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# Robber hits two T.F. banks

## Dye pack may have exploded, staining robber's clothes a dark red, police say

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A single suspect in about 15 minutes early Wednesday robbed two Twin Falls banks about a mile from each other, according to police reports.

Employees at the U.S. Bank branch at 748 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. told investigators that at about 9:43 a.m., a man walked into the bank and gave a teller a note demanding money. The man then left on foot with an undetermined amount of cash, according to police reports.

Employees at the Wells Fargo branch at 1303 Addison Ave. gave a similar physical description of a man who came in and also used a note to rob that bank at about 9:58 a.m., according to reports. But the man's clothes were described as being different from those worn by the suspect at the U.S. Bank branch.

"That could be because the suspect was ROBBERIES, Page A2

This image from a Wells Fargo Bank security camera shows the man police are seeking in connection with two bank robberies in Twin Falls Wednesday morning.

Photograph courtesy of the Twin Falls Police Department



## Do you know this man?

Who: The suspect in two bank robberies, Wednesday in Twin Falls.

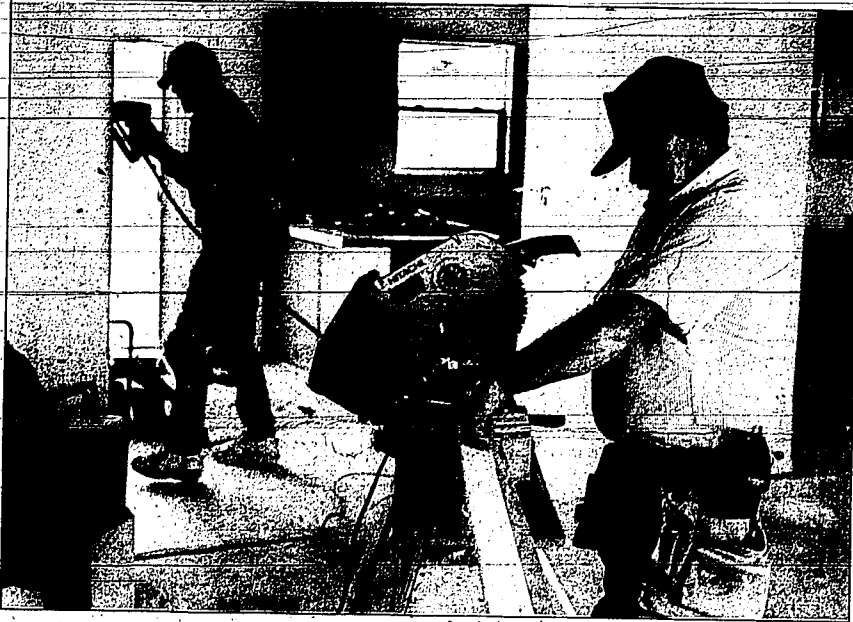
Physical traits: Described as a white man, about 40 to 50 years old; 6 feet tall and about 170 to 180 pounds. He had about two days' growth of facial hair.

Clothing: Was last seen wearing a light blue, long-sleeve, button-up shirt; dark pants; a maroon wool cap; and white tennis shoes.

Money: Saw one of the robberies might have tainted with a red dye, which also might have left stains on the suspect's hands.

Anyone with information about the case should call the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-5720, the Twin Falls office of the FBI at 733-5720 or the Southern Idaho Communications Center at 735-1911.

## BUCKING THE TREND



Bob Lowe, right, and Gary Ferenburg install the baseboards in a new single-family home on Valencia Street in Twin Falls.

# T.F. sets home-building record in 2001

## Construction soars in face of downturn elsewhere

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With the help of low-mortgage interest rates, 2001 set a new record for single-family home construction in Twin Falls.

Last year's 241 building permits issued for single-family homes citywide barely bested the previous record of 238 in 1994, City Hall officials said Wednesday.

Year	Number	Average value
1990	111	\$70,968
1991	109	\$90,831
1992	167	\$83,122
1993	189	\$80,809
1994	238	\$78,326
1995	156	\$92,205
1996	189	\$88,511
1997	179	\$102,474
1998	196	\$98,507
1999	176	\$99,678
2000	168	\$90,062
2001	241	\$95,756

Source: Twin Falls Economic Development Director Dave McAllister

## U.S. reports death of top Taliban official

The Washington Post

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - Amid reports of a top Taliban official killed, one of the largest U.S. Marine operations of the war in southern Afghanistan concluded with the discovery of a primitive compound that had been used by al-Qaida fighters as recently as a few weeks ago but little fresh intelligence about the terrorist network, Marine officers said Wednesday.

The compound raided by the Marines included caves, an obstacle course and 14 simple huts tucked against a deep ravine near a paved road in Helmand province, about a two-hour drive west from Kandahar, site of the main Marine base in Afghanistan. The site, which Marines and Afghan girls start school - A8 Key terrorist's ties - E2

## AFGHANISTAN STAPLE



An Afghan villager holds dried hemp in Yoi Abad in northern Afghanistan Wednesday. The resin in the flowering tops of the plant, chewed or smoked for its intoxicating effects, is widely used in the country. Afghanistan also produces a large amount of opium from poppies. Opium production was banned under Taliban rule, but has seen a resurgence since the Taliban fell from power.

## Bankruptcy court filings rise in Idaho

The Associated Press

BOISE - U.S. Bankruptcy Court officials in Idaho say a record 3,057 bankruptcies were filed in Idaho in 2001, a reflection of the souring economy and a reaction to potential changes in bankruptcy laws.

Sue Beitia, chief deputy with the court in Boise, said the number represents a 14.8 percent rise over the 7,014 filings in 2000.

Beitia attributes the increase to a move by some individuals and businesses in financial trouble who hurried to file before changes in federal law would have made it harder to erase debt.

The U.S. House and Senate passed different versions of the Bankruptcy Reform Act earlier last year. The bills were not reconciled in a joint conference committee because of the terrorist attacks in Sept. 11, Beitia said.

As of Dec. 31, the U.S. bankruptcy court in Idaho had:

- 6,869 Chapter 7 bankruptcies, up 20 percent from the previous year's 5,711. A Chapter 7 filing allows a person to obtain a fresh start, free from creditors the pressures of overwhelming debt.
- Under this chapter, a trustee takes possession of nonexempt property and assets, converts them to cash and distributes the funds to creditors.
- 85 Chapter 11 bankruptcies, up 84 percent from the previous year's 46. A Chapter 11 bankruptcy gives businesses time to restructure its finances so it may continue to operate under a court-approved recovery plan.
- Eight Chapter 12 bankruptcies, down from the previous year's 22 filings. Chapter 12 bankruptcy law was created to help family farmers who need to reorganize their debts, while keeping their land.
- 1,106 Chapter 13 bankruptcies, down 20 percent from last year. A Chapter 13 bankruptcy allows an individual debtor with a regular income pay back debts and keep assets.

## Judge enters plea of not guilty for attacks suspect

Newspay

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Zacarias Moussawi, the only person facing charges directly connected to the Sept. 11 attacks, declined to make any kind of plea as he faced arraignment in federal court Wednesday, prompting the judge to enter a not guilty plea for him.

"In the name of Allah, I do not have anything to plea," said the bearded Moussawi in slightly accented English as he stood in court wearing a dark green jumpsuit with the word "prisoner" on the back. "I enter no plea. Thank you very much."

U.S. District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema

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Zacarias Moussawi



## Ticket costs rise as security fees increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of a round trip ticket will rise as much as \$10 next month as airline passengers begin paying for security improvements.

The Transportation Department said the new security fee of \$2.50 per flight, or \$5 for passengers who change planes, will take effect Feb. 1. That's \$5 for a round trip nonstop flight, or \$10 if the passenger has to change planes each way.

The new fee is expected to raise around \$900 million this year, which is to be spent on new technology, passenger screeners, law enforcement officers and other security measures. Airlines are to collect the money and give it to the new Transportation Security Administration, which will take over aviation security from the Federal Aviation Administration on Feb. 17.

The fee was included in the new airline security bill passed by Congress following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Both the administration and Congress are committed to making significant improvements in aviation security," Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said. "The funds raised through this September 11 Security Fee will be used to implement new aviation security measures to help achieve this important goal."

Travelers already pay up to \$18 per round trip in passenger facility charges, which are used to help pay for airport improvements.

The leader of an advocacy group representing airline passengers said they shouldn't be asked to pay extra for security.

"The argument we had made to the Congress was this was law enforcement activity and it ought to be part of the general treasury," said David Stampler, president of the Air Travelers Association. "You don't get charged every time you make a call to the police."

The Transportation Department is seeking public comments on the new fee through March 1, and will issue a final regulation later.

With air travel still below pre-Sept. 11 levels, the Transportation Department reported Wednesday that most flights arrived on time last month.

The DOT said 84.7 percent of the flights of the 11 largest U.S. air carriers arrived within 15 minutes of their scheduled time. That was just below the 84.8 percent on-time record recorded in October. In November 2000, 72.8 percent of flights arrived on time.



Kendrick Johnson, 9, rolls a snowball on Wednesday morning at his grandparents home in Montgomery, Ala. A winter storm dropped about 4 inches of snow in the area. It was the city's most significant snowfall since the blizzard of 1993.

## Storm glazes South with snow and sleet, making roads hazardous

ATLANTA (AP) — A storm glazed the South with snow and sleet Wednesday, delighting children but making roads treacherously slick from Louisiana to the Carolinas.

Forecasters predicted 8 inches of snow for parts of the region and warned that a hard freeze overnight would make the Thursday morning commute even more dangerous. Up to a foot of snow was possible in North Carolina.

Three deaths were blamed on icy roads in Mississippi. "In a region where people were golfing and playing tennis in 70-degree weather just last month, Southerners turned out to build modest snowmen and go sledding down hills where snow covered still-green grass. Temperatures dropped into the 20s.

Some businesses closed for the day, extending the New Year's holiday, and South Carolina state employees in Columbia went sent home around noon.

"This is beautiful," June Carlson said as she dodged snowballs from her 4-year-old daughter, Rachel, at an ice rink in Atlanta. "We just got back from New York. There was no snow at all up there, and this is what we came home to. We're thrilled."

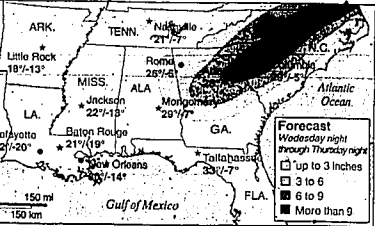
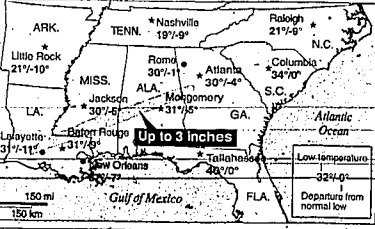
Southern Mississippi recorded 3 inches of snow, and Montgomery, Ala., got 4 inches — the most in that city since a blizzard nine years ago dumped half a foot. Snow and sleet in Alabama fell to within about 100 miles of the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico, and a freeze warning was

### Small snow causes big hassles

Snow-covered highways were blamed for two traffic deaths after snow fell across the South.

Accumulation

Tuesday night through Wednesday morning



SOURCES: AccuWeather; ESN; Associated Press

posted along the coast for Thursday. In Montgomery, the Carter family and a neighbor fashioned a dis-

tinctively Southern snowman with a Mardi Gras hat, a carrot nose, Oreos cookies for eyes and pecans for buttons.

## Bush condemns violence in Kashmir

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration condemned violence in Kashmir Wednesday and praised Pakistan and India for acting to ease tensions.

"Each of these countries is continuing to act responsibly in order to avoid a conflict," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said as he once again urged the two sides to talk directly with each other.

Despite a new outbreak of violence in Kashmir that killed a policeman and left 24 others wounded, Boucher's overall message was upbeat.

He said Indian troops in Kashmir had been deployed to assembly areas as opposed to battle positions, and he also alluded to a series of conciliatory actions by President Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan.

Boucher noted that Musharraf has advocated moderation and has arrested several radical Islamic leaders in Pakistan and closed offices.

President Bush telephoned British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Wednesday to talk about Blair's coming trip to the region and to synchronize their efforts toward reducing tension.

At the White House, deputy press secretary Scott McClellan urged Musharraf and Indian

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to meet in Nepal, where they are attending a conference of regional leaders.

Meeting at a regional gathering, McClellan said, could help the South Asian leaders reduce tensions and make progress toward settling their differences.

Secretary of State Colin Powell spent much of his holiday vacation working the telephones with Indian and Pakistani leaders, urging them to climb down from the confrontation.

Boucher said Powell spoke four times with Musharraf over the past several days and three times with Indian Foreign Minister Jaywant Singh.

He said much of the face-to-face diplomacy has been carried out by the U.S. ambassadors in the region.

When tensions between India and Pakistan flared in the fall, Powell traveled to the region with a message of restraint. An hour before Powell landed in Pakistan, Indian troops fired on Pakistani positions across a cease-fire line in Kashmir, sending the Powell mission off on a rocky start.

This time the administration seems less inclined to send an envoy, although the possibility has not been ruled out.

## High court: Posthumously conceived kids get benefits

BOSTON (AP) — Children conceived artificially after the father's death have the same inheritance rights as other youngsters, the state's highest court ruled unanimously Wednesday.

Posthumously conceived children may not come into the world the way the majority of children do. But they are children nonetheless," Chief Justice Margaret Marshall wrote in the 7-0 decision.

For inheritance rights in such cases, the mother must prove a genetic relationship between the father and child and establish that the father consented to posthumous conception and agreed to support his child, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled.

Most states have laws granting rights to children born after the father's death if the child is conceived before the death, but they do not address the rights of children born through posthumous conception, according to the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

In Massachusetts, the question came before the court in the case of Lauren Woodward, a mother

from city of Beverly who had twin girls using her husband's frozen sperm two years after he died of leukemia.

After the twins were born in 1995, Woodward applied for survivor benefits for her and her daughters, but her claim was rejected by the Social Security Administration.

Woodward sued in federal court. A federal judge then asked the Supreme Judicial Court to decide whether Massachusetts inheritance laws grants posthumously conceived children the same rights as naturally conceived ones.

The high court was not asked to rule specifically on Woodward's case, so the dispute will return to a lower court. But the ruling clearly favors Woodward's position.

"These children should not be discriminated against based on the timing of their birth, especially in this situation, where there is absolutely no question at all that they are genetically the children of this couple," said Woodward's attorney, Thomas C. Fallon.

## Searchers find 13 bodies in WTC lobby

NEW YORK (AP) — The bodies of 10 firefighters and three civilians were pulled from the rubble of the World Trade Center as excavation crews opened up the lobby of one of the collapsed towers, a firefighters union spokesman said Wednesday.

"The bodies on floors are now 30 feet below ground," said Tom Da Parma of the Uniformed Firefighters Association. He said the building's steel beams collapsed in such a way that pockets were created, and that is where many of the bodies have been found.

None of the 13 bodies, all discovered between midnight and 8 a.m. on New Year's Day, had been identified Wednesday morning.

Da Parma said the excavation of the disaster site is bringing workers to an area of the lobby where many people were trapped when the twin towers collapsed on Sept. 11.

"A lot of firefighters just would not leave that area while people were still trying to get out," he said.

Da Parma estimated that the bodies of 130 of the 343 firefighters missing in the terrorist attack had been identified.

The discovery comes amid reports that the Fire Department is prohibiting firefighters from leaving their companies to go to the site and carry away their fallen comrades. The union seeks to maintain order at the site, as well as provide protection in communities around the city.

## Bush repeals rule barring lawbreaking companies from federal contracts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration repealed a Clinton-era rule that prevents the government from awarding federal contracts to businesses that have broken environmental, labor, tax or other federal laws.

Labor unions pushed the last administration to enact the rule barring lawbreakers. President Clinton signed the order a few months after a computer analysis by the Associated Press found hundreds of contractors remained eligible for federal business despite having been convicted or sued for defrauding the government.

The Bush administration suspended enforcement of the rule in March. The repeal was published last week in the Federal Register.

Business groups praised the move, contending the regulation went too far and unfairly blacklisted companies with minor infractions or that had not been proved guilty.

"This rule gave government agents blanket discretion to blacklist federal contractors based on subjective and arbitrary notions of satisfactory compliance with any federal, state or even foreign law," said Randy Johnson, U.S. Chamber of Commerce vice president for labor and employee benefits. "More allegations of wrongdoing could prevent a business from winning a federal contract."

The chamber organized the National Alliance Against Blacklisting and lobbied Congress along with other business groups.

## A Year Has Passed

...since the loss of my brother and there is not a day that goes by that I do not think about him. I still wait to hear from him or to see him show up at the door, but then I remind myself that he is gone forever. I know that the pain will always be there for my family and myself, but I thought I would take a minute to thank some of the people and businesses that have helped ease the pain over the year.



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- The Fuchs Family
- The Heck Family

- The Meters Family
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- Barry Rental
- College of Southern Idaho
- Dick's Pharmacy
- Jerome County Sheriff's Dept.
- Party Time
- Reynolds Funeral Chapel
- Rock Creek
- Super 8 Motel
- VanEngelen Child.
- Wilson Bates
- All the Law Enforcement that helped and came to the funeral.

These are very generous people and if you can help them out sometime please do. If I have forgotten anyone I am sorry. I would also like to thank all the people that have donated on behalf of my brother. There will be a Wild Game Benefit Dinner on January 27 at 4 pm at the Rock Creek.

Thanks again, Robert Moulson

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NATION

# Afghan allies' goals differ from those of U.S. military

By Sally Buzbee  
The Associated Press

Analysis

WASHINGTON — For the United States, the goal is clear: find Osama bin Laden and Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar and end al-Qaida.

But the Afghan allies have other, competing goals, including gaining power for the future and settling old feuds. That is causing uneasiness about who can be trusted, as the United States sends money and weapons to tribal chiefs it needs in the hunt.

Among the worries facing U.S. officials are that local leaders might manipulate the American military to attack personal enemies, that efforts to gain Omar's surrender could again backfire, or that the search for bin Laden could stall.

Asked Wednesday about a report that one Afghan chief recently fed the U.S. military incorrect targeting information so U.S. bombs would hit a rival, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem said he believes that is untrue. But he acknowledged it is a "priority" to avoid such a situation.

"Our special operating forces on the ground, and other government agencies, work very hard to prevent that from happening," Stufflebeem said.

There is no way to guarantee such a thing won't happen, said John Pike, a defense analyst at GlobalSecurity.org in Washington. U.S. forces are depending on information from local, highly factionalized Afghans to choose some bombing targets, Pike said.

"On some level, you're basically just relying on somebody else's say-so as to what the political allegiance of a particular person or a particular group of people is," Pike said.

Even the goals of new Afghan interim prime minister Hamid Karzai differ somewhat from America's. For example, the United States insists it wants control of Omar, which could put Karzai in a tricky situation if Omar surrendered to a local leader who promised him a local trial.

Despite such differences, the United States has worked to solidify Karzai's government to avoid the infighting and chaos that have hit Afghanistan before. He, in turn, supports the U.S. campaign to get bin Laden and Omar.

The danger of depending on Afghans as America's eyes and ears — and muscle — has been apparent since the war began.

Pentagon officials insist that so far, the cooperation is good and success in Afghanistan is coming faster than they had dreamed possible.

Critics on the other hand point out that the last time tribal leaders engaged in surrender talks with Omar, he slipped away from his former stronghold of Kandahar, along with virtually the entire Taliban leadership.

Clearly, the United States could lessen its dependence on Afghans by sending in more U.S. troops, and probably finish the job faster, most analysts say.

