose, we want the principal balance - the amount required to pay off the debt right now - not the regular periodic payment.

This isn't hard to find. Many mortgage lenders put the remaining balance on your monthly statement or give you a toll-free telephone number to call and get it. Auto and credit card lenders generally do something similar.

Be sure to include all second mortgages, car loans, student loans, and credit card and retail credit balances. Actually, it isn't hard to remember debts - lenders typically send you a little reminder every month.

Remember the principal balance and subtract out the amount of total value of your assets. That's your net worth. A large positive number is desirable; a negative number is a warning flag.

Young people just out of school with student loans and few possessions often will have a negative net worth. Nonetheless, if you do it, you should put you on the alert to watch your borrowing and to start reducing debt.

To go with your net worth, a good grasp of your income and expenses is very helpful. Since we are at year-end, you have a good idea of your final pay stubs, showing your income and after-tax pay for the year. In the next few weeks you should also be getting 1099 forms for non-wage income. But you shouldn't have to wait. If you haven't kept careful records of such payments, you can probably reconstruct them from deposits listed on your bank statements.

your return preparation. Either from your 2001 records or other sources, you'll want to know your expenses by category: housing, car, insurance, food, clothes, meals out, vacations and all that. Try to account for every nickel. If you can't, look for the hole or holes in your bucket. If all else fails, start carrying a notebook around with you and recording every dollar. Do that for a couple of months and a picture will emerge.

You need to know because you need to be able to compare your income with your expenses. It's surprising how many people are spending all their income, or more than all their income, and don't realize it. Then they are mystified as to why they can't save and why their credit card balances keep rising.

At the end of these calculations, your net worth will tell you what progress you've made toward accumulating some wealth, and the relationship of your income to your expenses - if you were a business you'd call this your profit or loss - will tell you in what direction you're going.

With this information in hand, you can devise a strategy for the future. Most people really can squeeze some savings out of their budgets. Maybe it's a matter of carrying your lunch to work or switching to public transportation instead of parking in an expensive garage, or ironing your own shirts, or renting a movie instead of going to the theater.

These little corner cuts let you attack your debts, first by halting their rise, then by paying them down. And it becomes circular - less debt means smaller payments, which means more money available to reduce debt, which means still smaller payments.

After that you can turn your attention to serious saving: Boost your retirement plan contributions if you have a plan of work, or start an individual retirement account. Remember that the maximum IRA contribution rises to \$3,000 (or to \$3,500 if you're 50 or older) in 2002.

Experienced savers and pension pinchers may protest that there's a considerable cost to satisfaction, not to mention security, to be derived from getting your finances under control.

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Los Alamos scientist Mark Tilden unleashes his B.I.O.-Bugs at White Sands, N.M., in this photo taken in 2001. Tilden has created an army of life-like robotic bugs that use transistors, rather than computers, to control their actions. The result of his work is a hot new toy line from Hasbro's WowWee Toys called B.I.O.-Bugs.

# Google sticks to simple design

By Doug Bedell  
The Dallas Morning News

Google is the little search engine that could. Since its launch in September 1998, this brainchild of two Stanford University doctorate students has chugged past well-funded giants in the field and into the hearts of Internet information seekers worldwide.

Google.com has grown from 5.7 million visitors in September 2000 to 18 million visitors in October, says research firm Jupiter Media Metrix. It powers the searches of such giants as Yahoo, Palm and Netscape, owned by America Online.

"I think the public has seized upon Google because it gets such good relevant results," says Danny Sullivan, editor of SearchEngineWatch.com.

Google's technological innovations have earned the company numerous industry awards and citations, including two Webby Awards and Best Search Engine on the Internet from Yahoo Internet Life.

So what makes Google good?

### Brainpower

Google Inc. is a private company troubleshooting with gray matter. In 1995, founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page, two dropouts from Stanford's doctoral program in computer science, correctly anticipated that searching the ever-expanding Web was a growth industry.

They zeroed in on technologies that would help users sift through the growing mountain of Web information. It's one thing to search the Internet. It's quite another to find relevance to what you want.

The Google solution was simple on paper: Web pages that are most heavily linked by other websites are usually the most direct routes to the desired nuggets of knowledge. A search engine that could rank results based on heavy linkage would consistently outperform any others, they reasoned. They called the concept "PageRank."

Within three years, the Google team had come up with the first public version of PageRank. Running on cheap, lean Linux computers, it combined the standard search engine "spider" technology, which combs public Web pages for key words, with the company's own database of heavily linked pages.

The basic design hasn't changed, and its flexibility has allowed incredible growth. The network of 6,000 Google machines has now indexed more than 1.6 billion Web pages, far more than any competitor.