Instead, U.S. officials have chosen a plan that minimizes American troop deaths, and helps to stabilize Afghanistan.

"The United States certainly has enough guns with which we could have grabbed Omar a month ago," Pike said. "But we would probably have killed enough people in the process that it would have sparked off civil unrest."

Like-wise, U.S. special forces continue to advise and help Afghans looking for bin Laden around the Tora Bora region. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was asked recently if the task would go faster if more U.S. troops were sent. He said the plan from the beginning has been to depend mostly on Afghans, and that has not changed.

America is sending money, weapons or cold-weather gear — whatever the Afghans prefer — as their incentive to keep searching, said Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"All that is being worked to solicit their cooperation," Myers said.

On Omar, Stufflebeem said he doubts the former Taliban leader is negotiating to give up, even though a commander for the Kandahar intelligence chief says Afghan military leaders have been negotiating indirectly with him for two days.

But U.S. officials "still have relatively few eyes and ears on the ground, so we deal with the best information we have," said Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria

Clarke.  
America will demand control over Omar if he surrenders or is captured, Clarke said. "From

what we've seen from reports from the interim government, from anti-Taliban forces, they understand," she said.

Sally Buzbee covers foreign affairs and the military for The Associated Press in Washington.

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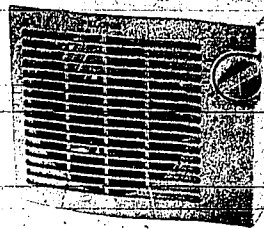
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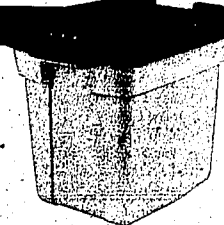
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## Libros, libros, libros

### Isabel Allende's conjured memory becomes best seller

By Lonnae O'Neal Parker  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - On a recent night at the National Press Club, a line of fans snakes through the rows of chairs as Chilean author Isabel Allende laughs and signs books and listens intently. Allende, who has just finished reading a draft, lures passage from her latest novel, "Portrait in Sepia," toggles easily between staccato Spanish and perfect English, squeezing hands and drawing small flowers under her signature.

Like Paulina del Valle, the most outside character in "Portrait," Allende is a woman of absorbing intensity. But unlike del Valle's, hers does not reveal itself in grand flourish or sweeping dramatic gesture but in a succession of small, probing moments of intimacy, insight and illuminating transcendence. She is equal parts subject and interviewer, probing with a deftness honed in a former self - a self that was a journalist in Chile before the 1973 coup, another before Sept. 11 - that deposed her constitutional elected socialist uncle, Salvador Allende, and later forced her family into a 13-year exile in Venezuela. There she came to international prominence with her first novel, 1982's "The House of the Spirits."

She is small and elegant and reticent, but she is greedy for the stuff of life. Or perhaps it is her readers who are the greedy ones. They have followed the prolific 59-year-old author through two



Isabel Allende and mother, Panchita, with "Portrait in Sepia," Allende has again hit the best seller list.

continents and 20 years of wars and betrayals and ghosts and lovers, and they are anxious to reach out because reading her takes them deeper into themselves.

"Portrait in Sepia," the third installment in an unintentional trilogy, speaks to the elusive stuff of memory. It holds that we uncover ourselves bit by bit by deciphering and reconstructing the people and happenstance of our lives. That our self-portrait is completed in shadows and grays and halftones, aided by the whispers of gentle, or perhaps vengeful, fates.

It is a theme appropriate to Allende. "I grew up in a family of secrets," Allende told a Press Club audience. "Writing comes from a quest for identity. A quest for memory. I write because I

want to know from where I come."

In a life crowded with extraordinary events paralleled and captured in extraordinary words - memory is a

"Portrait in Sepia" opens in San Francisco's Chinatown with the 1880 birth of Eliza Sommers' granddaughter, Aurora del Valle. She is raised by her maternal grandparents until her grandfather dies mysteriously and she is given over to her "ostentatious, foul-mouthed and irreverent" paternal grandmother, Paulina del Valle, who moves them to Chile. The book gives us the politically prominent parents of Clara, the protagonist from "The House of the Spirits," and sweeps through the turn of the century with a bloody historical resonance and a vivid, expansive sense of place.



Two Idaho health care workers volunteered weeks of service in November to the residents of Huanoico, Peru, where there is little or no medical care.

## Idaho physicians join Operation Condor

By Amalza Figueroa  
Times-News correspondent

Operation Condor has taken wing in Idaho.

Two doctors from Pocatello were among a group of physicians and volunteers from several states who contributed to the seventh mission of Operation Condor.

Operation Condor is a humanitarian program that brings medical relief to the poorest of the poor in the remote mountainous region of Huanoico in Peru.

The area lacks modern medical and surgical techniques available in the United States.

Medical staff volunteered their knowledge and skills in benefit of a community ravaged by the Shining Path Guerrilla movement and by a disadvantaged agrarian reform.

Dr. Jose Rossello from Pocatello went along with the mission during their two week stay in November.

"Some of these people do not receive timely medical treatment, so there is no hope for them, others will receive the help they require and it is an unforgettable experience to see the extreme poverty they live in."

There is a serious lack of supplies and equipment," he said. Huanoico is a town located in the central highlands of Peru,



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The mission dates back to 1995 when Operation Condor was born through the Rotary Club of Wheaton, near Chicago.

Rotarian Jean DeKeyser teamed up with also Rotarian Eric Declercq in Huanoico, in an extraordinary effort to bring help to the region. The clinic where the missions take place was named after Declercq.

Supplies and medical equipment are donated by Rotary Clubs and other organizations involved in the missions every year.

The name Condor was selected because it is the symbol of peace for the Inca empire, one of the best known birds of the Andes and, the famous tune "El Condor Pasa" was composed in Huanoico by native Daniel Alomia Robles.

## Publishers respond to Latino voices

By Lynn Smith  
The Associated Press

Ten years ago, author Victor Villasenor scuttled the biggest deal of his life.

G.P. Putnam's Sons had paid \$75,000 for "Rain of Gold," the folk-voiced tale of his Mexican American parents' lives but, Villasenor recalled, differences over the direction of the book led him and the publisher to part company. The writer mortgaged his family home in Oceanside, Calif., bought the book back and resold it to a small nonprofit publisher for \$1,500. "Rain of Gold" received glowing reviews, put Villasenor and Houston's Arte Publico Press on the literary map and sold to paperback for about \$250,000.

As a respected and successful author, Villasenor ran into surprisingly similar snags last year, when he tried to sell a sequel. Then, after six rejections, he learned about a new Latino imprint, Rayo, launched by HarperCollins Publishers.

It is in the last days of August. In September, they said they wanted it. He closed the deal in October," he said.

This fall, "Thirteen Senses" will become the lead offering for



The new writings of Victor Villasenor have been released by HarperCollins new Rayo imprint, which focuses on the growing market of Latino writing.

Rayo's debut - part of a new surge of commercial interest in books by, for and about Latinos.

Random House Espanol, launched in December, will soon be distributing books in the United States from Spanish publishers. Publishers Weekly is already planning to expand

Critics from a quarterly to a bimonthly guide to Spanish-language publishing.

The nation's largest commercial English-language houses want to enter the world of the smaller nonprofits, specializing in Latino authors because they see potential profit, said Adriana Lopez, editor of Critics.

Latinos, the country's largest minority, grew 58 percent over the last decade to 35.3 million, according to the 2000 census. Sixty-five percent of Latinos were born in the United States.

Amazon.com has revamped its Web site to take advantage of the Spanish-language growth, and this fall Time Warner and Bertelsmann will start a book club, Mosaico, in which 70 percent of the titles will be in Spanish, she said. "These are all big signs of what's to come."

Rene Alegria, Rayo's editorial director, said his goal is not only to tap a neglected Spanish-language book market but also to cultivate the Latino voice in the United States. Citing "a groundswell of energy and creativity" among Latinos, he said, there are young voices, developing issues and distinct cultures that make up a larger heritage.

## Commission honors new representative

BOISE - The Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs will host a reception for Rep. Elmer Martinez from 7:30 p.m. today in the J.R. Williams Building, West Conference Room at 700 W. State Street in Boise.

Martinez is the second Hispanic legislator to serve in Idaho.

For more information, call the commission at 334-3776 or e-mail at: dpena@cicba.state.id.us



## Noticias

as a Second Language classes will be taught throughout the Magic Valley starting in January.

The College of Southern Idaho's Adult Basic Education

program will hold classes at various times at the main campus in Twin Falls.

It will also hold classes at locations in Shoshone, Gooding, Acaquia, Burley, Bellevue, Buhl, Hazelton and Wendell.

The classes include instruction in conversation, reading, writing, civics and family literacy.

Adults who attend evening classes may also bring their children ages 4 and older.

For schedules and information about the classes nearest you, call Judy Ruprecht or Monica Kessel at 733-9554, or toll free 800-680-0274, Ext. 2540.

## Historians revive pre-Columbian cooking habits in Latin America

By Carol Mighton Haddix  
Chicago Tribune

For the cook with an interest in history, a new book by Beverly Cox and Martin Jacobs reveals the kind of fascinating details that would attract any student of the past.

"Spirit of the Earth: Native Cooking from Latin America" (Stuart, Tabori & Chang, \$40) brings us the foods and customs of the three major cultures of pre-Columbian Central and South America: the Incas, Aztecs and Mayans.

From the chapter introductions written by historians, we find out that

"A peasant in the Inca empire probably had a more varied diet than did the royal families of France or England of that era."

"The beans of the Aztec diet, of course, was maize, considered an entirely sacred substance because they believed the gods had manufactured human beings

from maize dough."

"Such ingredients as lamb, onions, garlic, sesame seeds, and cinnamon were unknown to the pre-Columbian Maya. But perhaps an even more fundamental change has been the introduction of oil and lard (by the Spanish), and thus trying, into a cuisine that had previously cooked only by boiling, steaming, or roasting and pit-baking."

The authors have collected 125 recipes from Latin American cooks that reflect the history of their ancestors but also have been updated for modern cooks. Corn, seafood, potatoes, seeds and tomatoes appear frequently. Some of the more basic recipes to choose from include Guatemalan stuffed fish, Yucatecan-style pork ribs, sweet corn soup, and shrimp and potatoes in chili-cheese sauce.

With such recipes, "Spirit of the Earth" more than meets the needs of those who are willing to suspend their usual fare for a little daring exploration.

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## EDITORIAL

### Two more issues Legislature should ponder

A pressing agenda of big-ticket issues will command the attention of state legislators when they convene on Monday: education, a tight budget, term limits. But we'd like to suggest a couple of additional issues that deserve consideration.

First, the Legislature should stop abuse of "judicial confirmation" power. The law allows a judge to approve construction projects under the guise of "ordinary and necessary" expenditures - without the customary public vote. It's a gaping loophole, widely exploited by local officials.

By appealing to a judge instead of the vox populi, Idaho cities and counties often meet little resistance to ambitious building projects. As a result, they avoid public accountability. Judicial confirmation is a game played without an opponent. Few citizens possess the financial resources to challenge a judicial review in court. So a public agency's lawyers face the judge uncontested. As often as not, the only public opposition to a judicial confirmation action comes from the press, which has only limited watchdog abilities.

That leaves citizens with no real say in major financial decisions by public entities.

The Legislature should close the loophole. Maybe a public vote should be required for any capital expenditure over a certain threshold. Giving a judge the only voice on publicly financed building decisions is not sound government.

Second, the Legislature needs to look at improving accountability for Idaho's county sheriffs.

It's been one year today since a mishandled drug bust in Eden left a suspect and two deputies dead. Despite the passing of time, questions are still unanswered about Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver's handling of the case.

State investigators concluded that no criminal charges should be filed, but their inquiry was solely a criminal investigation. It disregarded all issues of judgment and procedure.

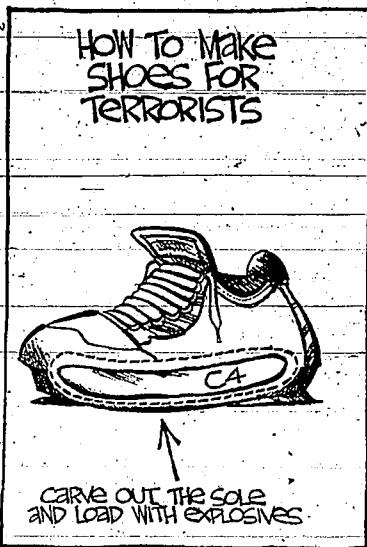
Idaho's 44 elected sheriffs are the only law officers in the state who have no bosses. They're theoretically accountable to voters, but voters lack access to information. Sheriffs' elected colleagues - county commissioners, prosecutors and coroners - may be able to review the sheriffs' actions, but fear of county liability muzzles them.

So here's a suggestion: When a sheriff's actions are in question, state law should allow investigation by an independent third party, with a subsequent public report. Such an investigation would be comparable to a police department's internal affairs review.

Additionally, the Legislature should require records of liability settlements to be open. Nothing should be held secret when public dollars are used for a negligence settlement or insurance payment. The public should know all the facts, so they can hold their leaders accountable.

Creating outside investigations and opening records would not be popular with public agencies. But public scrutiny goes with the territory for any elected official. Doing the public's work means letting the public see the mistakes.

*Legislative fixes to judicial confirmation and sheriff accountability laws will give voters more input and more information on local government decisions.*



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### HOW TO MAKE TERRORISTS



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## Bush maneuver shows a different White House

It was a classic stealth maneuver - and it worked. Two days after Christmas, with President Bush at his Texas ranch and most of official Washington on vacation, the White House announced the rejection of regulations that would have barred companies which repeatedly violate environmental and workplace standards from receiving government contracts.

But in the press released, and those papers that printed anything about the decision buried the stories on inside pages. But this was no trivial matter. A congressional report had found that in one recent year, the federal government had awarded \$38 billion in contracts to at least 261 corporations operating unsafe or unhealthy work sites. The regulations Bush killed were designed to stop that.

This is a classic example of the difference between the parties. These particular rules were issued at the very end of the Clinton administration, after being published in draft form 18 months earlier. Former Vice President Al Gore had publicly promised organized labor he would see that they were finished before he left that office.

Business opposed them, and Bush suspended them barely two months after he moved in, finally killing them last week. The move was a companion to the earlier 2001 action by the House and Senate, both then controlled by the Republicans, in setting aside Clinton administration regulations on ergonomics, designed to protect workers from repetitive motion injuries. The Chamber of Commerce and similar groups led the fight to spike them, too.

When I wrote about that action last March, I erred in saying Congress could have rewritten the rules that business found objectionable, instead of killing the whole package. Business lawyers later convinced me that that would have been virtu-



DAVID S. BRODER

ally impossible. But when the ergonomics rules were killed, the administration promised that new, "more reasonable" regulations would be forthcoming. A phone call to the Labor Department last week elicited the information that no new regulations have been issued and no one could say when they will be.

That is the game: Kill the rules you don't like quickly and quietly, then rake your sweet time writing new ones. Don't worry about how many strained backs or stiff wrists people suffer in the meantime. And now, don't worry if the companies that tolerate unsafe conditions are getting fat government contracts at the same time.

Here's another example of why it makes a difference who is deciding how the massive power of the executive branch is wielded - one I also wrote about last year. Last Oct. 25, 30 Drug Enforcement Administration agents raided the Los Angeles Cannabis Resource Center and shut down its operations. The center had opened five years earlier, after California voters approved a medical marijuana initiative. It served patients with doctors' prescriptions to use marijuana to alleviate the pain and nausea associated with AIDS, cancer and other diseases.

The raid was perfectly legal; the Supreme Court has affirmed that federal anti-drug laws, which cover marijuana, pre-empt more permissive state laws or initiatives. But no one has stepped forward to explain how busting up a center

operating with the full approval of the Los Angeles County sheriff and local officials became a law enforcement priority for the federal government in barely six weeks after the terrorist attacks on this country.

Two months after the raid, no one has yet been charged with any crime by the U.S. attorney's office. But the center remains inoperative, its former patients forced to seek relief in the black market.

The White House complains constantly about Congress' irresponsibility - sometimes with good reason. But often it is Congress that sets the executive branch right. As I noted at the time, the Bush budget of last April included a batch of fiscally cosmetic but phony law enforcement cuts, including a wipeout of the \$60 million grant to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for programs in public housing projects and high-crime areas, strongly endorsed by local police. Congress restored almost all those cuts and raised the clubhouse appropriation to \$70 million.

Last year, Bush urged Congress to pass a bankruptcy bill that would make it easier for credit card and auto loan companies to squeeze regimens out of people. Bills similar to one Clinton had vetoed passed both the House and Senate, but have been stuck in conference - in part because even the lobbyists were embarrassed to be pushing them when so many small businesses and individuals have been hammered by the recession and the aftershocks of Sept. 11. Believe me, if Bush had been able to rewrite bankruptcy rules with a stroke of his pen, as he did with the contracting regulations, it would have happened by now.

Elections do make a difference. David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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### Planned Parenthood helps women

When does a human life begin? The answer is different for those of different faiths and different cultures. The anti-choice constituency wants to make their definition the only one for all in this multi-cultural and multi-faith society. If every child born was a child that was hoped for, planned for and looked forward to, so many of this world's problems would either go away or be greatly ameliorated, depletion of natural resources, global warming, hunger, poverty, crime, illiteracy, child abuse and neglect, to name just a few. No one is pro-abortion; it is a step taken when contraception fails or is unavailable or to prevent bringing into the world a child with severe fetal anomalies. Planned Parenthood works hard to

provide low-cost contraception, reproduction education and alternative counseling to women with unplanned pregnancies. Planned Parenthood helps each woman to implement her own choice for herself and for her family. The noisy anti-choice voice speaks for only a small minority. Let the pro-choice voices be heard loud and clear from communities all over Idaho. Please send letters to the editor supporting the rights of women from diverse cultures and faiths to live according to their own lights. ROSALIND KIPPING  
Hailey  
(Editor's note: Rosalind Kipping is a member of the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Idaho.)

### New shelter could head downhill

Last January, with the help of KILX (Koty and Susan), we started a community effort. I set up a meeting at KMVT, which was attended by almost 100 people. Many people who attended were concerned with the current management of the animal shelter and did not want the same things occurring in a new facility. I promoted a community organization, getting support from all areas, with several groups which had opposing views. We established a temporary board and set up committees. People for Pets did not begin this movement. At the fourth meeting, the People for Pets Humane Society moved to take over the organization. I tried, without success, to keep the group a community citizens organization. Since many

of the people from the first gathering did not continue to attend and there was no requirement for membership or notification of change, the Humane Society took over the organization, thus eliminating any different views and not allowing several people there to voice any opinion. I quit because I would not join the Humane Society as a condition of membership in the building fund and I promised several people that this would be a citizens' effort. I still support the need for a new shelter as the current one is obsolete. The People for Pets Humane Society, which runs the current shelter, is now the sole owner of the building fund and I feel this sets up a situation where they will dictate to the city how they will manage the current shelter as well as the new one. The city will not go against the

Humane Society, no matter how they operate. This will also create a situation, where no matter how good a proposal by any other organization is to run the shelter for the city, that organization will not be accepted. The shelter agreement is renewable yearly. This turns into the People for Pets owning the city council and doing as they please. Poor management and lack of public access will continue regardless of public opinion. The new proposed shelter may be too large for the city needs with additional uncontrolled costs. There has been no study to determine a realistic size. Let us hope we do not end up with another tax abutross like the city pool. ROBERT POWERS  
Twin Falls

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### By Bruce Tinsley



Eduardo Duhalde

# Newest Argentine leader hints at veering from free-market policies

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — A populist senator became Argentina's fifth president in two weeks Wednesday, pledging to ditch free-market policies that he said had left Argentina "without a peso." Eduardo Duhalde, a 60-year-old former vice president and two-term governor of the country's richest province, Buenos Aires, donned Argentina's blue-and-white sash of

office and raised the golden scepter in an ornate ceremony in the Casa Rosada government palace. He was chosen by Congress late Tuesday to serve out the term of his unpopular predecessor, Fernando de la Rúa, through December 2003. Wednesday's inauguration ceremony followed a night of protests by an indignant public, exhausted by nearly four years of recession and

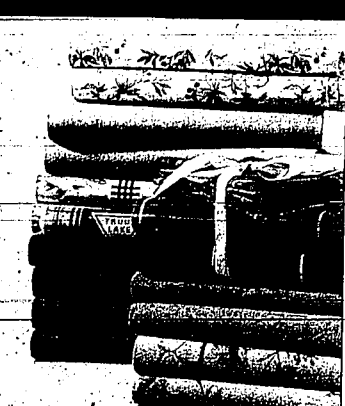
recent weeks of social unrest. Some Argentines were angry that Duhalde had not been chosen by a popular vote. "Elections now!" thousands of pot-banging demonstrators chanted as they swarmed onto the capital's streets overnight. By daytime the protests had largely ended. Duhalde's election was confirmed by 262 lawmakers with 21 against

and 18 abstentions in a marathon session of Congress. The legislators also scuttled earlier plans for a March presidential election. Over the coming days a flurry of announcements of cabinet positions and economic policies was expected. Duhalde became the fifth president to take office in this economically crippled South American

nation of 36 million people since Dec. 21, when de la Rúa was ousted by street violence resulting from his belt-tightening policies. Duhalde has the unenviable task of turning round the wrecked economy that is unable to pay the country's \$132 billion public debt and calming Argentina's most serious political and economic crisis in decades.

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# Afghan girls pick up school books



An Afghan schoolgirl listens to lessons at her school Monday in Kabul.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Schools excited and like new students everywhere, a little nervous. Sixteen-year-old Aroosa is back in school for the first time in five years.

Picking up where she left off when the Taliban rolled into Kabul five years ago. The lanky sixth grader doesn't mind that most of her classmates are younger than her, some only 11. She's just happy to be out of the shadows again, having spent the last five years mostly at home because of her family's banishment. Education for girls after the age of eight, the Taliban restricted their movement.

"I lost my education. I lost my childhood," she said. Aroosa arrived for her first day back at school Sunday wearing her middle and jay—a pair of jeans she painstakingly adorned with tiny silver beads on the hem and a delicately embroidered design.

As her friends crowded around her, pushing and giggling, she explained how she celebrated the end of the Islamic regime. "I went out and bought these jeans," she said.

The all-girls school opened last week with about 800 students, said school director Fatima-Rizai. Hidden behind a row of houses, the school is perched on a slight incline. There is no protection against the chilly winter morning. But the students didn't seem to mind as they packed 25 and 30 to a room. The small ones raced across the rocky school grounds to their classrooms.

In the small, dimly lit classroom, eager students crowded on the floor, balancing notebooks on their knees. Two friends shared one of the few chairs.

On a small, cracked blackboard, the teacher wrote the English alphabet and her students, all girls over 12, repeated each letter. Eight streamed through a small opening high in the wall. Cold penetrated the bare cement floor.

Deba, 8, played with her brown crocheted scarf and pondered for a few minutes before deciding whether she wanted to be when she finishes school.

"I think I will be an engineer," she said—an unusual preference for girls in Afghanistan who almost invariably pick doctor or teacher.

She explained that she would be following in her uncle's footsteps: "I think if I am an engineer I can make new buildings and make my country new again."

Another girl, Shabna, was 10 when the Taliban took over Kabul. "I remember my teacher told me 'Maybe tomorrow will be your last day at school.' I was sad because every other country was going ahead and my country was going backward," she said.

Devastated by 23 years of war, Afghanistan has lost nearly two generations to relentless violence. While girls under the age of eight could attend school, the Taliban said the Quran, the Muslim holy book, was the only book they needed to learn.

Still, some older girls continued to receive schooling in secret homes.

Shaima Favez, trained as an electrical engineer, taught 30 girls between the ages of 8 and 12. "I told the girls to put your books and notebooks under your burqa and if the Taliban stop you and ask you anything, don't tell them anything. Just tell them you are going to study the Quran," she recalled.

# Afghanistans returnees pick country over comfort.

The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan—Sherief Favez has lived in Virginia since 1984, running a successful translation business out of a huge loft office in his comfortable home in the Washington suburb of Loudoun County. He jogs on clean country roads, works on the Internet, and spends time with his wife and two grown children. But these days, Favez lives here in a dirty hotel room with no telephone and little running water. The electricity fails several times a day. He eats cold pancakes for

breakfast and travels with a bodyguard to protect him from religious zealots who might like to kill him. He is a graduate of higher education in the new government of Afghanistan, the war-ravaged country where he was born and raised.

"I love both countries," said Favez, 56. "The United States is my intellectual homeland. But I was born here, and I am here for a cause that gives me spiritual satisfaction. But it is very, very difficult."

Favez and a growing number of Afghans who fled this country

decades ago are coming home, providing the intellectual energy that Afghanistan's fledgling government needs to solve the country's enormous problems. Scholars, artists and innovators left in droves to avoid years of occupation, civil war and the repressive rule of the Taliban militia.

Those who stayed know mainly how to fight.

Now, with the Taliban routed and peace beckoning, Afghanistan's new leader, Hamid Karzai, is trying to reverse the brain drain of the past 23 years.

He hopes to lure back people with experience in education, business, government—anything that might help defibrillate this half-dead nation. "There is no middle class here," Favez said. "If we are going to have changes, only the intellectual class can do it."

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SPORTSQUOTE

“We've gone from the Dumpster to the top of the mountain.”

“University of Miami tackle Joaquin Gonzalez, on the injury upgrade the Hurricanes have undergone since the early '90s.”

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school boys basketball
  - Gooding at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
  - Burley at Skyline, 6 p.m.
  - Minico at Madison, 6 p.m.
  - Glenns Ferry at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
  - Twin Falls at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
- High school girls basketball
  - Oakley at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
  - Raft River at Murtaugh, 6 p.m.
  - Valley at Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.
  - Declo at Malad, 7 p.m.
  - Filer at Buhl, 6 p.m.
  - Kimberly at Wood River, 6 p.m.
- High school wrestling
  - Quad meet at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
  - Filer at Declo, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bengals need OT to beat Portland

POCATELLO - D'Marr Suggs scored 33 points and hit the game-tying shot in regulation to lead Idaho State to an 83-79 overtime win over Portland Wednesday night. Suggs hit a 3-point basket from the top of the key with 2.6 seconds left to tie the game at 64 and sent it to the extra period. Suggs then hit another 3-pointer to start the Bengal (7-5), scoring in the extra period. The 33 points were a career high for Suggs who also had nine rebounds; two assists and two blocked shots.

NFL suspends Raiders' Russell a year for Ecstasy

ALAMEDA, Calif. - Oakland Raiders defensive tackle Darrell Russell cleaned out his locker Wednesday and began serving a one-year drug suspension after the NFL turned down his appeal. Russell, who tested positive for the club drug Ecstasy, won't be eligible to play again until Jan. 2, 2003, because of the decision by commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

Compiled from wire reports



Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

36 days until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The Olympic flame begins the day in Columbus, Ohio, then heads north through Chicago, Moralo and Dayton, before ending its daily journey in Fort Wayne, Ind. March to the Medals: Accurate shooting bolstered both Kara and Salmela's confidence and her ski Wednesday as she took a much-needed victory in the women's 10-kilometer pursuit race at the U.S. biathlon trials. Her performance also lightened the competition for the four available women's berths. Five women are separated by less than a dozen points in the rankings, with one race remaining.

# CSI manhandles All-Stars

## Ellis throws in a career-high 35

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - He's been dubbed "Spiderman" and "Spree" for his trademark jumping ability and affinity for NBA star Latrell Sprewell. Now he can add "Executioner" to his list of nicknames. Tim Ellis scored a career-high



Tim Ellis

a rare Wednesday night at CSI Freshman Guillaume-Yango made a sparkling season debut for

CSI, netting 15 points and 14 rebounds in just 16 minutes of work. Ineligible through the first semester, Yango showed Wednesday hasn't been sloughing off in practice. "That was really nice to see. He's been getting better in practice every day," head coach Guy Beach said. "He can make his free throws and he led us in rebounds - he's definitely going to help us." Ricky Clemons, Jack May and Tony Bobbitt all scored 14 points apiece and Rob Black added 12 points for the Golden Eagles, who were playing their first game in 25

**CSI hoops**

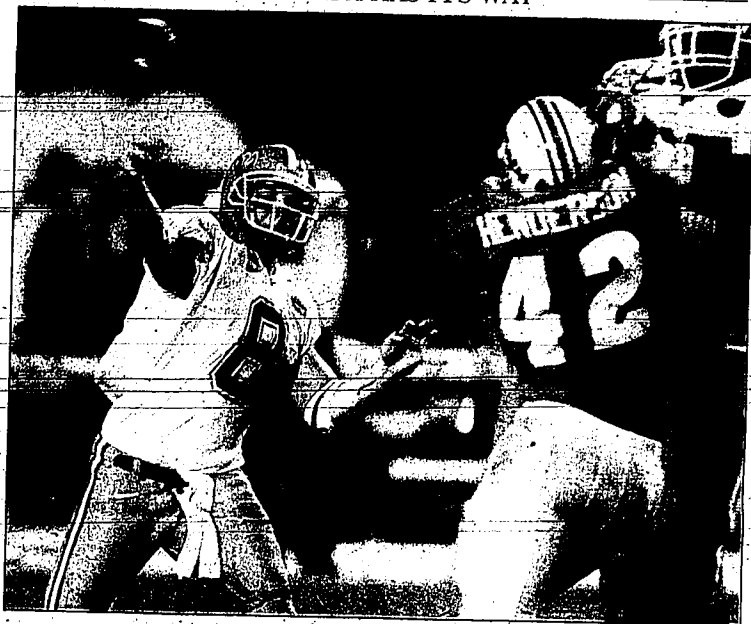
Wednesday's Men's Game  
CSI 129, NW All-Stars 68  
This weekend: Both CSI men's and women's teams head to Utah for games Friday at Salt Lake CC and Saturday at Utah Valley State College.

days since beating Ricks College 93-70 on Dec. 8.

Bobbitt also had 11 rebounds for Southern Idaho (2-0 Scenic West Athletic Conference, 12-2 overall), which returns to play again Friday on the road at Salt Lake Community College and Saturday at Utah Valley State College. "It's hard playing these (type of) games," Beach said. "It was more of an organized practice. And we had a little bit of a lack of concentration and a little bit of a

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## FLORIDA HAS ITS WAY



Florida quarterback Rex Grossman throws under pressure from Maryland's E.J. Henderson Wednesday during the Orange Bowl in Miami.

## Can Miami bail out the BCS?

By Don Markus  
The Baltimore Sun

PASADENA, Calif. - The potential for controversy will be plentiful tonight when 10-ranked Miami meets No. 4 Nebraska here at the venerable Rose Bowl. The folks in charge of the Bowl Championship Series will be crossing their fingers and rooting for the Hurricanes to quiet any debate about a split national championship.



88th Rose Bowl

Who: No. 1 Miami (11-0) vs. No. 4 Nebraska (11-1)

When: Tonight, 6:30 p.m.

Where: National Championship

TV: ABC

game is as much about the credibility - and possibly the future - of the much-debated and much-maligned BCS as it about the dominance of the undefeated Hurricanes or the resilience of the undaunted Cornhuskers. Given No. 2 Oregon's 38-16 victory over No. 3 Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl, much is still at stake.

A victory for Miami (11-0) would give the Hurricanes the fifth national championship in school history - their first since they shared the title with Washington in 1991. But first-year coach Larry Coker doesn't think his team needs to win convincingly to be a consensus choice of the two national polls.

"Do we need to win decisively? No, not at all. We're the No. 1 team in the country. We're pretty much held our own for 11 weeks now," Coker said. "Our goal is to win by one point. If we win by one point, we're the undisputed national champion."

A victory for Nebraska would give the Cornhuskers a sixth national championship, their first since sharing the title with Michigan in 1957, the last season under the old Bowl Coalition. Nebraska Coach Frank Solich believes his team would be deserving of its share of the championship if the eight-point underdog Cornhuskers beat the Hurricanes.

"The final game has yet to be played, and however we play in that game probably means a great deal," said Solich, whose team is looking to erase the painful memory of its 26-point defeat to Colorado in its last regular-season game. "Without question our team has done basically what we

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## Gators munch on Terps at Orange Bowl

The Associated Press

MIAMI - This starting stuff is overrated. Banned to the bench for the first 20 minutes of the Orange Bowl, Rex Grossman led Florida to touchdowns on all six of his drives and the No. 5 Gators set record after record in a 56-23 crushing of No. 6 Maryland.

on Wednesday night. Grossman threw for 248 yards and four touchdowns. Another so-called backup, third receiver Taylor Jacobs, caught 10 passes for 170 yards, both Orange Bowl records, to help turn coach Steve Spurrier's quarterback shuffle into a stunning offensive highlight show. Jabar Gaffney caught two touchdowns for Florida and tailback Earnest Graham ran for 149 yards and two scores. Florida gained 659 yards to break a 49-year-old Orange Bowl record and the Gators showed they might, indeed, have the most talent in

the nation, even though they're not playing for the national title in the Rose Bowl.

Seemingly determined to prove that point, Spurrier kept Grossman in the game deep into the fourth quarter, and when he threw a long pass incomplete with 4 minutes left, the dwindling Maryland crowd boomed.

But that was hardly the worst of it for the Terrapins (10-2), whose magical season performance against Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl. When the Oregon fans began chanting "We're No. 1," with their team firmly in command in the third quarter, it seemed perfectly logical, a remarkable climb for a program that long toiled in obscure mediocrity.

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## Ducks get daffy over chance to grab share of national title

The Associated Press

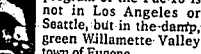
TEMPE, Ariz. - No more jokes, please, about those Ducks quacking under pressure.

Oregon, the often-overlooked school with the wacky nickname, earned a spot among the nation's elite football programs with its powerhouse performance against Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl.

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stage that coach Mike Bellotti's program needed to convince the country what football fans in the West already knew. The class program of the Pac-10 is not in Los Angeles or Seattle, but in the damp, green Willamette Valley town of Eugene.



Joey Harrington

"We had a great opportunity today to make a statement. We did that," said quarterback Joey Harrington, who ended his college career 25-3 as a starter. "We had our heads on straight, and we were ready to play for a piece of the national championship."

Oregon entered the game ranked No. 2 in the nation, but No. 3 Colorado was favored to win.

Then the Ducks' speed and Harrington's poise and talent

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## Pats' Brady makes Pro Bowl; Seahawks send Randle, Jones

By Dave Goldberg  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Tom Brady made it to the Pro Bowl. So did three members of the Carolina Panthers, a team with one win. And so did Garrison Hearst, who came back from an ankle injury that sidelined him for two years and seemed to have



Tom Brady

Rosters - B3

ended his career. The Pro Bowl teams, announced Wednesday, were the usual hodgepodge of surprises, sentiment and the same old names, many of whom make it simply because they ARE the same old names. "It's been a horrible year but it's still an honor," said tight end Wesley Walls of Carolina, which can become the first team ever to lose 15 straight games in one season if it loses to New England on Sunday. "Usually guys ride the crest of a winning team into the

Pro Bowl and we certainly haven't had that."

The other Panthers voted to the team by fans, players and coaches were punter Todd Sauerbrun and kick returner Steve Smith. As usual, the selections generated a lot of discussion - the Pro Bowl is probably the only all-star game in which there's more interest in the selections than in the game, which will be played in Honolulu on Feb. 9, six days after the Super Bowl.

Tackle John Randle and offensive lineman Walter Jones will represent the Seattle Seahawks. Two of this year's notables are

Brady and Pittsburgh's Kordell Stewart, who join Rich Gannon as AFC quarterbacks. Stewart has emerged as an MVP candidate after three subpar seasons.

"It's huge, it's huge, I can't say how big it is," Stewart said. "To get the respect from those guys is more important than anything else."

Brady was a sixth-round draft choice in 2000 and spent last season as the Patriots' fourth-string quarterback behind Drew Bledsoe, John Friesz and Michael Bishop. Brady started this year as a second stringer, becoming a starter when Bledsoe was hurt in the second game.

Since then, the Patriots are 10-3 and need only to win in Carolina Sunday to clinch the AFC East title.

"I think at some point you sit back and evaluate the way, 'Wow, this has been a pretty good year,'" Brady said.

Brady's selection makes him just the fifth quarterback selected to the Pro Bowl in the season of his first start. The others are Dan Marino in 1983, Brett Favre in 1992, Kurt Warner in 1999 and Drew Colquhoun last season. Warner and Favre of the NFC team this season, along with Jeff Garcia of San Francisco.



SPORTS

Shaq-less Lakers edge Jugglers 87-86

DENVER (AP) — Kobe Bryant scored 28 points, including a 20-point first-half outburst, to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 87-86 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday.

NBA

Aaron Williams came off the bench to score a season-high 20 points, Kerry Kittles added 18 points and Kenyon Martin had 15 points for the Eastern Conference-leading Nets, who won for the fourth time in five games.

Celtics 110, Magic 94

BOSTON — Kenny Anderson scored all of his season-high 19 points in the first half as the Celtics won their seventh consecutive home game.

7ers 102, Suns 81

PHOENIX — Allen Iverson scored 29 points and three other Philadelphia players scored at least 15 as the 7ers used a 36-point third quarter to rout the l-less Suns.

Mavericks 107, Bulls 97

CHICAGO — Steve Nash had 24 points and 11 assists and Dirk Nowitzki scored all 18 of his points in the second half to lead the Mavericks to their 10th straight win.



Milwaukee's Ralf Alston (11) passes over Minnesota's William Avery Wednesday during the first half in Waneppolis.

Rick Fox had 17 points and Bamad-Walker had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers, who were without Shaquille O'Neal for the fifth straight game because of an athletic big toe on his right foot.

Both teams' rosters were depleted by injuries. The Bucks' top three scorers — Glenn Robinson, Ray Allen and Sam Cassell — all missed the game, as did Joe Smith and Terrell Brandon of the Wolves.

Shane Battier had 20 points for the Grizzlies, Stromile Swift had 15 points and 10 rebounds and Pau Gasol had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Antonio Walker scored 30 with nine assists, Paul Pierce had 24 points and eight rebounds and Vitaly Potapenko had 10 points and nine rebounds.

Philadelphians scored 36 in the third quarter to rout the l-less Suns. Iverson scored 29 points and three other Philadelphia players scored at least 15 as the 7ers used a 36-point third quarter to rout the l-less Suns.

Timberwolves 95, Bucks 77

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Garnett had 22 points and 19 rebounds and Anthony Peeler added 18 points as the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the short-handed Milwaukee Bucks 95-77 Wednesday night.

Nets 92, Grizzlies 74

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd had 14 assists in 26 minutes and New Jersey held Memphis to a season-low seven points in the second quarter.

Cavaliers 113, Warriors 98

CLEVELAND — Lamond Murray, playing for the first time since straining his lower back Dec. 22, scored a career-high 49 points.

Spurs 97, Pistons 85

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National Basketball Association schedule with columns for team, score, and location.