And the company itself has continued to bring more brainpower to its ranks. Today, more than half of the 250-member Google staff are engineers. Fifty employees hold doctorate degrees.

### Does one thing well

Google's obsession has always been searches.

"Other companies at that time were all thinking about becoming portals," says Craig Silverstein, the first employee hired by Google's founders. "Some of those companies indicated to us that, essentially, they thought search was a solved problem."

"We didn't think that at all," says Sullivan. "Google contrasts directly with portals where search has become a sort of

gotten feature."

### No intrusive ads

Moguls of privately held Google say advertising accounts for only about 50 percent of revenue; the other half comes from partners that use Google technology. While other search engines are pushing intrusive ads at users, Google limits ads to text messages tailored to the nature of user inquiries.

### Innovation

The new tabbed interface on Google.com is a visible byproduct of a well-staffed research team that is constantly testing search concepts. New features are constantly emerging. Google has recently begun indexing links to PDF and Word files scattered across the Net.

And it has taken over indexing of Usenet groups, an Internet space where experts and amateurs trade text messages daily on every subject imaginable. Since Google Groups started up in February, millions of Internet surfers have learned that the Usenet index holds answers to questions too obscure for good results with regular searches.

Says Sullivan: "Google not only has revised news search, but they've increased awareness of what a valuable resource it is for advice and opinions of others."

### The Google tool bar

Of all the features that software makers have built for the Internet Explorer tool bar, Google's simple search window stands out as the most useful, many consumers say. In the year it has been available at www.tool-

bar.google.com, more than 3 million search freaks have installed this little gem to provide instant access to Google from their browsers.

"Here's something that's a simple thing done well again," Sullivan says. "There's nothing to install. It's one of the few things that has stayed in my own tool bar and is actually worth using."

### Humor and style

The simple elegance of Google's rainbow name on a white background is a welcomed respite from the info-loaded mishmash of other search engines. Users regularly comment on how friendly the layout often seems.

Touches of whimsy abound. The name Google itself is a casual play on the mathematical term, googol - 1 followed by 100 zeros. Indexing a googol of Web pages is the company's stated objective. Hence the name Google.

Under the search window is a strange button labeled "I'm Feeling Lucky." Punching it will take you to the top PageRank result for any query.

On holidays, Google designers greet visitors with special surprises (www.google.com/holidaylog.html). A ghost peeks through the O's on the Google logo during Halloween. For Mother's Day each year, Google webmasters produce a page honoring employees' moms, complete with thumbnail pictures.

Hidden inside some Google products, users find strange little sayings. The About menu for the Google tool bar, for example, contains only the Latin phrase *De parvis grandis a cervus erit* - "Small things will make a large pile."

# Tricks and tweaks can speed Internet

By Doug Bedell  
The Dallas Morning News

Do you suffer from modem malaise? Does your 56 kbps Internet connection languish at a paltry 28.8? Are you pulling your hair out waiting for teeny-weeny graphics to ripple onto your monitor?

Don't fret. You are in good company. Dial-up Internet subscribers vastly outnumber broadband users in the United States, and some very smart people are constantly working to find ways to squeeze every last kilobit-per-second out of home computer connections.

According to a new survey from Parks Associates of Dallas, Internet connections over standard telephone lines can be remarkably satisfactory for the majority of 46 million American dial-up users. The firm's report estimates that 75 percent are content with their connections.

When consumers can consistently connect at 40 kbps or faster, they evidently find little need to upgrade to ultra-fast, more expensive broadband DSL or cable subscriptions.

If you'd like to join the satisfied, thrifty majority, there are plenty of tweaks and tests that might lead you to membership. Here is some practical advice for those in the dial-up doldrums:

### Check your settings

Even the slickest dial-up Internet connections never achieve the 56 kbps advertised for "56K modems." Theoretically, if you have a clean line with little background noise and a wonderful Internet service provider, you could only achieve a maximum of 53 kbps.

Notice the connection speed you see when you dial in. If you've got a 56 kbps modem and regularly see rates slower than 45 kbps, check the settings for your modem and communications port. In Windows, go to My Computer, then Control Panel, then Modem. Make sure you've got the maximum connection speed set as high as it can go.

Communications ports are listed in the Device Manager window under System in the Control Panel folder. Right-click to make sure the port speed is set beyond the default 500 bps rate.

For Macintosh users, go to the Apple Menu, then Preferences. Check the port speed for the modem by selecting Configure. Mac and Windows users with external serial port modems should check serial port speeds.

### Scrutinize your line

◀ Pops, clicks, static and other telephone line aberrations can

degrade Internet connection performance. If you have a line splitter attached to the modem for a fax machine or handset, it could add more noise, experts say. Try disconnecting all other devices and connecting to your Internet service provider again.