LAKERS VS BUCKS

Statistics for Lakers vs Bucks game, including points, rebounds, and assists.

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Statistics for Mavericks vs Bulls game.

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Schedule and results for Women's Basketball.

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Schedule and results for College Football.

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College basketball scores for Wednesday.

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WTA Thalgo Australian

Women's tennis results from WTA Thalgo Australian.

National Basketball Development League

NBDL game schedule and results.

Continental Basketball Association

CBA game schedule and results.

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3A men's basketball scores.

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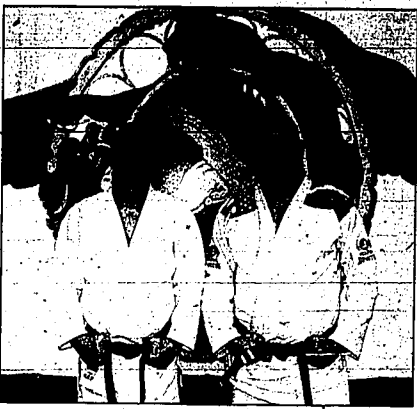


Photo courtesy of Keith Owen.

Craig Stotts, left, recently earned his blue belt ranking in the art of Brazillian Jiu-Jitsu under instructor Pedro Sauer of Salt Lake City. Brazillian Jiu-Jitsu is a ground fighting art developed by the world-famous Gracie family of Rio de Janeiro.

The rank of blue belt is the first level and "is quite an accomplishment for a person to receive," said Keith Owen, instructor at American Self Defense Systems, where Stotts trains. Stotts, a Twin Falls police officer, has been with the police department for the last four years.

## Reynolds' team wins Jr. Jazzball crown

BURLEY — Junior Jazzball at the Racqueteers completed its season of play.

Boys coaches this year were Troy Jensen, Jason Haynes, Derek Kunz, Kevin Hoggan, Richard Reynolds and Todd Phillips.

For two boys competed in the program this year.

The final consolation game for the season were decided between teams coached by Hoggan and Haynes, with Hoggan's club coming out victorious. Winning team members included Kolby Carpenter, Ed Christenson, Tom Hoggan, Clayton Searle, Trevor Searle, Gavin Wrigley and Spencer Stoker. Haynes' team consisted of Chase Anderson, Jarvis Beames, Steven Kirk, Jeff Lowe, Rudy Price, Marc Riedel and Chad Allen.

Riedel set a record in the game with six 3-pointers. He earned four 3-pointers in the first half and two more in the second half. Kris Essig set the season's single-game scoring record with 37 points.

The championship game was between "teams" coached by Reynolds and Kunz, with Reynolds' team winning easily 57-37. For the season, his team won six games, but tied Haynes' team during league play. High



Photo courtesy of Racqueteers.

Rich Reynolds' team was crowned the 2001 champions of the Racqueteers' Junior Jazzball season. Pictured: front, Casey Miller and Dax Greener; back, Coach Rich Reynolds, Ian Blackburn, Braxton Greener, Scott Briggs, Brent Klett and Steven Andressen.

scorers for the game were Brent Klett with 14 points and Taylor Kerbs with 13 in a losing effort.

were Braxton Greener, Dax Greener, Ian Blackburn, Casey Miller, Steve Andressen, Scott Briggs and Klett. Kunz's players

were Brad Caresia, Bryan Caresia, Aaron Schell, Trevor Reno, Kerbs, Chris Turney and Jason Pollard.

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## YOUR SCORES AND STATS

### BOWLING

Local scores

WYNN FALLS - Here are some reports from the bowling leagues for the past week.

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## BICKEL BALLERS



Photo courtesy of Just Kids.

**TWIN FALLS** - The sixth-grade girls basketball team from Bickel Elementary won its age division for area elementary schools.

The team, from Front row, Kayla Hancock, Brooke Robinson and Amanda Thleman; Middle row, Cassie Kimbrough, Cortina Levine, Kelsey Peterson and Kelly Vriesman; Top row, co-coach Darla Peteran, Daniel Guerrero, Rebecca Weeks, Stefanie Marcano, Principal MaryLee Roberts and head coach Pastor Brian Vriesman.

## Former Boeing engineer designs better golf ball

SEATTLE (AP) - When Steve Ogg was an aerodynamicist for The Boeing Co., he focused on figuring out ways to make big jets fly better.

Now he's working on a much smaller scale. His mission: Design a golf ball that flies farther than any other.

Ogg, now an engineer for Callaway Golf based in Carlsbad, Calif., says he's designed one with hexagonal and pentagonal patterns, instead of the plain, old dimples that have been favored for nearly a century.

"We believe this will be the best all-around golf ball ever,"

Ogg told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer from Callaway's headquarters north of San Diego.

It's called HX, and it features a network of 332 hexagons and 12 pentagons with rounded edges.

That eliminates the flat areas between the dimples, which Ogg says cause drag that cuts down on the distance a walloped golf ball can fly.

"The design of a golf ball is a balance between minimizing drag at high speed and maximizing lift at low speeds," said Ogg, who describes himself as a bad golfer. "When you don't have enough surface-area coverage, it is very difficult to do that. You have to make the dimples very deep to get lift at low speeds, and those dimples create a lot of drag at high speeds."

Another advantage of the HX ball is that it has no seam, a feature on most golf balls that can cause inconsistent results when hit.

Callaway has done extensive testing of the HX ball, measuring lift, drag and spin characteristics from images taken from a digital camera. Those tests show the HX ball goes slightly farther than regular golf balls, Ogg said.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Sawtooth supervisor plans staff changes

**TWIN FALLS** - Besides a new supervisor, the Sawtooth National Forest will see other personnel changes.

John Lloyd, fisheries biologist, is retiring after 31 years. He came to the Sawtooth in 1986.

Max Yings, recreation technician for the Burley-Twin Falls Ranger District, will become the outdoor recreation planner for the Bureau of Land Management's Jarbidge Recreation Area. The office is based in Twin Falls. Yings has worked for the Sawtooth since 1984.

Lesley H. Weig, deputy area ranger for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, has been promoted to district ranger on the Cordova Ranger District of the Chugach National Forest in Alaska. She came to the SNRA in 1999.

Forest Supervisor Bill Le Vere has been promoted to a directorship at the Forest Service's regional office in Ogden, Utah. Le Vere came to the Sawtooth in 1995. Laurie Tippin, from the national office in Washington, D.C., will serve as acting supervisor until a new supervisor is hired. Tippin will arrive at the Sawtooth Jan. 28.

### Nevada calls for volunteers to start conservation plan

**ELKO, Nev.** - In an effort to preserve the sage grouse populations in Nevada without limiting land use options, Gov. Kenny Guinn is asking for volunteers to develop a statewide plan for conservation of the birds.

The Sage Grouse Conservation Team will be holding meetings throughout the state in an concentrated effort to involve the public in forming plans that emphasize local involvement and decision making. Recent actions in other states regarding the sage grouse, as well as an endangered species has prompted the governor's actions.

A meeting is scheduled for Jan. 10 in Elko, but a meeting place and time has not been decided upon. For more information, contact Gary Back at (775) 772-1303.

Compiled from staff reports

### Broken lines delay school for some students

**By Robert Mayer Times-News writer**

**JEROME** - Many students in two northside schools are receiving an extended holiday break courtesy of broken water lines.

A broken water main at Valley School is forcing officials to cancel class for all twelve grades today. Meanwhile, a break in the fire sprinkler system at Horizon Elementary School has flooded several classrooms, canceling school today and Friday for a portion of the school's students.

Rod Malone, Valley High School principal, said janitors discovered the flooded area Wednesday morning. Although the water damage is limited to the school's basement, shutting off the school's water supply necessitated canceling the first day of school of the new year. From what he can tell, the damage is minimal, limited to some paperwork and extra supplies, he said.

Malone said workers won't be able to locate the main line breach until the waters recede. He said it was most likely the freezing weather that caused a pipe to burst.

Personnel will work on the problem all night, he said.

"Hopefully we'll be up and going by Friday, but I doubt it," he said.

Jim Cobble, Jerome School District superintendent, said the following six classes - in rooms 20-25 - at Horizon Elementary were flooded and won't have class today or Friday.

- Mrs. Weed, grade 3
- Mr. Lock, grade 4
- Mrs. Rogers, grade 5
- Mrs. Hoerns, grade 5
- Mrs. Krivox, grade 6
- Miss Robertson, grade 6

Students who aren't in the above classes are expected to attend school today. By Monday it will be "business as usual," although students of the flooded rooms may have to be shuttled around to various classrooms as repairs continue.

Officials have yet to determine the cause of the burst sprinkler lines, but Cobble doubted freezing temperatures is to fault.

"It burst for some reason," he said. "It's gone through cold weather before."

# Group stresses rail crossing safety

**By Mark Heinz Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** - People who forget the obvious at rail crossings can end up dead.

That's the basic message Jim Willis - a representative of Idaho Operation Lifesaver - had for the Twin Falls Rotary Club Wednesday.

Meanwhile, an official with the Idaho Transportation

Department said some improvements should soon be made at a crossing that has seen several train-vehicle collisions in recent years.

To dramatize the physics of a few-thousand-pound vehicle going against a train weighing thousands of tons, Willis asked his Rotary audience to imagine some aluminum cans he'd brought with him were vehicles before smashing them under-

foot. Repetition and familiarity can set drivers up for trouble at crossings, Willis said, because it's easy to be lulled into thinking the tracks are just another bump in the road.

"Trains can't swerve - they're not going to chase you. You are either going to have to hit it or drive in front of it for a collision to occur," he said.

There were four vehicles

struck at rail crossings in the Magic Valley in 2001, he said and about 12 such accidents happen every day nationwide.

One of the most devastating collisions last year was at Curry Crossing west of Twin Falls - when a tractor-trailer rig hauling sand was struck by an Eastern Idaho Railroad train. Nobody was hurt in the accident.

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**Crossing safety**

Idaho Operation Lifesaver can give a free presentation about rail crossing safety to any civic club, school or other group. To schedule a presentation, call the state coordinator, Chris Arvas, at 208-238-5525. Or write to Idaho Operation Lifesaver, 300 S. Harrison Ave., Pocatello, 83204.

# Blood donations



Josso Hoffman, 8, feels a little queasy as his grandmother, Nornia Fritzley, donates blood at the American Red Cross blood drive in Twin Falls Wednesday afternoon at First Presbyterian Church. The drive continues today and Friday.

## Twin Falls blood drive pulls in strong turnout

**By Robert Mayer Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** - Dave Kiesig is an expert at giving blood.

A horticulture professor at the College of Southern Idaho, Kiesig said he's been donating blood every three months for nearly 10 years.

"You never know when you're going to need it yourself," he said.

It's people like Kiesig and hundreds of other blood donors who have made this week's Red Cross blood drive at the First Presbyterian Church at 209 Fifth Ave. N. a success, said Sharla Warren, chairwoman of the blood drive.

Thanks to a brisk turnout, Warren said she has been able to fulfill the 108-pint daily quota. In fact, participation in

the Twin Falls blood drive has been so popular that it's been stretched to three days from two days to accommodate all the donors. Often there's a wait for a spot on one of the nine beds. At one point Wednesday walk-ins had to be turned away, she said.

Jennie Hollibaugh, a student at Mr. Juan's College of Hair Design, said her decision to donate Wednesday was made spontaneously when she spotted the blood drive sign while driving down Shoshone Street.

"I like to help out people if

they need it," she said, adding that this was her second blood donation. "It doesn't feel bad. A lot of people are afraid of needles," but I'm not."

In the room at the church, nine patients were reclined in what appeared to be heavy-duty outdoor lounge chairs as Angela Doyle, a phlebotomist, and other Red Cross volunteers quietly drew blood.

Doyle first examines both of the patient's arms, seeking out the most accessible vein. She then places a rubber ball in the patient's hand to occasionally squeeze to keep the blood flow-

ing. Two dots are marked on the two ends of the protruding vein to highlight its direction on the arm to ensure accurate and painless needle penetration. The area is thoroughly cleaned, either with iodine or a two-step process using green soap and rubbing alcohol.

A pint-sized bag is placed on a scale which is zeroed and set in motion with a gentle rocking motion to keep the blood from coagulating.

Then the moment of truth: the needle is stuck into the arm.

Although the actual blood letting takes only about five minutes, the whole process from pre-screening to post-eating consumes about an hour.

On Wednesday, Kiesig said he broke his personal record, filling

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## Judge rules recount invalid

**By Shari Chaney Times-News writer**

**RUPERT** - It shocked everyone involved.

Fifth District Judge John Melanson ruled Wednesday last week's recount of votes cast in the Rupert City Council race between Layne Rutschke and John Garro was not valid.

"I didn't expect that outcome," said Don Chisholm, the attorney representing Garro.

Rupert City Attorney Rick Bollar agreed, saying he did not expect the judge's ruling.

Neither Rutschke nor Garro had any comment on the afternoon ruling.

After listening to comments from Bollar, Chisholm and Rutschke, Melanson said he had expressed misgivings about ordering the recount when it



City council candidates Layne Rutschke and John Garro listen as Garro's attorney Don Chisholm talks before the hearing regarding the recent recount. Shown, from left, are Rutschke, Rupert City Attorney Rick Bollar, Garro and Chisholm.

## Cameron: Don't expect budget increases

**By Nate Johnson Times-News writer**

**RUPERT** - Soil conservation districts in Idaho should not expect to see budget increases in the next fiscal year.

Not should any other state-funded entity, a Mini-Cassia state senator Wednesday.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, told the assembled representatives of Magic Valley soil conservation.

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## Burley officials discuss term limits

**By Nate Johnson Times-News writer**

**BURLEY** - Local office holders and state legislators had different areas of concern about term limits, but the major issue for everyone at a Wednesday evening meeting was how to fight the law.

Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen called the meeting of all the elected officials in the two-county area to get their thoughts about dealing with the impact of the law.

Everyone, whether involved in government or not, should write letters to the governor explaining how term limits would negatively affect the area, said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. John Hepworth, a Twin Falls attorney, is planning to organize a citizens committee against the law, Newcomb said.

The Legislature can fight the law through repeal, referendum or constitutional amendment. If legislators made the term limits law invalid through referendum or repeal, however, the law would stand for a two-year moratorium, said Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Deer.

A move against the law is in the works, Newcomb said. "I have a plan but I don't care to talk about it. I don't care to let the enemy know what I'm up to," he said.

"I wouldn't be adverse to putting some pressure on the governor. As a Republican I don't like to talk about overriding the governor but there is a big group in the Legislature that's concerned about this," Newcomb said.

There might be a possibility for different laws for state and local government officials, Cassia County Prosecutor Al Barrus said. "There is a difference between a coroner, a sheriff or a treasurer, and people who are actually out making laws. You're going to have a devil of a time getting people at the local level to even take the position."

Newcomb disagreed, arguing that term limits would have catastrophic effects at every level of the government. If elected officials in Idaho did not have enough combined experience, the federal government would succeed in relieving Idaho of its water rights and outside interests would take advantage of Idaho's cheap power. "It's a philosophical question, you are either for term limits or against them, across the board," Newcomb said.

Darrington recalled numerous experiences of younger senators asking senior senators for advice or precedent. "It's not about personalities, it's about the order of things, it's about institutional memory," he said.

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## Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average
Upper Snake River	85 %
Salmon Falls Creek	139 %
Oakley Basin	159 %
Big and Little Wood	108 %
Henry's Fork	94 %
Big and Little Lost	88 %





MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

# Nevadans debate new design for state flag

Plan has some defenders of old flag waving their arms

MINDEN, Nev. (AP) — A Nevada man has designed a new state flag, and the secretary of state thinks it should be run up the legislative pole for lawmakers to debate whether to adopt a new standard for the Silver State.

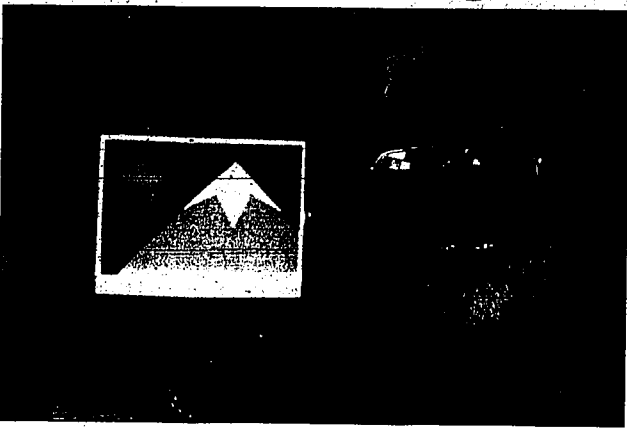
The design of Robert Karp, a 65-year-old retired defense contractor here, has won two flag designing contests—including one sponsored by Nevada magazine—but is a radical change from the state's current flag.

"We could see what comes from the legislature, give the public a chance to ring in and give an argument for or against," Secretary of State Dean Heller said. "If Nevada can produce a better flag, let's take a look at it."

Nevada's flag was ranked 55th among the 72 banners from the 50 states, U.S. territories, Washington, D.C., and the Canadian provinces earlier this year in a survey by the North American Vexillological Association. Vexillology is the study of flags.

The straw popularity poll drew 100 responses from association members, and 300 from members of the public. Respondents favored strong, simple graphic designs and scorned so-called "seal-on-a-bedsheet" designs common among state flags.

New Mexico's flag ranked first among the 72. Among western



John Karp shows his winning design for a new Nevada state flag at his home in Minden, The North American Vexillological Association (vexillology is the study of flags) has ranked Nevada's current flag 55th among the 72 banners from every state in the United States, its territories; Washington, D.C., and the Canadian provinces, likening it to 'a blob on a bed sheet.'

states, Montana ranked lowest at No. 70. The association acknowledged that state partisanship biased some votes.

The group likened Nevada's current flag to "a blob on a bedsheet" and its survey prompted contests to change the flag by the Utne Reader and Nevada magazine, with Karp sweeping both.

Karp's flag is silver, blue and

white, featuring a snowcapped mountain and star.

Flag expert James Ferrigan of Carson City, a NAVA officer, gave Karp's design high marks but questioned whether Nevadans want a new flag.

"We have to ask, is there a compelling need to change our flag?" Ferrigan said. "Changing state flags isn't easy. Recent attempts

in Montana and Rhode Island have either failed or have gotten sidetracked in the Legislature."

"Could we come up with a better flag? Probably," Ferrigan said. "Do we have a need for that? Is open to debate."

A story by editor Richard Moreno in Nevada magazine reported many respondents said, "Don't mess with Nevada's cur-

**Primarily they wave**

Rankings of the state flag in the 15 western states, D.C. and the North American Vexillological Association. The association ranked voters in flag design contests in the states: U.S. territories, Washington, D.C. and Canada. The survey was conducted by Nevada magazine. The survey was conducted by Nevada magazine.

1. New Mexico	47. Washington
2. Alaska	55. Nevada
3. Arizona	58. Utah
4. California	62. Oregon
5. Colorado	64. Idaho
6. Montana	68. Wyoming
7. North Dakota	70. Montana
8. South Dakota	71. Wyoming
9. Utah	72. Nevada

Source: North American Vexillological Association

rent state flag."

Leo Horishny of Sun Valley wrote Nevada magazine saying, "I found nothing amusing about this bogus group and their ranking, nor should a millisecond of anyone's consciousness be devoted to changing Nevada's flag design."

Karp said "only in his wildest dreams" would he ever think his design would become the official state flag. His intentions to enter the contest stemmed from a "intellectual exercise," not a need to change the state flag.

"I took this project pretty seriously and I am proud of my design, but I am not in a position where I would want to badger people in the state Assembly or state government to get it accepted," Karp said. "I'm not interested in that."

# Dead man had record, police say

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A man shot to death by police after a New Year's Eve scuffle with two officers was armed and had a criminal record, the police chief said Wednesday.

The 33-year-old man's name was not released because his relatives have not yet been located, Chief Roger Bragdon said.

It was the third time in the past five months that Spokane police shot a person, after giving six years without an officer-involved shooting.

An autopsy showed the man was shot eight times at close range by two officers at about 10:30 p.m. Monday, Bragdon said.

The shots were fired after a scuffle during which a handgun carried by the victim discharged, Bragdon said. The two officers pulled back from the suspect after the gunshot and drew their weapons, while the man tried to rise to his feet, Bragdon said.

"The officers felt threatened and opened fire at that time."

The officers were about 4 feet away, the chief said. Seven of the bullets struck the man's back, and one his shoulder.

Police do not know why the man was carrying a pistol or why he tried to draw on the officers, Bragdon said.

The dead man had five convictions in Washington and North Carolina for assault, possession of a firearm, vehicle theft and other crimes.

# Elko commissioners prepare to tackle new political boundaries

By Karen Terrell Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — Redistricting will be one of the issues confronting Elko County commissioners as the new year begins. A preliminary proposal of revised district boundaries affects each of the five districts in the county.

County Clerk Win Smith explained the redistricting must be accomplished within the next few months and has been mandated by state statute. She said the current boundaries were

established several years ago to reflect an average of 6,000 registered voters in each district, but population changes now require districts to have about 9,000 voters in each.

Randy Brown, county planner, recently presented maps of the proposed district boundary changes to the commissioners showing their potentially new service areas. He explained that since district boundaries are not necessarily established by roadways, the maps were drawn to reflect zoning precincts. He indicated that as the redistricting

project moved forward, he would prepare a county map overlay for the district charts.

Under the proposed changes, District 1, currently represented by Mike Nannini, would be greatly reduced in size. Currently encompassing more than half of the land area of rural Elko County, the district would move the Jack Creek, Owyhee, Mountain City and North Fork precincts into District 4. The Ruby Valley precinct, however, could move from District 5 into District 1,

giving the redefined district a total voter count of 8,705.

Nolan Lloyd, representing District 2, would pick up two more precincts in the city of Elko, raising the voter count from 7,142 to 9,194. One of the precincts is currently in District 3, and the other in District 4.

District 3, represented by John Ellison, would expand in size from 6,657 voters to 8,997. The growth can be attributed to two Elko city precincts shifting from District 4 and the Mount Valley precinct taken out of District 5.

While District 4 would actually increase in land size, the voter count would go down if the proposal is accepted. Commissioner Brad Roberts would see his district gain two more precincts, with the voter number changing from 9,538 to 8,932. The restructured district would include rural areas west of Jarbidge to the Huron Fork County line.

Warren Russell, representing District 5, would see the number of voters drop from 11,868 to 9,459. Russell's district consists of an area south of Elko and includes Lamplie and Spring

Creek. Under the proposed plan, three precincts would transfer into other commissioners' districts.

During preliminary discussion of the proposal, Roberts commented that, in actuality, each commissioner represents the entire county and the boundaries are not really that important. He and Nannini both noted the proposal plan appears to be well-divided population-wise and praised both Smith and Brown for their work.

No date has been set for further redistricting action.



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Health problems probably will keep Margaret, 79, and Joe Miller, 86, of Bellevue, Wash., out of the wilderness they love, but they say the effort was worth it.

# Couple devotes lives to conservation

SEATTLE (AP) — Joe and Margaret Miller were a newly-married Midwestern couple when Joe's job as a federal scientist took them to Colorado in 1947. It was like introducing Barry Bonds to baseball.

Within two years, the young former footballers had climbed 20 peaks higher than 14,000 feet. They drank in the mountains like champagne, dizzy with their good fortune, bursting with a new and profound love for places high in the hills.

In time, their climbing and hiking nurtured in them such a love for the mountains that one day they would become two of the most seminal figures in Northwest conservation.

Among their many accomplishments, the couple were instrumental in the creation and protection of North Cascades National Park, one of the nation's wildest and most remote wildernesses, and they helped found a group devoted to native plants. They are also credited with helping pioneer the restoration of degraded alpine areas in the Northwest.

Today, it is likely that Joe, 86 and suffering the effects of a bro-

ken hip, and Margaret, 79, will never again visit the wild places they helped preserve. Margaret is almost blind with macular degeneration, likely caused by exposure to the sun at high altitudes without proper eye protection. Joe suffers from the same ailment, though he has retained more of his eyesight.

Ask the Millers why they have devoted their blood and sweat and the better part of their lives to conservation and they respond with bemusement.

"The way I look at it, I was paying back for my pleasure in the mountains," says Margaret. "Is that about right, Joe?"

He nods. "It's something we can leave to posterity," he says.

The conservation work performed by the Bellevue couple is a capstone of service to their communities and country. Joe, a federal worker, was a U.S. Army captain in World War II, having served in North Africa, Eastern Europe and the D-Day invasion of

Normandy. And Margaret is a retired school teacher who taught generations of junior and senior high school students the wonders of science.

"They are pretty amazing," says Charlie Raines of the Sierra Club in Seattle. "Margaret Miller was my junior high science teacher. Some of her love of the natural world rubbed off on me."

Raines, who directs a project aimed at improving ecological conditions in the central Cascade Mountains, says the Millers are a model for younger people.

"They've done pioneering alpine restoration work and good scientific work as well," he says.

Joe married Margaret, literally the girl next door, after he returned from the war. His job soon sent them to Estes Park, Colo.

"I'd never seen a mountain in my life," Margaret says. For seven years, the couple lived in Colorado, making friends among

fellow mountaineers and spending considerable time in the wilderness.

Then came a job transfer to Reno, Nev. And another to Seattle in 1956. "I thought this was the most wonderful place," Joe says.

In Seattle, they joined the newly formed Sierra Club.

Joe soon became chairman of the Northwest chapter, just 200 people scattered across four states and two provinces.

An issue that quickly arose was concern over logging practices in the North Cascades National Forest. Priceless ancient trees were being lost, habitat degraded. The region contained some of the most breathtaking lands in the Northwest: high jagged peaks, steep ridges, deep valleys, enormous groves of giant cedars.

Joe and Margaret threw themselves into a new organization formed in 1958 to try to protect the region: the North Cascades Conservation Council.

"It was quite a struggle," Joe says. "We started lobbying for a national park. It took 10 years, but we finally got it in 1968... It was really something to be happy about."

*"I was paying back for my pleasure."*

—Margaret Miller, on all the time she spent in the mountains

# Jailed writer appeals case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A novice crime writer, jailed since July for withholding notes from a grand jury, has turned to the Supreme Court in her bid for freedom.

Vanessa Leggett wants the court to use her case to give writers and reporters more rights to protect the confidentiality of their sources.

She has refused to hand over all of her research for a book about the shooting death of a Texas socialite to a grand jury investigating the victim's husband.

# Study: Heart can rebuild damaged tissue

The Associated Press

Challenging generations of medical lore, researchers have found striking new evidence that the human heart can repair itself.

Doctors have long assumed that damage from a heart attack or other ailment is irreversible and that the heart cannot regenerate tissue the way other organs can. But that belief has been shaken by recent research.

A team of American and Italian researchers demonstrated last year that heart muscle cells multiply after a heart attack. Now they have shown that in heart transplant patients, primi-

dive cells from the patient travel to the new heart and grow new muscle and blood vessels.

The researchers studied men who received transplanted hearts from women, and discovered male cells in the donated female hearts.

The discovery could help scientists eventually devise treatments to fix bad hearts.

"There have been hints from animal studies that the cells could migrate before, but this is the first demonstration in a human that it is actually possible," said John Falkenberg of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which helped pay for

the study in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

The researchers found that heart muscle and blood vessels grew rapidly in the new hearts after transplant. They calculated that as much as one-fifth of the donor heart had been rebuilt by the recipient's own cells.

"Clearly this shows that the heart has the ability to regenerate," said Dr. Roberto Bolli of the University of Louisville, who wrote an accompanying editorial.

"It could be a milestone discovery if we learn how to exploit this phenomenon for therapeutic purposes to regenerate heart muscle in patients with heart failure."

# Mom needs strength to return to her family

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to "Lost Mother in the Midwest," which ran away from her family and now years to return to the fold. She should see a counselor immediately and begin to climb out of the horrible pit she is in. I have been there and recognize the words "unneded, disrespectful, ignored, my fault," and "I deserve their forgiveness."

Her self-confidence is bankrupt, and professional help can guide her through rebuilding who she is.

She must learn to care for and love herself before anyone else can love her. She must learn to confront and halt abusive treatment.

She deserves better. Life outside the "pit" is worth living. I wish her the joy I now have.

— FREE IN GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR FREE: I received some criticism for calling what "Lost Mother" did "irrational behavior." While I do not believe that her leaving was irrational, I do take exception to the WAY in which she did it — leaving behind her clothes, mementos, friends

and even her mother for a year without a word. She could have achieved the same effect without isolating herself. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: If that woman had been in a work setting and her boss had talked to her in irritating tones, and her co-workers were disrespectful or ignored her, she would have done the same thing. Read on:

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: I did not advise her to return to an abusive situation. I told her to seek counseling to be sure she was strong enough to face what might lie ahead.

Once she was on firmer emotional footing, the counselor — or a clergyman — could mediate and facilitate the family reunion. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Had her family been supportive and seen to it that she had been evaluated, physically and mentally, maybe she would owe them an apology. But as it stands, the husband and the sons should be begging her for forgiveness. She should not return to them until the entire family has completed therapy. Only then will they deserve her

forgiveness.

— ROBYN IN TACOMA

DEAR ROBYN: On that point I certainly agree. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I would like to say to "Lost Mother": Get help, get strong — and then tell your kids how much you love them. It may take a while for them to fully understand why you left — but in time they will. Also, don't go back to your husband unless he is willing to admit that he was wrong and agrees to go to counseling, too.

Good luck. I'm rooting for you.

— BEEN THERE, TOO

DEAR "TOO": I hope "Lost Mother" sees your letter — and that she knows we are all rooting for her.

breaking point and escaped the only way she could. Many people have chosen suicide as a final point, but she chose to run away from home.

She should seek counseling, but only to see if she would really care to go back to an abusive situation.

— DISAPPOINTED IN NEILTON, WASH.



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail Van Buren

# Study links aging, anti-cancer protein

The Washington Post

A critical protein that protects animals from cancer in their early years appears, in later life, to cause much of the deterioration associated with aging, according to a provocative new study.

The results, by scientists at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, "raise the shocking possibility that aging may be a side effect of the natural safeguards that protect us from cancer," two commentators say in an editorial accompanying the new study, which appears in Friday's edition of the journal Nature.

The research was done in mice, and its applicability to people is uncertain. But mice and humans are close evolutionary relatives, and the new study is likely to set off a race to clarify the exact relationship between cancer biology and aging in human patients.

Arnold Levine, president of New York University's Rockefeller University and discoverer of a vital protein involved in the body's defense against cancer,

called the new study "extraordinary." Bert Vogelstein, a top cancer researcher at Johns Hopkins University, said the results were "fascinating" and "surprising." He added: "Like all good research, it raises a lot more questions than it answers."

Among the questions is whether any attempt to slow down the overall process of aging — to create an anti-aging pill — would be likely to raise cancer rates. The Nature commentary says scientists working on aging now have to take into account the prospect that "drug-related approaches to interfere with this process may come at a price — the disruption of our natural mechanisms for keeping cancer at bay."

The research also raises the possibility that younger people treated successfully for cancer with chemotherapy may be subject to premature aging later in life, a possibility that has never been rigorously examined. The Nature commentators, Gerardo Ferrante and Scott W. Lowe, called for immediate study of this proposition.

# Hole in AOL messenger lets hackers into computer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even AOL Time Warner, the king of the instant message, wasn't fast enough for a team of brash young hackers out to prove themselves.

Without waiting for the multi-billion-dollar conglomerate to return from a holiday break, an international team released a program that turns the most popular instant-messaging program into a key that invades from the Internet to unlock many home computers.

The group, founded by a 19-year-old Utah college student, discovered a security hole in AOL's Instant Messenger program that can let a hacker take control of a victim's computer, the company confirmed Wednesday.

AOL spokesman said the problem will be fixed soon, and users won't have to do anything.

"We have identified the issue and have developed a resolution that should be deployed in the next day or two," AOL's Andrew Weinstein said. "To our knowl-

edge, this issue has not affected any users."

The problem affects the newest as well as many earlier versions of AOL's Instant Messenger program, which boasts more than 100 million users. Only the Windows version is at risk — Inst. Net Messenger for Macintosh, Palm and other platforms are not. America Online Internet access service customers are safe as well.

The hole, called a "buffer overflow" problem, is similar to vulnerability recently found in Microsoft's Windows XP.

"You could do just about anything: delete files on the computer or take over the machine," said Matt Conover, founder of "00w00t."

Conover said w00w00 has more than 20 active members from 14 states and nine foreign countries. Until AOL's fix is released, Conover said, Instant Messenger users should restrict incoming messages to friends on their "Buddy Lists."

# Murder trial starts for hockey dad

BOSTON (AP) — A man accused of beating another father to death after their spokesman practice went on trial Wednesday in a case that has become a national symbol of parental violence at youth sporting events.

Jury selection began in the trial of Thomas Junta, 42, who is charged with manslaughter in the 2000 death of Michael Costin. Potential jurors were asked if their children played on sports teams and if they had ever witnessed a fight between parents.

Junta has claimed he fought in self-defense. However, prosecutors asked Superior Court Judge

Charles Grabau for permission to show Costin's autopsy photos to the jury, hoping to demonstrate that Costin's injuries were "inconsistent with minimum force."

Costin, 40, was supervising practice at a community rink in Reading while Junta watched from the stands. Prosecutors say Junta became enraged when he saw body-checking in what was supposed to be a non-contact scrimmage. Propped up by the 6-foot-1, 275-pound Junta pinned down the 150-pound Costin and banged his head against the floor until the other man lost consciousness.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### J.C. Penney, Federated improve sales forecast

DALLAS - Last-minute purchases and post-Christmas sales helped two major retailers raise earnings forecasts for December.

Weekly sales updates released this week show J.C. Penney Co. sales at stores open at least one year are expected to increase 5 percent for the month, better than the previous forecast of 3 percent to 4 percent.

Federated Department Stores now expects sales at stores open at least a year to fall between 9 percent and 9.5 percent for December, compared with last year. The company initially expected an 11 percent to 14 percent drop.

Both chains have stores in the Magic Valley.

The improved sales forecasts could have been better if not for rampant price discounting, said Don Hodges, portfolio manager of the Dallas-based Hodges Mutual Fund.

"They had to drop the prices to get people into the stores, so their profit margins will probably not be as good as if they'd kept regular prices," he said.

Reports this week from discount chains were less impressive.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said that although sales for the week ended Dec. 23 were better than expected, monthly sales will be at the lower end of its anticipated 4 percent to 6 percent increase.

Rival discounter Kmart Corp. didn't fare as well. Sales from Dec. 20 to 26 were "above plan." But for the month of December, the retailer said its sales were "below plan." The company had anticipated results for the month to be flat or to increase by 2 percent.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. also said its December same-store sales remained on track for a low-to-mid single digit decline.

Wal-Mart, Kmart and Sears also have Magic Valley stores.

# TV station changes hands Going on air

## Milwaukee company purchases KSAW-LP

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Milwaukee-based Journal Broadcast Group, the broadcast division of Journal Communications Inc., said it completed the purchase of KSAW-LP, an ABC affiliate that serves Twin Falls, and KIVI-TV, an ABC affiliate serving the Boise market.

In August, Journal Broadcast

announced it had signed a letter of intent to make the purchase from Sawtooth Communications Inc.

KSAW is a low-power television station. Nielsen Media Research puts Twin Falls as the 188th television market area in the United States, Journal Broadcast said.

Journal Broadcast has owned and operated radio stations in

the Boise market since 1998.

With the completion of the television purchase, Scott Eymier assumed leadership of KIVI-TV as vice president and general manager and will manage KSAW-LP, as well. On Dec. 14, Journal Broadcast announced Eymier had been hired to lead the company's TV operations in Idaho.

Previously, Eymier was general

manager of KNIN-TV, Boise's UPN affiliate.

In addition to the 36 radio stations Journal Broadcast owns and operates around the country, the company now owns and operates five full-power television stations and one low-power station.

Parent company Journal Communications is a diversified media and communications firm employing nearly 7,000 people in seven operating divisions across the United States and Europe.

## Bank introduces radio program

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Zions First National Bank said Wednesday it will introduce "Speaking on Business," a new over-the-air radio program highlighting Idaho's diverse business community.

The program will begin broadcasting Tuesday and will air twice every Tuesday and Thursday - mornings and evenings - in Boise, Burley, Rupert, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Montpelier, Pocatello, Twin Falls and Jerome.

Zions - which has bank branches in the Magic Valley - said business expert Fred Ball will host the program. Each two-minute program will feature a different Idaho enterprise, from startups to large corporations. Ball will discuss growth, earnings, new products, management style, company milestones and history.

Ball joined Zions Bank six years ago as a senior vice president after retiring from a business career, first as an executive with a national trucking firm and later as president of the Salt Lake City Area Chamber of Commerce, a position he held for 25 years.

"Idaho's business community is as diverse and colorful as its geography - from the river rafting and adventure-outfitting companies that thrive along the state's miles of recreational waters to the high-tech businesses and international companies located in its metropolitan areas," Ball said.

Zions said "Speaking on Business" will broadcast on KBAR 1230 AM, in Burley and Rupert, at 7:30 a.m. to 5:20 p.m., and on KJLB 1310 AM, Twin Falls and Jerome, at 7:42 a.m. and 5:18 p.m.

# Prudential downgrades Kmart stock



Specialist Eugene McCarthy, second left, directs trading in shares of Kmart on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Wednesday. Prudential Securities on Wednesday downgraded its rating on Kmart to 'sell' from 'hold.'

## Analyst's announcement sends shares plummeting 13 percent

The Associated Press

DETROIT - Shares of Kmart Corp. tumbled more than 13 percent Wednesday when an analyst downgraded the stock to "sell," citing disappointing fourth quarter sales and the retailer's "precarious" cash position.

Prudential Securities Inc. said bankruptcy was not imminent

for the Troy, Mich.-based discount retailer but it would not be surprised if Kmart filed for Chapter 11 in the next six months "if trends do not improve."

"Fourth quarter sales and earnings have been disappointing, and our concerns about cash flow have been heightened," Prudential said in a research report released Wednesday.

A spokesman for Kmart - which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley - called Prudential's concerns unfounded. "Kmart has sufficient funds and available lines of credit to continue to carry out our strategies," Jack Perry said.

Prudential is not the only financial institution to question Kmart's ability to fend off competitors.

"Kmart just seems to be the third choice for consumers behind Wal-Mart and Target because they have cleaner stores, they're more modern, even better parking lots," said David Sowerby, portfolio manager for Loomis Sayles Inc.

In trading Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange, shares of Kmart fell 72 cents to close at \$4.74.

## Cautious optimism builds for increased sales

### 2001 was a year many retailers hope to forget

Knight Ridder News Service

CHICAGO - The best thing most retailers can say about 2001 is that it's over.

The most optimistic thing they can say about this year is it is to be better than the one they've just been through.