Use a standard telephone plugged into the most solid line, press a button to get rid of the dial tone and listen. If you hear a lot of noise, it may be worth a call to the telephone company. Many telephone companies will conduct free line tests, or they may offer "line conditioning" service at an additional cost.

### ISP dial-up roadblocks

Contact your ISP or go to its website for an up-to-date list of dial-up numbers. Some ISPs offer separate lines for different maximum speeds and modems. It may be worth experimenting with different numbers at various times of the day to find the best combination for your hardware and the ISP's equipment. Generally, performance is contingent on the distance to your ISP's central office and the number of switches your call has to navigate to reach the provider.

Consider switching ISPs when you get a consistently bad performance. CNET has a search mechanism for locating ISPs by area code at www.cnet.com/internet/03761.html.

Numerous companies also make downloadable speed-checkers for the desktop. PC Magazine (www.pcmag.com) offers a free download called NetPerfSec. AnalogX (www.analog.com/content/download/networkslthm) has a free new program called NetStar Live. And, for Macintosh computers, IPNetMonitor (www.sustworks.com/stm/monitor-ipm/monitor.html) provides an abundance of information on the state of your connection.

### Get a second modem

Many Mac and Windows systems are capable of MultiLink, a software technology that allows you to increase speed by plugging two separate phone lines into two different modems attached to the computer. Check your system documentation and ISP for details.

# Burning DVDs gets easier, but still costs a pretty penny

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

Q: We haven't bought a CD burner yet. We would like to transfer our numerous home movies on VHS tape to DVD before they degrade. Is this now possible?

A: One word, M.R.: Wait. It's a particularly good idea to wait a bit if you want to do stuff in the Windows world, which lags the Macintosh side in DVD burning. And those tapes won't get a whole lot worse in the next six months to a year. By then there will likely be a number of options for working with DVDs, including a new generation of DVD burners for PCs.

Meanwhile, you already can do

### Computer Q&A

what you want with a \$2,500 or so investment in a Macintosh G4. Equipped with Apple's new SuperDrive DVD burners and the company's superb new iDVD 2 software, the G4 really does let home hobbyists create professional-looking home DVD's complete with menus, background music and other bells and whistles.

The Macintosh system lets hobbyists with digital camcorders move their home movies onto the hard drive, where software called iMovie 2 allows one to edit film clips just about any way desired. The iDVD 2 software then kicks in to burn the actual DVD discs.

At just under \$10 per blank

DVD disc, this still is an expensive pastime, but there is a great race under way in the Windows world to catch up with Apple. The latest iMovie 5 software for Windows allows advanced hobbyists who have installed \$600 DVD burners to create discs that rival Apple's iDVD 2. A few high-end

PCs, notably from Sony and Hewlett-Packard, now boast DVD burners, but these machines cost in the \$2,000 range right now.

It is clear that the competition soon will drive prices down to where we all can afford this wonderful new personal empowerment on our family computers.

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Mickey Rooney acts up at 81

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, Calif. (AP) - On New Year's Eve, Mickey Rooney began his 80th year as a performer by doing what he's done all his life - entertaining.

entertainment news... eling around the globe to research and film his new TV series and companion book, "A Chef's Tour."

Anthony Bourdain, chef and star of the new TV series 'Chef's Tour' on the Food Network... thing in the morning: scrambled eggs, Nova smoked salmon on a warm bagel.



Actor Mickey Rooney salutes the media backstage as his wife, Jan, looks on at the seventh annual American Veteran Awards Nov. 30, 2001. On New Year's Eve, Rooney began his 80th year as a performer doing what he's done all his life - entertaining.

Bourdain tours the world for book, Food Network series

NEW YORK - Anthony Bourdain spent nine months trav-

NEWS MOVIES TUESDAY MORNING SPORTS KIDS

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# 2001 was a vintage year for television viewers

By David Zurawik  
The Baltimore Sun

It was a very good year for television viewers. Here are some primary programming categories for genres, and the shows within them that brightened the television year.

**1. Drama.** It was a somewhat uneven season for HBO's *The Sopranos*, but the highs were still sublime. Many of my colleagues are picking the "Pine Barrens" episode as the best of the year. The hour featured Christopher (Michael Imperioli) and Paulie (Tony Danza) taking a Russian mobster on a long walk deep into the New Jersey woods and then plunging their armpits to kill him. *Par. Fargo* and *Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!* were brilliant hours of television, but my pick as the best episode is "University," which took us inside the awful life of a young dancer at the Club Bada-Bing. Her brutal death at the hands of one of Tony's (James Gandolfini) lieutenants is one of the most powerful

*HBO struck gold again in Sunday night drama with Six Feet Under, an exclusively off-beat series about a family of Los Angeles undertakers named Fisher.*

moments of television ever seen. This is Death of a Salesman for the small screen.

**2. New series.** HBO struck gold again in Sunday night drama with *Six Feet Under*, an exclusively off-beat series about a family of Los Angeles undertakers named Fisher. Richly multidimensional and culturally provocative, it breathes the same rarified dramatic air as *The Sopranos*. There were several other signs of new and intelligent life that deserve mention: *Smallville* (WB), Undeclared

(Fox), *The Bernie Mac Show* (Fox), *Alias* (ABC), *24* (Fox) and *The Education of Max Bickford* (CBS).

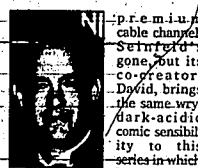
**3. Documentary.** Last January, after seeing Ken Burns' *Jazz*, I was wondering whether we were living in a Golden Age of documentaries. By the time *People Like Us* Social Class in America aired in October, I was convinced we were. Think back to the first spry notes of Louis Armstrong playing "Stardust" — the opening of *Jazz* — and then try to recall some of your favorite documentary moments of the year. There have been a lot, ranging from *Living Dolls*, the HBO films about the grotesque world of child beauty pageants, to *Rob Gardner's Islam: Empire of Faith*, which made its debut to critical acclaim in May on PBS and then became mystic culturally after Sept. 11.

**4. Made-for-TV movies.** Take your pick of excellence: HBO's *Wit*, with Emma Thompson as a terminal cancer patient, ABC's *Life With Judy Garland — Me and*

*My Shadows*, which provided Emmys for both Tammy Blanchard as the young Judy and Judy Davis as the older Judy, or ABC's *Anne Frank*, with Ben Kingsley and Hannah Taylor Gordon. Or, how about *HBO's Conspiracy*, with Kenneth Branagh? They were all fabulous, but I'll take Anne Frank because it broke new ground in taking us beyond the normal ending of the story — with the Germans discovering the family — and dared to show what happened to this child in the horror of the Nazi-concentration camps.

**5. Miniseries.** HBO's *Band of Brothers*. No argument, case closed. Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg created one of the greatest and most illuminating war narratives in American history. *The Battle of the Bulge* episode was as intense as anything ever produced by an American novelist writing about war.

**6. Sitcoms.** My pick for the best sitcom, Larry David's *Curly Howard*. Enthusiasm, also comes from the



Tom Hanks himself. The episode in which David visits Jason Alexander and the former *Seinfeld* sidekick-whines about not being able to escape his George Costanza persona was superb.

**7. Reality.** Maybe the real reason I'm feeling so good about television these days is the trend I have been waiting to report for almost two years: Reality TV is tanking. Think back to June and the debut of NBC's *Fear Factor*, with contestants wearing only tank tops and shorts lying strapped in a pit as hundreds of rats crawled over their bodies.

**8. Old favorites.** NBC's *Friends*

is the clear winner here. It offered us a chance every week to revisit New York, New York, the magical city of American promise and re-invention, as it existed before the battering it took on Sept. 11. New York will reinvent itself again out of the ashes, but I'm glad we had *Friends* this fall for the escape.

**9. Late night.** David Letterman's *Late Show With David Letterman*. Agnow, no contest. Letterman set the tone for the entire entertainment wing of the television industry with his opening remarks on the night that he returned to the air after the Sept. 11 attacks. Somber, angry and saddened, but also resolute in his determination to carry on as an entertainer, it was one of TV's great moments.

**10. News.** Television's finest moments in 2001, though, came on Sept. 11, with the steady, responsible and reassuring work of the three major network news anchors — ABC's Peter Jennings, CBS' Dan Rather and NBC's Tom

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## Valley principal touches the lives of students

By Amie Thompson  
Times-News correspondent

Valley Elementary principal John Graham has had a profound effect on some of the children he's taught and coached in his 24 years in education.

Shelly Gentry, who was a student of his in Boise, nominated Graham as a torch bearer for the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City because he inspired her to become a teacher.

Gentry wrote how Graham changed lives as an elementary basketball coach. He was able to get almost every girl in the school out for the basketball team.

In particular, Graham remembers one fifth-grader in Boise.

"She wasn't very good, in fact she was on my fourth team, but when she made a basket in a game, she grinned for about a month after that," Graham said.

Gentry also remembered how Graham roared his bike across the country to Maine one summer to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis research after his mother died of the disease.