To be sure, the previous 12 months have been grueling for the nation's merchants, who never found their sea legs as the U.S. economy lurched into a recession in the spring. Some of them had their last gasp in 2001, including once venerable Montgomery Ward & Co., HomeLife Furniture, Paul Harris, the moderate-price women's apparel chain; and Lechters Inc., the purveyor of kitchen gadgets and housewares.

Others such as Frank's Nursery & Crafts and Ames Department Stores Inc. sought refuge in Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings, while merchants as diverse as discounter Kmart Corp. and upscale retailer Saks Inc. have found their debt downgraded to junk status by Moody's Investors Service.

All in all, it was a year that many would like to forget.

Yet as 2002 dawns, retail econ-

omists and experts are cautiously optimistic about what's in store, although they warn that the economy must strengthen before retailers will feel any benefits.

"It isn't going to be a great year, but it will be a decent year," George Whalin, president of Retail Management Consultants in San Marcos, Calif., predicts.

Carl Steidtmann, chief economist with Deloitte Research, concurs. He is forecasting that sales of general merchandise and apparel will increase 4.75 percent in 2002, up from a mealy estimated 2.25 percent in 2001, but still a far cry from the 6.93 percent boost in sales in 2000.

2002 "will be better. You have a combination of cheap money and cheap oil, a powerful recipe when it comes to economic growth," Steidtmann said.

Several factors are weighing in retailers' favor. "Most stores kept tight controls on their inventories as the year wound down, canceling reorders after Sept. 11. That, combined with a last-minute Christmas rush, means there is less merchandise to mark-down in January, and that should translate into a faster start to spring 2002."

More good news - the new fashions should be more conservative and saleable as sexy clothing goes into retreat and professional dressing stages a comeback, retail experts say.

"Dressing down is ending," declares David Wolfe, creative director at the Doniger Group, a New York fashion consulting firm that works with retailers. "We're not going back to formality, but there's a difference between that and looking put together and polished."

The stores Wolfe works with were "anxious and eager" to embrace the new direction before Sept. 11, and that increased after the attacks, which changed the country's mood from frivolous to serious, he adds.

However, many doubt that a new look will be enough to spur anxious consumers to buy more apparel, the hardest hit category in 2001.

"The closet is going to be the best source of apparel this year," said Sid Doolittle, retail consultant with Chicago's McMillan/Doolittle.

One thing both sides agree on: 2002 will be another Darwinian year for retailers. The strong will continue to expand and gain share at the expense of the weak. And the balance is shifting, experts warn.

"The winners pool is getting smaller and the losers pool is getting bigger," Doolittle said.

In such an environment, it only makes sense that there will be fewer new stores built.

Even once fast-growing chains such as Gap Inc. are hitting the brakes.

Not long ago, the San Francisco-based parent of Old Navy and Banana Republic was putting up more than 200 new stores a year. But with sales declining by double digits for almost all last year, Gap wisely decided that expansion should take a back seat to getting its merchandise right.

In June, Gap announced it was cutting its square footage growth plans for 2002 and 2003 to a 10 percent increase from 15 percent.

Other chains such as Sears, Roebuck and Co. also have decided discretion is the better part of valor in an uncertain economy. Sears' aggressive plans to roll out 15 new Great Indoors home remodeling stores in 2002 have been cut to seven.

It's a matter of math, according to Chief Executive Alan Lacy. The Great Indoors is too costly to build right now, and Sears doesn't yet know how to do it cheaper without losing the appeal that has made the store a success.

Many other chains that are struggling will go further, closing money-losing stores, experts say. "Anything they can do to get out of a lease that's not working, you'll see them doing that," Steidtmann predicts.

Still, he isn't expecting to see another wave of bankruptcies like the one that hit the industry last year.

## Ski resorts see green this season

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS - With the holiday season winding down, area ski resorts have plenty to cheer about.

Though it will take a few days to calculate all the numbers, Kelly Canyon ticket sales manager Margo Smith said this season has been one of the resort's best so far.

"Every day was really good," she said. Smith said an early opening this year helped bring in the crowds. Winter storms over Thanksgiving allowed the resort to open the second weekend of December, a week ahead of schedule.

"If the season keeps going as it is, we should be on track," she said.

Grand Targhee Resort across the border into Wyoming has also kept busy the past few weeks.

Resort spokeswoman Stacie Barnett-Bushong said some of Targhee's boost is due to a new lift. Still, for a resort known for its limitless powder, the snowpack is not quite where it should be for a late start in November.

The resort usually gets 80 inches of snow by the end of November, but this year it had closer to 40 inches, she said. It had 53 inches on top Wednesday.

After drought weather last winter, other Idaho ski areas enjoyed an ample amount of snow.

Sun Valley reported about 51 inches atop Bald Mountain Wednesday.

The venerable resort faced a poor Thanksgiving holiday with visitors' fears about terrorist attacks and weather too balmy to start up its snowmaking system.

But Sun Valley Co. had about

### Travelers have time to convert old currencies

People traveling to Europe should not look for France's franc, Italy's lira or Germany's mark.

This week these currencies and others in 12 nations across Europe are being pulled from circulation and replaced by one unit of money - the euro.

This was the last step in a three-year conversion of the currencies into the euro.

Americans who have been holding on to any currencies involved in the conversion still have time to exchange them for dollars or euros, both in the United States and abroad.

But U.S. banks won't deal with what are now known as "legacy currencies" much later than Feb. 28. Some have extended that deadline to the end of March.

In Europe, some banks will exchange the old currencies longer, depending on the country, the timetable may extend to the end of the year. But people who don't have an account might be charged a fee.

After that, people will have to seek an exchange in Europe at one of the national central banks.

### Survey: State economies worsen in December

DENVER - The economy of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah worsened during December, according to a survey by Creighton University.

The Mountain States Business Conditions Survey overall index fell to 47.7 from 47.5 in November.

It was the fourth time in five months that the index fell below 50. An index number below 50 indicates static or contracting economic conditions ahead.

The economic pullback, which began in manufacturing, has now spread to other sectors such as the transportation industry, surveyer Ernie Goss said in the survey released Wednesday.

"The Mountain States region is firmly in a recession with the worst of the downturn occurring since September 11th," he said.

The region has lost almost 50,000 jobs since the terrorist attacks.

Compiled from wire reports.

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Manufacturing measure rises in December

Overall activity still contracts

NEW YORK (AP) - A rise in new orders to factories helped push a key gauge of U.S. manufacturing higher in December, suggesting the end is in sight for the 17-month slump.

November. Analysts had forecast a reading of 46.

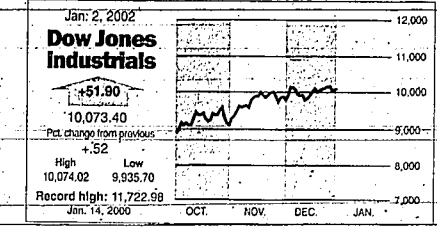
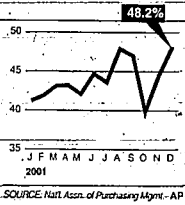
While the number was improved, a figure below 50 still shows contraction. A reading above 50 signifies expansion.

reading surpassed the figure it had set in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. In August, the index was 47.9.

"What this is telling us that we've made up all of the ground lost as a result of Sept. 11," said David Orr, chief economist at Wachovia Corp.

Purchasing

Here is a look at the Purchasing Managers' Index, which tracks the overall business activity of more than 350 industrial companies.



Stocks end higher; investors await signs of economic recovery

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street investors began the new year cautiously Wednesday, putting off buying until the last hour of trading but still giving stocks a respectable advance.

The broader market was also higher. The Nasdaq composite index rose 28.85, or 1.5 percent, to 1,979.25, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 6.59, or 0.6 percent, to 1,154.67.

Documents: Top Enron officials over partnership

HOUSTON (AP) - Top Enron Corp. officials were directly involved in the creation and oversight of the partnerships that ultimately led to the energy company's collapse, according to documents obtained by The Wall Street Journal.

As transactions and partnerships increased, those review procedures required more people - including board members - to oversee the action, the documents say.

The Journal cited a draft version of minutes from an October 2000 Enron board meeting that said Fastow spoke of needing outside partnerships to manage Enron's financial risk to the company.

from the partnerships and that several other Enron executives had been investors in the partnerships.

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While tech stocks traded higher for much of the day, blue chips suffered profit taking following weeks of gains. Part of investors' careful approach came from uncertainty over precisely when in 2002 business conditions will improve, analysts said.

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Table of bean futures prices, including soybean and bean prices per bushel.

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Table of potato and onion futures prices, including Idaho Falls and Burbank prices.

CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Board

Large table of Chicago futures prices for various commodities like soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil.

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Riskier stocks may win favor over Treasury bonds this year

By James B. Kellenor, The Orange County Register

The bond market provided the safety it is famous for and a whole lot more - again in 2001 as the sharp decline in stock prices continued for a second year.

But as bond experts such as Bill Gross at Newport Beach-based Pacific Investment Management Co. look at 2002, they say it's not always and every day are for fixed-income investors and that a new period of risk is ahead.

The reason for the change is the growing consensus that the current recession will be short-lived. That resony outlook will hurt bonds in two ways. First, it will prompt hitherto skeptical investors to sell their bonds and move back into riskier stocks, which will weigh on bond prices.

Both factors have already begun to be felt in the market.

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"We're going to need the snowpack to hang around for a good part of the spring," he said.

Something missing?

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## One bird short of a day's limit

We were flying down the road, pushing eight inches of crusted snow and a couple inches of powder.  
Then we stopped as if we'd hit a wall. T.J.'s seat belt held short of slamming his face into the dashboard. My seat belt didn't work so well. I smashed into the steering wheel.  
I didn't hit the brakes, but I'd let up on the gas. As I shook my head, I heard the slow churning of the right front and left rear wheels. I shrugged, checking my spine.  
"T.J., we're stuck," I said.  
The truck was floating on top of a flat-topped snow drift. It looked so much like the road that I'd miscalculated. There we were.  
We had chains, but not one wheel was within a foot of the ground.  
We had to dig.



DOG EARED TALES  
By Studabaker

I had an ax and a foxhole shovel. T.J. took the ax. I took the shovel, and we chopped and dug. T.J. carefully chopped chunks of crust, pulling them out slowly. I followed behind, scraping furiously at the deep powder. We worked. The pickup dropped: one wheel, two wheels, three wheels, four wheels. Zooooo! Slam, bounce, bounce, bounce! I backed out of the drift.  
"Some fun," T.J. said.  
"Yup," I said.  
"Are we going on? Maybe we can get around the drift," T.J. said.  
"No, I'm not interested in hunting chukars anymore," I said. "I think Sean gave us bogus directions anyway. Let's turn around and go pheasant hunting."  
"Sounds good to me," T.J. said.  
We hit the highway toward Mammoth, Oregon. County was open for pheasants, and we knew a spot that always produces birds. We didn't need someone else's map, and there was no snow.  
We put the dogs down. Axel and BB started work right away. There were no wild snafus. They knew the motto, "You can't fool around when it comes to business." And hunting was the business.  
Before I got my stride, before I'd settled down to my job—shooting—BB was on point. I took a few quick steps and fuff, fuff, a rooster winged up. Bang. It was business.  
T.J. and Axel had gone right along the fence. I heard T.J. toot on his whistle. I looked around and saw T.J. lift his arm, signaling, "Dog on point."  
They were too far away for BB and me to get part of the action. So I followed BB along a coulee that split the hay field.  
Bang!  
Hopefully, T.J. had a bird.  
I was anxious to get the next bird. It would be my limit, and I want, you know, to sort of, to be first.  
Bang! Bang!  
I turned and look in the direction of the shots and thought, "Damn it." We hunted another 30 or 40 minutes. No roosters. T.J. had his birds. I had one.  
We met back at the truck.  
"Let's go down behind the house. There should be a bird out behind the corral," I said.  
"I'll take the camera," T.J. said.  
We drove down the lane and around the house. We let the dogs out, climbed over the fence and went to work again.  
We walked. We walked for an hour and not one bird. The dogs quartered, swept the cover, vacuuming up every scent, but no pheasant.  
Giving up, we headed for the truck, just as BB slammed on point. Not an iffy point either. She knew her business and she was doing her job.  
My last bird, T.J. and I'd go home talking about limits. Sweet success!  
Axel had joined BB. I could see the bird crawling under the grass. I took a step and up it flew. Straight away, perfect.  
Click! I didn't have a shell in the chamber. I tried again, but the distance between success and failure was failure. I gave a half-hearted second pump and jammed my gun: I was stuck. I walked back to the truck, took out the live shell and dug out the empty cartridge.  
I didn't use the ax, but I thought about it. Sometimes I get like that.



Four-year-old Nico Lazar ends up in a heap, all part of learning to ski.

## Preschool on the Slopes

### Basic pointers go a long way in teaching children to ski

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

"Pizza. French fries. Let's make a pizza. Now, French fries."  
You might get the impression that there's a bunch of hungry ski instructors on the slopes if you stand around Dollar Mountain long enough.

But the ski instructors are simply stoking an appetite for skiing—in young'uns with word pictures designed to get 4- and 5-year-olds and 6- and 7-year-olds pointing their skis straight or in snowplow shapes to help them schuss down the mountain.

A good knack for playing Follow the Leader doesn't hurt, either, when it comes to this kindergarten on the snow.

"You've got to have a huge imagination and turn everything into a game. And you can't play the same game too long or they'll get bored," said Sun Valley ski instructor John Straka.

No one can deny that childhood

is the ideal time to train a child up in the way he should ski—those who learn to ski at an early age can beat the pants off anyone who learns to ski later in life.

Kids are generally fearless. After all, they don't have as far to fall as adults. And their young legs are like rubberbands, able to snap back time and again

whether skiing the bumps or a long winding cat track.

But how young or old should they be before enrolling in Skiing 101?

Sun Valley, which teaches as many as 250 kids a day on Dollar Mountain, Baldy's junior counterpart, takes kids as young as 4. But that may not be the best age for your child to start, said Alice Scherthanner, longtime dean of Sun Valley's children's ski school.

Children develop their upper body first, says Ski School Instructor Alice Scherthanner, so 4- and 5-year-olds will initially try to make wedges, pizza slices—whatever you want to call them—with their elbows rather than their feet.

"If your 4-year-old has a 7-year-old brother who lives for skiing, he may be raring to go at 4. But a 4-year-old in a non-skiing family might not be ready at all," she

### Before beginning ski school

- Have your child put on skis and walk around on them in the yard, even if you have no snow.
- Make sure their boots fit properly and that their skis are adjusted to them. Don't start them off on old antiquated equipment.
- Give your child a leg up by having them practice making wedge turns before their first ski lesson. Sprinkle some talcum powder on the bathroom floor to make it a little slippery and have them point their toes inward as you would when snowplowing.
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Three-year-old Nils, of Seattle, has a welcome escort in Dad as he prepares to get off the Magic Carpet escalator on Dollar Mountain.

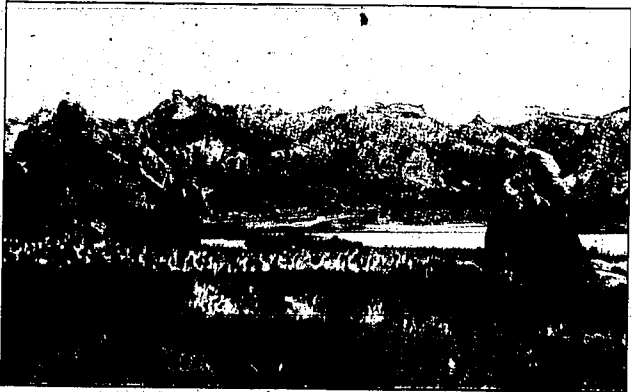


Kool stuff, like these Batman sunglasses, make it all the more fun said 4-year-old Kristian Whittaker, skiing with his dad Peter.



Ski instructor Rich Hreno leads a group of airplanes on ski pontoons down the slopes to learn about balance and how shifting their weight over one ski helps them turn.  
Hailey brother Chris Clark and his younger sister Kyle. Chris, now 9, enrolled in ski lessons when he was 4, but the first two years were frustrating for him since his body wasn't yet capable of doing all the things the hard-driven boy wanted.  
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## WINTER MYSTIQUE



A peaceful winter landscape dresses the terrain around the City of Roques near Almo after one of the season's first snow storms. The gates are closed at the entrance to the local National Reserve until spring. Once part of Chief Pocatello and the Shoshone Indians homeland, the reserve is shrouded in clouds and mystique from past history of pioneers who left their names printed in axle greases on the massive towering rocks of granite.

## Idaho men market their call of the wild

The Associated Press

BOISE — Todd Hanson and Larry Lansdowne like to talk to animals.

They are masters at using calls to mimic animal sounds and coax wild game within close range. Ducks, geese, turkeys, coyotes and other animals have all been fooled by their imitations. But Hanson and Lansdowne have never been satisfied with mass-produced calls.

In the finest garage-tinkerer tradition, both men independently set out to make better calls. "When I first started building calls, it was because I was never happy with the calls I bought," Hanson said.

Hanson specialized in duck and goose calls in his Meridian garage, and Lansdowne created turkey calls in his Idaho City home. It was their shared interest in call making that brought them together. "That's how we met, we were

talking about making sounds with calls," Lansdowne said. Two years ago, they turned their hobby into a part-time business, appropriately named "Hanson and Lansdowne Custom Calls."

They build calls tailored to hunters who are looking for a specific sound, or a call that blows in a certain way. They also build box, slate and wing-bone turkey calls.

Each call is built from scratch. The material is selected based on what type of call they are building and what kind of sound they are trying to achieve.

"There is a lot of personal stuff going into it," Lansdowne said. For duck and goose calls, they use cocobolo, a tropical hardwood found in Central America. Cocobolo is dark, deep-grained wood that is so dense it sinks in water. Hanson turns the barrel of each call on a lathe, builds a  
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TROPHIES



Matthew Hamilton, 9, of Buhl, caught this 22-inch, 5 pound, 12 ounce rainbow trout, using a worm on a lightweight child's pole at Cedar Mesa last October. Matthew is a third-grader at Popplewell Elementary. Pictured with him is his father Mike.

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Trail food doesn't have to taste like sawdust

**BEMIDJI, Minn. (AP)** — Entrepreneurial inspiration can strike in the most unexpected places. Bob and Billie Edwards found it one day deep in the woods, on a paddling trip celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary.

They had lugged their tent and packs through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. One afternoon, after a mile's portage, they spread out their provisions — including some sun-ripened tomatoes, wild rice, coffee creamer — in a packet of dehydrated gift-shop gourmet soup — and wondered, after filling their bellies, if they hadn't discovered a better way to eat in the wild.

"It was born right there on a rock on Vista Lake," said Bob Edwards, a Bemidji optometrist.

"They returned home, computerized the formula and in 90 minutes calculated a business plan that became Cache Lake Quality Camping Food, a three-year-old moonlight business that sells, on the Internet and through region-

al outdoor stores and outfitters, dehydrated wild-rice asparagus soup, turkey Italian sausage and garlic bread you fry up fresh in a campstove skillet.

The company motto: Camping food so good, you'll want to eat it at home. It's a seemingly outrageous promise to anyone ever stuck with a pack of stale and soggy food on the sixth day of a week's canoe trip.

Bob Edwards, a former Eagle Scout and longtime Boundary Waters lover, wanted to build a better minestrone because he had one big complaint about freeze-dried camping food: There just wasn't enough of it, never mind its cardboard taste.

"The packages always said it served one but it was never enough for what we wanted to eat on the trail, which is a lot," he said.

So he enlisted fellow optometrist Jim Molde, a partner in their mail-order specialty business, and together their two families have found a market niche among hungry canoeists,

kayakers, backpackers and others.