John Graham

Graham, 45, wanted to become a professional baseball pitcher, but after playing for Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., he had to have his shoulder rebuilt and couldn't continue his playing career.

He chose to go into elementary education after working in Boise for a city and school athletic program during the summers. His boss suggested he play with the children on the playground, and if he enjoyed it, he should go into elementary education.

Graham taught and coached elementary sports in Boise and Twin Falls before becoming the principal at Valley Elementary. He has coached everything from soccer to flag football. He also has been a federal program director for five years and a curriculum director for three years at the Valley District.



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 inspiring 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.



Violet Lundgren of Twin Falls carries the national Ms. Senior America pageant, where she came in third.

Photo courtesy of VIOLET LUNDGREN

## Twin Falls woman wins third place in national senior pageant

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Violet Lundgren says she wasn't interested when a friend asked her about entering the Ms. Senior pageant, but her husband gave her a little push.

That little push went a long way.

The 63-year-old Twin Falls woman was crowned Ms. Senior Idaho on June 2 and was named third runner up in the Ms. Senior America Pageant in Las Vegas Dec. 26.



Violet Lundgren tells the audience about her philosophy of life at the pageant, which was held in Las Vegas.

"I know she would do well... I am proud of her. She's a first-class lady."

Bert Lundgren, about his wife, Violet.

"She underestimates herself," husband, Bert Lundgren says. "She's beautiful and she's very talented. I knew she would do well... I am proud of her. She's a first class lady."

"It's been exciting for me to go this far with it," Violet Lundgren says.

Forty-one women from different states competed for the title of Ms. Senior America at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas.

Participants must be age 60 or over and are judged in four categories: talent, dress, philosophy of life and private interview with five judges.

Lundgren sang "The Lord's Prayer" for her talents. Her philosophy of life speech had to be 35 seconds or less. She summed it up nicely:

"We must reach out to people in need, cheer people up, encircle them with love, give love and

compassion, give a man his freedom and he will soar to untold heights."

"It's worked for all my children," she says.

She and her husband have 15 children, 56 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

"America is in good hands with their grandmothers," Lundgren says of her pageant peers. "They were such nice, caring, wholesome people."

Lundgren explains that the philosophy of the pageant is that women over age 60 are at an "age of excellence" and "can be of use in the workplace and can be of service to their community."

Lundgren was a music teacher in Montana for eight years before moving to Twin Falls. She says teaching was a good experience.

Want more information?

About the Ms. Senior Idaho pageant, call Fay Bristoe at 365-2228.

and rewarding. She and husband, Bert, have lived in Fiji for three years, while serving a mission for their church. They still enjoy traveling to see family. Lundgren would like to see the pageant grow in Idaho.

"If I saw a person that was comfortable in front of people, I would encourage them to participate in the pageant," she says. "I enjoyed the experience of being with other women who are outgoing and like to share their service with other people."

## Rupert man gets another chance

By Amie Thompson  
Times-News correspondent

It was Tory Bailey's dream to compete in the Olympics in the high jump. He might have made it to Sydney in 2000 if he hadn't injured his knee while in college.

After all, the Minico graduate broke a record at nearly every high school track meet in which he participated. As a high school junior, Bailey placed third in the nation at the Nike Indoor track meet (now the Nike Indoor Classic) where he competed against other high school students. And the 26-year-old still holds the state high jump record at 7 feet, 1 inch.

After a two year mission for his church, Bailey went to Weber



Tory Bailey

State University where he won in the Big Sky conference twice — one indoor and one outdoor season.

But his junior season, Bailey hurt his knee at a track meet in Pocatello. After surgery, he was never able to jump like that again.

"He was definitely on top of his game," said Bailey's cousin, Casey Hermansen. "It was always a goal of his to compete in the Olympics in Sydney, but he hurt his knee in college and that

ended his days as a track star." Hermansen said that even though he's two years older, he has always looked up to Bailey. And as an athlete, people always looked up to him. That is why he nominated Bailey to run in the Olympic Torch Relay.

"It would just be awesome for him to be a part of the Olympics in some way," Hermansen said.

Bailey graduated in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He is a behavior therapist at Healthy Progressions in Rupert where he helps children correct behavior problems. Bailey has also taught LDS church seminary in Declo for two years.

"Just the fact that I get to hold the torch is pretty humbling — pretty awesome," Bailey said.

## Elko man helps visually impaired

By Amie Thompson  
Times-News correspondent

For many years, Kevin John Hull has been lighting the way for people with vision loss to new opportunities.

For his work, he has been nominated to carry the Olympic torch on its way to Games in Salt Lake City.

"I guess it was my calling," he said. "I just like working with people with vision loss."

Hull has been with the Bureau of Services to the Blind and Visual Impaired, a Nevada state agency, for 21 years. He worked out of Reno for 16 years before moving to Spring Creek to start an office in Elko for rural Nevada residents.

"I help people maintain work



Kevin Hull

and get back to work," he said.

His job often includes helping elderly people who are blind or visually impaired maintain independence by helping them read again. For instance, a special magnifying glass allows many of his clients to read many things that most people take for granted, like thermostats, stoves, newspapers, price tags and recipes, Hull said.

He also helps the visually impaired maintain their jobs by

modifying their working environment. In one case, Hull is working with a low-vision client who needs an automated cash register that will tell him what buttons he pushed.

Hull, 45, grew up in southern Michigan and received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University in special education. He got his master's degree in blind rehabilitation from Western Michigan University. Hull will finish a second master's degree through correspondence in counseling in February from San Diego State University.

Hull has two children, Aimee, 9, and Josh, 7. His wife, Dorothy nominated him to be a torch bearer for the 2002 Olympic Games.

## SANTA'S BEST FRIENDS



Photo courtesy of SHERY OLESEN-FRANK

As a community service project benefiting Girl Scouting and the People for Pets Building Fund for a new animal shelter in Twin Falls, the Magic Valley Silver Sage Girl Scouts held its fourth annual Santa's Fur Friends, where pet owners have their pets' photos taken with Santa. In addition to cats and dogs, pets have included an iguana, fish, rats, ferrets and rabbits. For more information about the Girl Scouting program, call 734-4708.

## STORK REPORT

**Magie Valley Regional Medical Center**

Javen James Adam, son of Mike Adam and Nickolle Schouten of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001.

Susana Fernandez, daughter of Melody Ann Knox and Anastasio Fernandez of Gooding, was born Friday, Dec. 14, 2001.

Makayla Mae Scantlin, daughter of Shannon Ess and Wade William Scantlin of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Dec. 17, 2001.

Garrett Wade Elison, son of Elizabeth Kathryn and Vernon Wade Elison of Hagerman, was born Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001.

Madison Trinity McCreery, daughter of Christy Maxine McCreery of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001.

James Tamsen Mayfield, son of Brenda Noelle and Seth James Mayfield of Jerome, was born Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001.

Willow Mary Burkart, daughter of Laci Dawn Burkart of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001.

Mercedes Lynne Sweet, daughter of Tara Leigh and Carl Scott Sweet of Kimberly, was born Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001.

Tyson Steve Badger, son of Sarah Elizabeth and Eric Steve Badger of Rupert, is born Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001.

Tameka RaNay Dalton, daughter of Alecia Ann and William Marshall Dalton of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001.

Brandon Davies Cornish, son of Linda An Cornish of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001.

Denis Zukic, son of Milenka and Senad Zukic of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 20, 2001.

Jennifer Leigh Leazer, daughter of Kimberly Raun and Robert Lee Leazer of Hansen, was born Friday, Dec. 21, 2001.

Rayvin Lynn Vodraska, daughter of Amanda Chautelle and John Alexander Vodraska of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Dec. 21, 2001.

Jose Luis Juarez, son of Maria and J. Socorro Juarez of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001.

Layne Ashlee Lewis, daughter of Nicole Lynn and Jason Wade Lewis of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001.

Michael William Kennedy, son of Amanda Susan and Kenneth Patrick Kennedy of Hansen, was born Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2001.

Brodie Wilburn Orvil Henson, son of Melissa Sue and Cory Edward Henson of Wendell, was born Tuesday,

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001.

Dec. 25, 2001.

**Cassia Regional Medical Center**

A son was born to Layne and Anganette Martin of Oakley on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2001.

Guaiberto Juarez Huerta, son of Guiberto Huerta and Amparo Huerta of Burley, was born Saturday, Dec. 22, 2001.

Erika Louise Warner, daughter of Kenneth Warner and Carrie Fries of Declo, was born Sunday, Dec. 23, 2001.

Kaitley Anne Bennett, daughter of Justin and Judy Bennett of Rupert, was born Monday, Dec. 24, 2001.

Audrey Godfrey, daughter of Lex and Rachelle Godfrey of Burley, was born Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001.

**Minidoka Memorial Hospital**

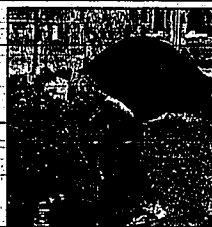
Jordyn Matay and Mykka Lynn, twin daughters of Melissa Mallory and Jeremy Coombes of Heyburn, were born Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2001.

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.

Dec. 25, 2001.



TWAIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY



Students from the Twin Falls Christian Academy rake leaves to collect money for an Afghan children's fund.

BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News



Young people help sort food collected during the annual Scouting for Food drive. The food is distributed to needy families through several organizations.

Photo courtesy of BOI SCOUTS

## Students rake in funds for charity

**By Betty Taylor**  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Students from the Twin Falls Christian Academy responded to President Bush's call for children to donate to the Fund to Aid Afghanistan Children.

Four teams of fifth- and sixth-

graders from Collette Tutty's class and seven senior volunteers joined together with volunteer moms and spent fall days going from house-to-house raking leaves.

After sending out flyers, friends and family responded with enough jobs to keep all 28 students, teacher and volunteer

moys busy all day. "This is 'funner' than school. We don't have to add or subtract," student Sarah Roeloff said.

"This is a good opportunity for students to demonstrate their Christian faith by helping others," Tutty said.

Mon Anna Nail also sent treats for all workers to enjoy.

## Buhl Library, arts council sponsor 'Let's Talk About It' book program

BUHL - The Buhl Public Library and the Buhl Arts Council will offer the "Let's Talk About It" program beginning Jan. 17. The program will run every two weeks until March 14.

The theme for this year's program is "Growing Older, Growing Wiser."

Local scholars will lead the book discussion group, answer questions and direct inquiry. Patrons interested in participating may come to all five sessions or any single session.

Books discussed include:

"Crossing to Safety" by Wallace Stegner on Jan. 17, about two couples who reflect on their relationship over the years; Jeff Fox from the College of Southern Idaho will lead the discussion.

Other books include: "Having Our Say" by Elizabeth and Sarah Delany on Jan. 31, "Stone Angel" by Margaret Laurence on Feb. 14, "Balsamroot: A Memoir" by Mary Blew on Feb. 28 and "Memory of Old Jack" by Wendell Berry on March 14.

The Idaho State Library will make multiple copies of the five

books available at the Buhl Public Library.

All of the meetings will be held at the Buhl Public Library, located at 215 Broadway-North, except for the Jan. 31 and Feb. 28 program which will be held at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl.

For more information, call the Buhl Public Library at 543-6500.

In addition to the Idaho State Library, the Let's Talk About It program is sponsored by the Idaho Humanities Council and US Bancorp.

## Scouts help feed needy

TWIN FALLS - Community contributions to the annual Scouting for Food program brightened the holidays for many Magic Valley area families.

In the Snake River Council, which includes the Wood River and Magic Valleys, boys ages 8 to 18 and their leaders, collected 58,439 items of food this year, council representatives say.

These items ranged from peanut butter to baby formula to canned goods. All foods collected in each community are distributed to families in that community, Scout representatives say.

Dan Arters, Boy Scout District executive for the Northside and Wood River areas, said the

Scouting for Food drive not only helps ease those moments of tension felt by families in need, but gives those who contribute an opportunity to share and feel like they've given back where once they may have received help.

Some of the organizations that helped distribute the food include the Salvation Army, South Central Community Action Agency, St. Edward's Soup Kitchen, Helping Hands in Burley, Triler - Ministerial Association, East End Providers, Idaho Migrant Council and the senior citizens center in Shoshone.

Local corporate sponsors that made special contributions

**Did you know?**

More than 20 million Americans, including 5.6 million children go hungry at some time every month. Between 1983 and 1985, the average number of households seeking emergency food increased by almost 40 percent, nationwide.

Seventy-five percent of those seeking help were families with children.

Malnutrition can lead to permanent tissue damage and leaves people, particularly children and the elderly, susceptible to illness and infection.

Source: Boy Scouts of America

include KMYT, Longview Fibre and Twin Falls Grocery Outlet, the council reported.

## SERVICE NEWS

**Herrett graduates from basic Army training**

Army Reserve Pfc. Matt R. Herrett has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness,

first aid and Army history and traditions. Herrett is the son of Jeannie Hart of Stockton, Calif. and Randy Herrett of Filer. He is a 1998 graduate of Johnsen High School, Modesto, Calif.

**Carroll completes combat training in Oklahoma**

Army Pvt. Andrew C. Carroll has graduated from basic com-

bat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During training, the soldier received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Carroll is the son of Tim and Jill Carroll of Twin Falls. He is a 2001 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

## HANSEN-SOPHOMORE OFFICERS



Hansen High School sophomore class officers are, from left, Allison Loveless, vice president; Ashley Redford, secretary; treasurer; and Hollis Brookshier, president.

BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

**Peterson receives degree from Westminster College**

Ammie Peterson has earned her bachelor's of science degree in

business with a concentration in marketing from Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah.

While attending Westminster, she served as a senator represent-

ing the business college. She has accepted a position with NBC during the coverage of the Winter Olympics Game in Salt Lake City.