The two men know eyes and Bob Edwards has dabbled in previous entrepreneurial pursuits, including canoe-manufacturing, long-distance telephone and fire-place-insert companies. Food? Now, that's another issue, unless you include Billie Edwards' grandmother.

"She used to cook in the Iron Range lumber camps," said Billie Edwards, a former nurse, "so maybe that rubbed off."

They hooked up with a Park Rapids woman who makes dehydrated gourmet soups and breads and they adapted her products for the outdoors. Their food had to taste good, be prepared in 20 minutes or less, and preferably be cooked in one pot.

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Edwards has read since he was a couple of chowders, five kinds of soup, salads and precooked chicken and turkey canned in a plastic pouch. All come in sizable portions. Their specialty: Bread made fresh in a frying pan in five minutes. It comes in four flavors (dill, Italian, onion and garlic) and there are cinnamon, caramel and pizza versions as well. Prices range from \$2.85 to \$5.75 per item.

"If you wanted fresh bread, you used to need a reflector oven, and it was big and heavy and took all afternoon," said Bert Neep, outfitting manager for Piragis Outfitters in Ely. "Now, they've made it so easy, and it's fresh and it's hot. People love it, especially if they're cold and wet."

Idaho man returns from South Pole

**BLACKFOOT (AP)** — After returning from a visit to the South Pole, Fred Young is not complaining about below-freezing winter temperatures.

"It was a bone-chilling adventure — the 60-foot Blackfoot native does not want to repeat, but one he is glad he had the opportunity to have.

"The military has it classified as the coldest, windiest, highest and driest place on earth," Young said. "It's drier than the Sahara Desert."

Young spent more than two months hiking with a government project near the South Pole. Young flew for 8.5 hours on a crowded military plane from New Zealand to McMurdo Bay, the largest colony on Antarctica.

From the bay to the pole was another 3.5-hour flight or about 1,000 miles.

"It's truly the last frontier on earth," he said. "It's very dangerous."

Only 8,000 to 10,000 people have ever set foot on the inhospitable continent that is 1.5 times larger than the United States.

F&G closes mountain lion season in two units

**The Times-News**

**JEROME** — Hunting officials have closed the mountain lion season in two southern Idaho game management areas, after a third female lion was killed over the weekend.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game announced Wednesday that it had closed lion hunting in Unit 56 (Sublett) and 57 (Black Prairie). The two units had a combined quota of three female lions, and the third one was taken Saturday, according to

a department press release.

A dog training session, in which lions may be pursued but not killed, will run in those units through March 31. Hunters can find out whether the quota has been met in other units by calling 1-800-323-4334.

In other hunting seasons opened Tuesday and will run through February, bobcats can be taken by trapping or hunting, with the appropriate license.

Anyone taking a bobcat must comply with mandatory pellet-tag

and check and report requirements. Pelts must be presented to the regional office, 868 E. Main St., Jerome, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The river otter season closed in the Magic Valley region a month ago, but hunters can call the toll-free number to find out what other regions are still open.

Any otters caught in this region for the rest of the trapping season must be reported to Fish and Game as an incidental catch. The state will pay \$5 for turning in an otter.

Skier details trek through Tetons at Jan. 9 gathering

**TWIN FALLS** — An account of a ski trek through the Tetons will be a highlight of the Wednesday, Jan. 9 meeting of the High Desert Nordic Association.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Idaho Joe's on Blue Lakes Boulevard — North, Dennis Kincaid, one of the three HDNA members who made the trip, will describe events that occurred and will illustrate the presentation with slides.

In addition to members of the cross-country ski organization, interested persons are invited to attend, said Mary Farrell, president.

Final arrangements for participation in Idaho Free Ski Day at Magic Mountain on Saturday, Jan. 12, will be made and other organizational activities will be discussed during the business portion of the meeting. For information call 733-1882.

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**raffle prizes.**  
 Those wanting to golf can also bring their clubs since the course is open year-round. The grand prize will be a 9-foot, Loomis GL3 fly rod. Other prizes include Clear Lake fishing passes, country club golf passes and other giveaways.

To register call 543-4849 before Jan. 25.

**Hunters can find turkey hunting rules on the Web**  
**JEROME** — Turkey hunting rules for the 2002 spring and fall season have been delivered to Fish and Game headquarters and should be available at license vendors by Jan. 10. They will be available on the Fish and Game Web site hunting page at [www.state.id.us/fishgame](http://www.state.id.us/fishgame) by New Year's Day.

The application period for spring controlled hunts is Jan. 15 through Feb. 15.

**New Idaho fishing regs feature family fishing**  
**BOISE** — The state's rule book for the 2002-2003 fishing season emphasizes the fun of family fishing.

A new section of the book highlights family fishing waters in each region of the state that offer family oriented opportunities and have simplified rules.

The rules for family areas include a year round season, a general six fish limit on trout, bass, walleye and pike; no bag limits on other species and no length limits.

The new book also has a new format to make it easier for anglers to use. It contains text with color illustrations to help identify Idaho's game fish species and an index of waters with exceptions to general fishing rules.

Compiled from staff reports

Budding cross country skiers have chance to learn

**HAGERMAN** — The sponsors of Cross-country Idaho will offer budding cross-country skiers rentals and lessons at Magic Mountain ski resort on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone wanting to learn about cross-country skiing is invited to attend.

Magic Mountain Ski resort is located south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road. Participants will be furnished skis, poles, and boots.

They also will be given lessons on skiing techniques, safety and will be able to use the equipment for an hour.

For information contact Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

County club schedules fly fishing derby Feb. 9

**BUHL** — The second annual Clear Lake County Club Fly Fishing Derby is set for Saturday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. The entry fee is \$25 per person, and includes an all-you-can-eat breakfast at 8 a.m., a fishing pass, and

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 sounding board and wedge out of rosewood, and cuts reeds out of Myrtle.

While he could easily purchase some of the parts from manufacturers, he wants to hand craft everything.

"I didn't want to purchase someone else's sound boards. That's basically purchasing someone else's calls," Hanson said.

Ski

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 ed it to do.

His brother Kyle, now 6, enrolled at age 4, as well. But he didn't have nearly the problem his brother did because he'd already watched his brother out on the snow and because he was a little more laid back about the whole thing, said the children's father Greg Clark.

"It's not really that difficult," said Chris, who's now on the ski team. "It's like driving a car pretty much except you can't have to push a bunch of pedals. You just keep your hands out in front and, if you're doing moguls, stick your poles in the mogul and turn."

"The big thing is when you're beginning you don't want to go fast. And don't beg to go to the top like my brother did. My parents finally let him go up and he didn't like it. My Dad had to carry him down."

Even if you don't plan to enroll your child in ski school by age 4, it's still a good idea to take your child out on the snow as early as 1 or 2, Scherhammer said.

"Two-year-olds can learn but they last, oh, 10 minutes at the most," she said. "But taking them out before you ever put them in lessons is a good way to get them used to being in the snow and assessing whether they enjoy being in the snow enough to start ski lessons."

Sun Valley made it easier for kids to learn to ski last year when Ski School Director Hans Muehleberger bought a Magic Carpet, an escalator that runs on snow.

The stepless escalator rolls children 300 yards up the mountain, they don't have the hassle of trying to latch onto a rope tow or pad-

Then he assembles the call and adjusts its sound to suit the buyer. A custom call can be tuned to emphasize a certain style of calling.

"That's why I make calls, the challenge of making a sound," Hanson said.

Lansdowne said the difference between a custom call and a mass-produced one can be seen when an animal is in close range.

A call that sounds more life-like will bring the animal closer, while an unrealistic one will scare it away.

He believes a custom call can improve the ability of any hunter.

"We're trying to make it easier for the caller to make authentic sounds," Lansdowne said.

The price of a custom call starts at about \$125, and goes up from

there depending on the type of call, the materials used, and the amount of effort required to build it.

Creating a call requires at least 10 to 12 hours of labor, but that's a fraction of what it took Hanson and Lansdowne to learn the process.

"For that 10 to 12 hours, there is 100 hours of research and development," Lansdowne said.

On first day of class

- Dress your child in layers. Kids get more of a workout down on the flats than you do scussing down the mountain and may need to shed a few things.
- Include an extra pair of mittens in his backpack and label everything with his name.
- Send extra pants just in case your child has an accident trying to get out of his ski clothes.
- You certainly can't control the weather but for this reason, you may want to start them off in spring when winter bluster has given way to warm sun.
- Strongly consider enrolling them in a class with other children, not in a one-on-one class with an instructor. Children have more fun when they're with their peers. They become easily bored one-on-one with adults.

On your own

- Harnesses, such as the Racer Chaises, which fit like a diaper around a child allowing the parent to control them with reins, aren't necessary. But they probably won't hurt either, as long as you're having a good time, said Scherhammer.
- Edgewood's short rubber strips you can attach to the tips of the skis can be used to help young children learn from crossing their ski tips or getting the ski tips too wide apart.
- Play games when sliding with your child. And don't be afraid stopping along the sides of the slope to throw a few snowballs or make angels in the snow. Kids don't care about racking up vertical feet, they're just out there to have fun.
- Be patient and realistic in your expectations, advises Peter Whittinger, a Ketchum, Idaho.
- Above all, be safe.

dle tow, all the time keeping their skis in the tracks.

Net result: Less frustration in the early going. And they tire less easily, too.

Nearby, strips of Astronaut help children practice sidestepping up the hill without the extra challenge that more slippery snow presents.

Sun Valley instructors can generally get a child up on skis and onto the creamy old Quarter Dollar Lift within the first day of class.

And you'd never guess there was any work involved.

Ski instructor Tanja Thaler, from Australia, turns everything into a game for the kids from the time they put on their skis and get

used to walking around on them.

They take little steps. They take big steps. They walk like a duck. They pretend one ski's a banana and the other a monkey, trying to catch up to the banana as they sidestep up hill.

They spread their arms and pretend like they're airplanes dipping from one side to another to get the feel for their balance and the way shifting their weight over one ski can help them turn.

They learn about stopping and going and skiing slowly with a game of red light, green light, yellow light.

And Thaler even turns stepping into their ski bindings into a game as she has them imagine that their

skis are crocodiles and the bindings the crocodile's mouth.

"The crocodile is so hungry you have to feed him," she says. "And you've got to help him, by slipping your toe in, then step? See how it snaps?"

Despite the fun and games, it's not possible to keep a child's attention, of course. Especially when there's snow to be eaten, as 4-year-old Nico demonstrated, sitting down on his skis, and grabbing a blob of snow in his mitten and washing it in his mouth.

And 4-year-old Naomi Lazar, of Chicago is looking past the lessons at hand to her first chairlift ride.

"Riding the chair is my favorite part of skiing because you go up, up, up, up in the air," she exclaims.

Instructors like Chris Kraatz and Thaler bring both back to earth for an important lesson in stopping.

"I pretend that the snow is bread and you're sliding your skis over it to spread peanut butter on it, encouraged Thaler. "That's right. Push the ends of your skis out and bring the tips of your skis together and you'll stop."

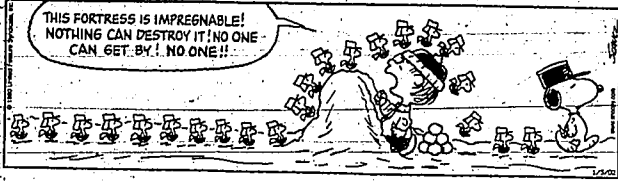
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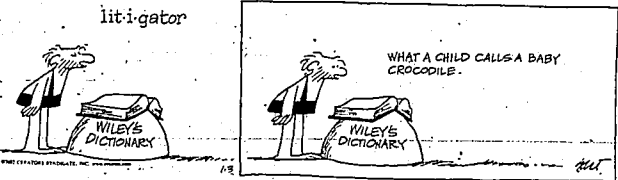
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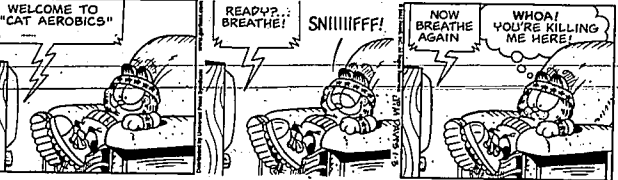
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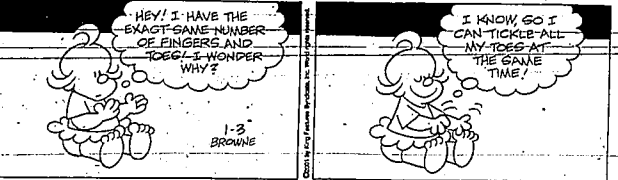
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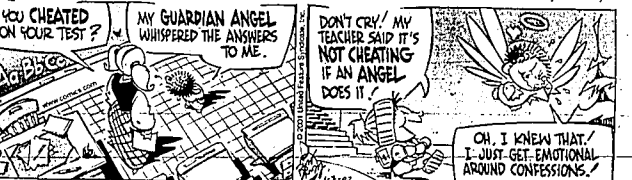
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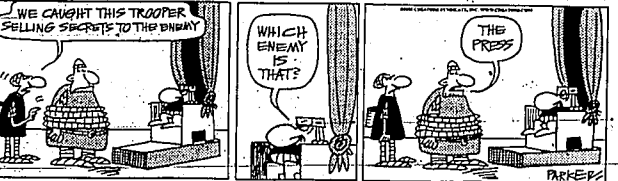
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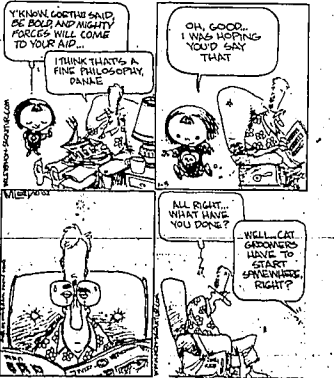
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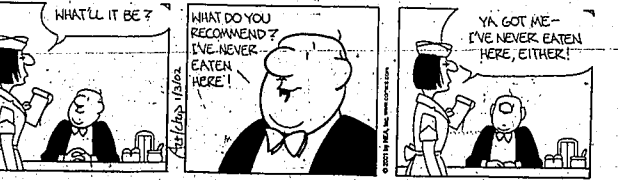
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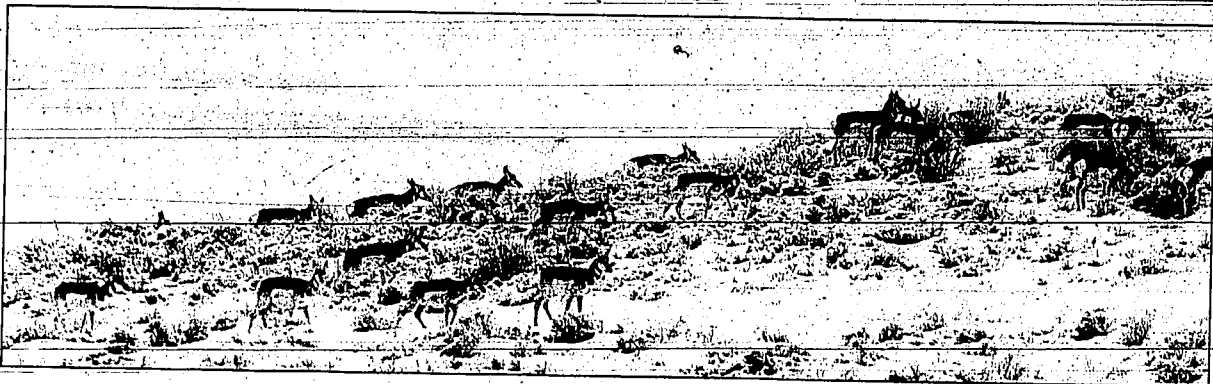
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A herd of antelope travel north on a snow-covered hill after grazing recently near Elko. The herd had been seen browsing near the town for about a week.

AP photo

# Deaths of the little bighorns

## Research into decline of Wyoming herd has scientists looking skyward

By Gary Polakovic  
Los Angeles Times

**WIND RIVER MOUNTAINS, Wyo.**—The baby bighorn sheep stumbled and collapsed on the stony tundra, too sick and wobbly to keep up with its mother.

Jon Mionczynski, a wildlife researcher who followed the pair, had seen this before. For some reason, lambs born into the largest herd of bighorn sheep in the Rockies were not surviving.

"It would be hard to find a wilder, safer sanctuary, or so it seemed. But as scientists teamed up with Mionczynski to unravel the mystery, they learned that there is no such thing as pristine wilderness and no refuge from the Industrial Age."

Mionczynski nicknamed the struggling lamb "Rambo" because of its tenacity and pluck. Each time it fell, it struggled to its feet, even after blinding an eye in a tumble.

One evening, he was close to capturing Rambo for testing, but the lamb and its mother started down the mountain and, out of reach, hunkered down in a fortress of boulders near a crag called Lion Pass.

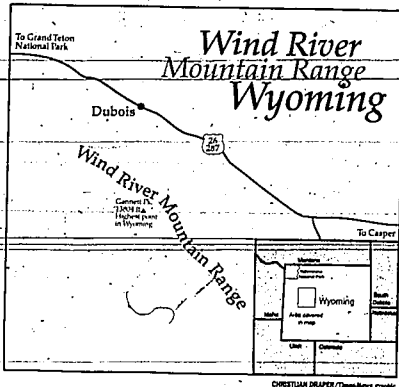
"I returned at daybreak and saw the ewe still guarding the site," Mionczynski recalled. "She made a low-pitched, throaty bleat, ... brrrrr ... brrrrr. It was like a sheep crying and it just went right through me."

When he got to the boulders, he saw fresh mountain lion droppings. "The ewe had a torn ear, blood running down her face and claw marks on the side of her head," he said. "The lamb was gone. That was the end of Rambo."

In a way, the natural order had prevailed: the strongest picked off the weak. But something was unnatural: too what was making lambs so sick within weeks of their birth? Why were ewes leading weak lambs on arduous treks through cougar country, to reach mineral licks at the base of the mountain?

The herd, which used to number about 1,250, plummeted by 30 percent in two years during the early 1990s and never recovered. Since then only about two out of every 10 lambs have survived.

In 1998, the Wyoming Department of Game and Fish told Mionczynski to set up a one-



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man camp at nearly 12,000 feet, track the herd's every move, study every foot of their mountaintop refuge, examine plants they eat and send back blood and tissue samples of dead and dying animals.

"The job called for a meticulous observer and a skilled outdoor man, someone who did not fear gray bears, or living in a tent in snow storms and driving winds. For Mionczynski, it was the dream assignment."

"I have the best job in the world," Mionczynski said. "I'm just a peon in this research, but I like to think I am helping these animals."

Now, four years into the project, scientists believe they are close to solving the mystery. What they have discovered suggests that profound environmental changes are beginning to ripple through the food chain and into the bodies of lambs. They are learning that even these reclusive bighorn sheep, masters of evasion, can't escape pollution that falls from the sky.

As a result, Mionczynski and others fear, these Icons of wild America may be unable to survive in the wilds without continual human intervention.

A summer thunderstorm pelted off the Winds, a fitting name for the mountain range west of Dubois, briefly spilling rain and

hail over town. Tourists pull off of U.S. 287 into the National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center, the newest and most ornate facility in this two-lane town. It's located past the Ramshorn Inn Tavern, not far from the high school where the Rams play, a couple blocks from the Ramshorn Food Farm on Ramshorn Street.

"This town loves these sheep and we're proud of them," said museum Director June Sampson, leaning over the cash register. "In the winter, people can see them with spotting scopes from their living rooms. Hundreds of people come from all over to see the sheep."