**Gooding Senior Citizens serves weekend breakfast**

GOODING - The Gooding Senior Citizens will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the center, 308 Senior Ave., Gooding.

The menu will include coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice. The cost is \$3 and the public is invited.

The concert is scheduled for Feb. 23.

Those interested in joining the orchestra should call Judy Call at 734-7355 for an application form.

**Jerome Civic Club meets next week**

JEROME - The Jerome Civic Club will meet Jan. 8.

The Jerome Civic Club met Dec. 11. Hostesses Lorna Irwin and Carolyn Slaughter provided homemade cookies and other Christmas goodies to the members. Members of Michelle Fattig's drama class from Jerome High School performed several humorous skits.

**Kimberly Library adds new materials to shelves**

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

Juvenile fiction: "A Day With Babe" by Susan Kassirer, "New Lives, New Loves" and "Final Notes" by Carolyn Keene, "The Double Fudge Dare" by Louie Ladd, "Run For Your Life" by Marilyn Levy, "Stacy And The Fashion Victim" by Ann M. Martin, "Just A Toy" by Gina and Mercer Mayer, "Little Cottontail" by Carl Mendlins, "The Substitute Teacher From Mars" by Elaine Moore, "My New Boy" by Joan Phillips, "Attack Of The Aqua Apes" by R. L. Stine and "The Backward Bird Dog" by Bill Wallace.

**Job Service consultant assists veterans this month**

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Job Service veterans consultant, Johnny Moreno, will be available to assist veterans around the Magic Valley.

He will be available: From 1-3 p.m. Thursdays at the College of Southern Idaho in room 220 in the Meyerhoeffer Building in Twin Falls.

From 2-4 p.m. the third Thursdays at the Buhl Public Library.

Moreno's services include job referrals; information on veterans education, training and other programs; vocational guidance and referrals to community-based organizations.

For more information, call 735-2039 or visit Magic Valley Job Service, 771 North College Road, Twin Falls.

**Idaho Walleye Unlimited meets first Tuesday**

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Walleye Unlimited, a nonprofit organization, meets the first Tuesday of

the every month at the Idaho Power building on South Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Lila Roe at 324-2405 or Jeff Roberts at 678-1428.

**Parents of gays and lesbians group gathers**

TWIN FALLS - The Parents, Family and Friends of Gays and Lesbians meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Call Connie at 733-9172 or Dick at 324-8480.

**Alzheimer's support group seeks names for support**

TWIN FALLS - Organizers of Alzheimer's disease family support groups in Twin Falls and Burley are compiling a list of people willing to talk with and support family members whose loved ones suffer from the illness.

For more information, call Sandy Kevan or Mary Edgar at 736-2122, Bill Amoureux at 644-1383 or Jack Holt at 837-6252.

The group also invites anyone sponsoring a dementia, caregiver or grieving for inclusion in its newsletter.

**Living with Chronic Illness support group meets**

TWIN FALLS - Living with Chronic Illness support group meets from 5:30-7:00 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Center for New Directions.

The purpose of the group is to help people face the common mental, emotional, physical and spiritual issues of living with a chronic illness. The group also

welcomes family and friends affected by chronic illness.

For more information, call Jodie at 733-9554, Ext. 2680 or Barbara at 734-7394.

**Psoriasis support group gathers on third Tuesday**

BUHL - A psoriasis support group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Buhl Moose Lodge, at 1101 Main St. Buhl.

For more information, call Evelyn Davenport at 543-6516.

**AARP chapter gathers at Office on Aging**

TWIN FALLS - AARP - American Association of Retired Persons, Twin Falls Chapter 4352, meets at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Office on Aging at the College of

Southern Idaho campus.

For more information, call Evelyn Davenport at 543-6516 or Jackie Shaffer at 737-5035 or Grace Crawford at 733-5258.

**Desert Sage Quilt Guild gets together this month**

TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilt Guild meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the KMYT Community Room at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Charlotte Maffin at 543-6169.

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to Pat Marcantonio, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

**Woman celebrates 80th birthday with open house**

TWIN FALLS - Francis Ferguson of Twin Falls will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 4-6 p.m. Sunday in the recreation center at Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N., Twin Falls.

Ferguson has three children, Richard (Diana) Schlund of Castleford, Michael (Dianne) Schlund of Rupert and Julie (Mike) Floyd of Frisco, Texas; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Her family is hosting the event.

**Magic Valley Youth Orchestra starts rehearsals**

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Youth Orchestra will begin rehearsals for its winter concert at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Fine Arts Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.


### We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it.


- Community meetings.
- Celebrations
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