Rocky Mountain bighorns have thrived in these mountains southeast of Grand Teton National Park for centuries. They are stocky and barrel-chested with petite feet that stick to rocks like suction cups. In the fall, rams charge one another and smash heads at speeds of 20 mph in battles that sometimes last all day and all night. Shoshone and Gros Ventre Indian tribes made powerful bows from the horns, which are still prized by hunters as trophies.

The herd inhabits the northern Winds in scattered bands. When they all converge on the sagebrush hills at the edge of town during winter, they constitute the

largest group of wild sheep in North America. These animals were once so abundant that they were transplanted to establish new populations from South Dakota to New Mexico to Idaho.

Yet there are fewer and fewer sheep for tourists to enjoy. Barely 800 animals remain in the herd, which is still in decline. That prompted Wyoming game managers to dispatch Mionczynski to the mountaintop.

"No sooner had Mionczynski set up camp on Middle Mountain in June 1998 than he observed many lambs as feeble as Rambo. Born healthy, they grew sick shortly after ewes made their annual spring migration to Middle Mountain to forage. If pneumonia didn't kill them, predators did."

"Some were crawling on their knees. They were so sick they couldn't even get up to nurse. Their muscles just seemed so stiff and they had trouble breathing. They stuck their noses in the air, mouths open, gasping for air," Mionczynski said.

Ranchers in the lowlands reported that the ewes ate dirt at washed-out mineral licks. It helped explain why ewes were leading their sick lambs down the steep mountain to sagebrush flats that they normally visited only in winter. Something essential was missing from their diet. The route traversed some of the roughest country in the Winds, including a series of cougar ambush spots in Lion Pass.

Eventually, Mionczynski observed that lambs who nursed from the ewes that made the journey to lowland mineral licks did much better.

The challenge was to find the missing ingredient in the mountain forage.

Working in a makeshift lab fitted into a cave in the boulders, Mionczynski began testing plants the sheep eat. He discovered that selenium, a nutrient, had dipped to alarmingly low levels.

Selenium is a peculiar, sulfur-like element essential for many mammals. It is a naturally occurring nutrient with a twist. Just a little is needed to ensure bones, muscles and immune systems develop properly, but just a little more can be toxic.

Test on Middle Mountain showed 5 parts per billion of selenium in forage favored by bighorns — 75 percent lower than

the minimum requirement for a healthy immune system, according to veterinarians.

But how could selenium be in short supply? Soils across much of the West are awash in it. In nearby Dubois and other parts of Wyoming, range cattle are sometimes poisoned from ingesting too much of it.

The selenium content in plants fluctuates with weather, rising in dry years and falling in wet. The fluctuations correspond neatly with a 30-year lamb survival trend, with fewer surviving in wet years, scientists say.

At the same time, the chemical content of rainfall was changing. So was the composition of the soil that absorbed it.

For at least a decade, according to scientists, storms have been carrying larger and larger amounts of chemical contaminants and dumping them across the Rockies. Among the chemicals are nitrates and ammonium, which can saturate the environment with nutrients or create acidic conditions similar to those that plague forests in the Northeast and Canada. The phenomenon is known as acid rain.

At the bighorn camp on Middle Mountain, scientists tracking storms and wind currents have traced the sources of pollutants that blow in from hundreds of miles away. They come from industrialized regions of northern Mexico, from coal-fired plants in Arizona and Utah and from tailpipes and factories in Los Angeles. Sometimes, the jet stream from the Pacific Northwest carries ammonium, possibly from fertilizer plants in Idaho, according to scientists.

On the one hand, the pollutants fertilize plants and microorganisms. On the other hand, they can saturate soil and water with nutrients, causing toxic algae blooms, harmful acids and changes in soil chemistry.

"We're pushing the first dominoes in the food chain and there's good evidence it's increasing and probably in response to nitrogen deposition," said Mark Williams, a hydrochemist and fellow at the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research at the University of Colorado. "We've reached a threshold and we're at that slippery slope where we are headed toward dead fish and dead trees."

# Hunters receive Idaho reminders

BOISE (AP) — About 100,000 hunters have received a reminder from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, intended to speed up the gathering of big-game harvest information.

When the letters were sent, only about one-third of the hunters had filed reports over whether they had harvested deer, elk or antelope. That caused problems for setting next fall's seasons.

"The letters have caused some confusion," Deputy Director Al Van Vooren said. "Some hunters' reports probably crossed in the mail with the reminders or their reports hadn't been entered into the data base by the time the letters were sent on Dec. 5."

"In some cases, sportsmen who are still hunting in several late hunts also would have gotten the reminder letter, even though their reports aren't due until January."

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission in March reinstated mandatory big-game harvest reports for those species. All hunters must report whether or not they harvested an animal, instead of the previous requirement for successful hunters only.

The panel had struggled with the question of getting the best data on animals harvested, for the fewest dollars. In 2000, the commissioners could not choose between relying on a contractor to call 15 percent of the hunters to ask if they killed a game animal, or return to the requirement of mailing in a mandatory report after hunting season.

Hunters cannot buy a 2002 hunting license until they have returned their report card information for 2001.

"We didn't mean to make that sound threatening," Van Vooren said. "We apologize for the concern the letters have caused and want to stress that it is just a reminder. If your hunt is closed, please send the report. If not, please remember to do so."

Reports can be faxed to 775-423-0799; phoned in to 877-268-9365; mailed to Harvest Reports, P.O. Box 70007, Boise, 83707-0107; or sent through the Internet by going to [www.idahohunt.com](http://www.idahohunt.com).

In Nevada, where a successful mandatory mail-in report has been developed, a similar late-season reminder letter was found to be crucial to getting reports filed.

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# Game and Fish biologist finds himself at the center of a storm

Los Angeles Times

**WIND RIVER MOUNTAINS, Wyo.**—Lanky and tireless, Jon Mionczynski, 54, is a happy recluse, which is good because in four years he has seen humans on Middle Mountain just once, not counting scientists supervising the research or sheep hunters. He eats native plants, bathes in a frigid creek and scrambles across boulders as effortlessly as the bighorns.

By day he tracks sheep, checks rainfall gauges and maintains study plots of scruffy tundra and alpine grassland, which the sheep eat.

At night, he watches the Milky Way and listens to distant waterfalls rumbling through darkness before retreating to a tent full of books. The landscape is stark and treeless, punctuated by tow-

ering stacks of boulders that glaciers left behind after the Pleistocene. It is a realm of impetuous sky and granite precipices, turquoise lakes and glaciers, bone-chilling ice storms and lightning that strikes like artillery.

It is hard to see such a place as a breeding ground for an epidemic. The Winds are a picture of unspooled wilderness.

Across the canyon from Lion Pass is a velvety green meadow where moose and elk roam. Mionczynski relaxed atop a boulder as a bald eagle soared over Torrey Canyon far below and a weasel just beyond his boots watched him warily.

"Just because you cannot see the contaminants doesn't mean they are not there," he said.

Two years ago, game managers used helicopters to drop seleni-

um-rich mineral blocks at the edge of a cliff on Middle Mountain. Ever since, lambs have been healthier, although not enough of them have survived to restore the herd.

But the efforts to save the sheep have triggered a whole new debate.

Biologists are divided over the use of mineral licks to sustain wild animals. While they provide essential nutrients, they also attract predators, including hunters, who know animals are attracted to them. There is also a higher risk of disease transmission when animals congregate around them.

And, however subtle, human intervention signals that a species has lost some of its wild character.

"When does this stop? Does this go on in perpetuity?" asked

Meredith Taylor, an outfitter in Dubois and a member of the Wyoming Outdoor Council, a conservation group. "Do we want to create species that are dependent on humans feeding them? They become wards of the state. It's very sad."

Mionczynski has heard the argument before. He's been

shouted down in town hall meetings over the issue, though his response sounds philosophical and pragmatic: "Humans have already interfered with the natural order up here. You can leave the sheep alone and lose them, or have limited human involvement and keep the sheep. We're just trying to help them."



# COMMUNITY

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## THANK YOU LETTERS

### Generous Magic Valley people help Head Start

To The Times-News: The staff and families from Northside Head Start in Jerome would like to thank you for your help with the Adopt-A-Family program this past Christmas. We had several families who needed help with gifts, food for the holiday meal and clothing for the children. The generous people of Magic Valley assisted every family with food and/or clothing and gifts. There were those who adopted one to four families. There were organizations and individuals who brought gifts, food and monetary donations to Head Start to fill in where there were needs. These private citizens, businesses and organizations from Magic Valley certainly had the holiday spirit when

they volunteered with time and love. **JUDY CRIST**, Center Supervisor, Northside Head Start, Jerome

### TE business helps Kimberly High senior class raise funds

On behalf of our senior class at Kimberly High School, I would like to thank Lamb Weston and John Pohlman and Ed White for donating French fries and the fry booth to help us raise funds for our graduation in the spring. Thank you.

**ZAK LIERMAN**, Senior, KHIS, Kimberly

### Kind person plows snowy driveway of Jerome woman

I'd like to thank the kind person who plowed out my

driveway. I really appreciate it.

And thanks to the residents of Jerome who have taken the time and trouble to decorate the outside of their homes so that the rest of us can enjoy these gorgeous Christmas time displays.

**MARJORIE DUBOIS**, Jerome

### Thank you letters

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from:

- Organizations thanking contributors or supporters.
- Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

If you would like to purchase a classified ad to express gratitude of a personal rather than public nature, call The Times-News Customer Service department at 733-0931, Ext. 270.



From left, Adi Villa, Kendall Kunkel, Garrett Gulna, Kendra Flores and Jessica Rodriguez pick out books to keep as their own at the Castleford Library as part of the Reading Is Fundamental program.

## Program focuses on western literature

**HAILEY** - "Idaho - Tough Paradise, the Literature of the Intermountain West" is the title of a book discussion group starting Jan. 10 at the Hailey Public Library.

Participation in the series, which includes five books and one film, is free and open to the public. Copies of the books are available. The programs are held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every two weeks on Thursday evenings at the Hailey Public Library meeting room. Discussions will be led by scholars provided by a "Let's Talk About It" grant from the Idaho State Library, Idaho Humanities Council and US Bank. Screening and discussion of the film "Thousand Pieces of Gold" will kick off the program on Jan. 10. Ruthanne Lum Mcunn wrote the fictionalized account of

Polly Bemis's life on which the film is based. The story focuses on a Chinese girl sold into slavery. When she landed in a brothel in the Warrens gold mining district in Idaho, Polly's courage and indomitable spirit helped her face racism and sexism. "Balsamroot" by Mary Clearman Blew, an Idaho author, will be discussed Jan. 24. The biographical novel set in Montana details her aunt's decline into senile dementia. "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven" by Sherman Alexie will be discussed Feb. 7. This collection of short stories explores the distance between modern Indians and the tradition of their past. "The Brave Cowboy" by Edward Abbey will be discussed Feb. 21. The novel is about a cow-

boy's quest for personal freedom in the modern west. "Faraway Places" by Tom Spanbauer will be discussed March 7. Spanbauer grew up in Ponca, and his book is set near the Portneuf River. In one summer of racial prejudice, drought, corruption and family turmoil, Spanbauer will read from his book at 6:30 p.m. March 6 in the library. A reception will follow. The last book discussed will be "Home Below Hell's Canyon" by Grove Jordan. The determinedly cheerful tale of 1930s Depression Idaho sheep ranch has underlying hints of loneliness and the difficulties of making do with very little. For more information, call the library at 788-2036.

## Grant gives books to students in Castleford

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

**CASTLEFORD** - Castleford librarian Jean Dudley made a variety of students happy when they had the opportunity to pick a book to keep as their own. Some 340 books were given to children in kindergarten to the 12th grade. The grant from the Steele Reese Foundation, in conjunction with Reading Is Fundamental Inc. of Washington, D.C.

**About RIF**  
Reading Is Fundamental develops and delivers children's and family literacy programs that help prepare young children for reading and motivate school-age children to read. Through a national network of teachers, parents and community volunteers, RIF provides books and other literacy resources to children at no cost to them or their families. RIF focuses highest priority on the nation's neediest children, from birth to age 11. Founded in 1968, RIF serves more than 3.5 million children annually through programs operating nationwide in 17,000 schools, child care centers, libraries, hospitals, clinics, migrant worker camps, Head Start programs, homeless shelters, and detention centers. By the year 2000, RIF has placed 200 million books into the homes of America's children. Source: Reading Is Fundamental

The students came to the library and thumbed through a variety of books displayed on tables. Finding one that suited their fancy didn't take long and

they went back to class with a smile on their face and talking to classmates about their discovery. Dudley also offers a program where second graders have a reading "buddy" to share the enjoyment of reading. Volunteer reading "buddies" are fourth-through sixth-graders.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### 4-H students do well in 4-H Wool Scholarship Contest

Magic Valley students won awards in the Idaho 4-H Wool Scholarship Contest sponsored by the Idaho Wool Growers Association and the State 4-H Office. The top District III winner in the advanced category was Julie Searle of Burley. She is a junior at Burley High School and the daughter of Craig and Beverly Searle. An eight-year member of 4-H, she is the recipient of a \$200 scholarship. Kimberly Gardner of Jerome placed second in the District III advanced division and won a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. Kara Davidson of Buhl was first in the basic division for 4-H members ages 12-16 and won \$25 cash.

debate and speech team claimed its season's championship this season, winning the 71st annual Mahaffey Memorial Forensics Tournament at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. The Boise State team topped a field of 22 colleges and universities from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Alaska and Missouri. In the Open Division, Imran Ali, a senior of Boise, and Misti Rutledge, a senior from Kimberly, finished second. Boise State's other Open Division team, Christy Bowman, a senior from Twin Falls, and Ken Rock, a junior from Coeur d'Alene, placed ninth. Other top finishers for Epise State in speech competition were Rutledge, first in Prose Interpretation and sixth in Informative Speaking; and Bowman, fourth in Communication Analysis and fifth in Extemporaneous Speaking. In team scoring, Boise State

outdistanced second-place Lewis & Clark College of Portland and third place Pacific Lutheran University of Tacoma. Webster University of St. Louis was fourth and the University of Oregon finished fifth. **BSU state team places in top 20 at accountancy** A team of four Boise State accounting students placed in the top 20 undergraduate teams nationally in the 10th annual Arthur Andersen Tax Challenge held Oct. 19-21 in Seattle, Wash. The contest, held at eight universities across the country, brought together 99 teams from 78 universities to test their tax knowledge. Boise State's honorable mention finish netted a \$500 scholarship for the accounting department. Winning team members included Jennifer Nixon of Jerome. Complete results can be found at [www.arthuranderson.com](http://www.arthuranderson.com).

## Family can help Russ meet goals

My name is Russell, but my friends call me Russ. I'm in the fifth grade and I'll be turning 11 in January. I used to think I wanted to be a football player when I grew up, but now I think I'd like to be a hockey player. Joe (the Idaho Steelheads Public Relations Manager) let me try on all the protection equipment and told me how it works. I hit some pucks down the ice and sat in the penalty box. He gave me a hockey stick signed by all the players. It's so cool I think I'll still have it hanging on my wall when I'm 50-years old. I want to live in a family that goes to church, goes camping and fishing and likes to go to hockey games and other sports. I would like to be an only child, but I wouldn't mind having one brother. I like school, especially recess. I also like playing with all the animals at my foster home, riding bikes, watching videos and playing video games. Special needs: Just as protec-

**Thursday's Child**  
  
**Russell Age 11**

tion equipment is important to hockey players, Russ is learning how to protect himself from life's rough spots. His work in therapy has helped him manage anger and sadness in healthy ways. Like a hockey player, he's learning to depend on team mates and keep his eyes on the goal. Russ would much rather be scoring than cooling off in the penalty box, so he's learning the rules, too. He needs a parent who will support the progress he's made by encouraging victories and helping him deal with losses too. Russ' adoption social worker says he's a boy who would really fit in with a sports-inclined family. Those who know him say he is generally a cheerful, polite and fun-loving boy who expresses himself well. Positive attention, activity, and commitment by parents who understand post traumatic stress, will help Russ continue his winning season. Adoption services are available. "Thursday's Child" profiles children awaiting adoption. For more information about this child or others, call the Idaho CareLine at 1-800-926-2588.

### BSU debate and speech team takes a win at toumney

The Boise State University

**Idaho Mothers Association announces music contest** TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Mothers Association, affiliate of American Mothers Inc., invites any mother in Idaho who is a vocalist, pianist or violinist to enter an Idaho competition. There will be a monetary award for each category's state winner, who will then be a contestant for the national competition. The national award is \$1,000 for each of the three categories. Tapes will be accepted until Jan. 21. For an application or more information, call Martha Mead at 733-4678. Or e-mail her at [dmead@pmt.org](mailto:dmead@pmt.org).

### Job's Daughters installs honored queen on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Erin Ferlic, daughter of Stan and Kris Ferlic of Twin Falls, will be installed as honored queen of the International Order of Job's Daughters at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple on Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. Other officers to be installed are: Tara Lupton, senior princess; Kaitie Baxter, junior princess; Conrad, marshal; McKalee Conrad, chaplain; Dani Hansing, treasurer; Abby Waters, recorder; Mary Ann Valentine, musician; Jessica

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Buhl couple wins Christmas residential light contest** BUHL - Dave and Debbie Klug, who reside at 1473 East 4400 North of Buhl, won the residential home Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce. Arhinda's Country Flowers on Main Street won for the commercial division. The winners receive engraved plaques.

**Harley Davidson Riders monthly dinner set Monday** TWIN FALLS - The Harley Davidson Riders monthly dinner will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Royal Restaurant in Twin Falls. For more information, call Roger or Brenda at 733-0151.

**Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners** GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the winners for Dec. 28. Winners for north/south were: first, Lonnie and Beverly Burns; second, Jodi Faulkner and Louise Smith; and third, Sam Smutney and Michel Mitchell. Winners for

toddlers ages 2 to 3 at 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 4-25 in conjunction with "Pre-school Storytime." Activities will include finger plays, songs, stories and flannel board activities. For more information, call the library at 733-2964, Ext. 110.

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Lupton, librarian; Natisha Lupton, first messenger; Erica Kobler, second messenger; Ariel Brim, third messenger; Heidi Wiseman, fourth messenger; Amy Pierce, fifth messenger; Brenley-Box, senior custodian; Misty Burns, junior custodian; Shayla Charbonneau, inner guard and Arlyn Probasco, outer guard.

Choir members who will be installed are: Danielle Annis, flag bearer; Rachel Geerlings, custodian of lights/money business; and Mendy Burns, pro-temp messenger.

Retiring Honored Queen Jill Wiseman will be the installing officer. She will be assisted by Jenni Koff, installing guide; Brooke Jardine, installing marshal; Elizabeth Quessell, installing chaplain; Jessica Corder, installing recorder; Jenni Ferlic, installing musician; Betsey Karlee Annis, installing flag bearer; Jenni Koff, installing junior custodian and Candy Hansing, installing custodian of lights.

Vera Redman of Twin Falls is the narrator. The Paul Remaley family will be the hosts. Program and guest book attendant will be Holly Hansing. Solos will be by

Ryan Jones of Filer. The public is invited to the installation and reception.

**Twin Falls American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 holds potluck** TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. The auxiliary will hold a potluck with the American Legion Post during the January meeting. Spouses of post members are invited to attend the potluck and auxiliary meeting which will follow. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. For more information, call Kim Cohen at 736-3900.

**Sun Valley Center requests summer craft show entries** SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley Center for the Arts is taking entries for next summer's 34th annual Sun Valley Center Arts and Crafts Festival at the Sun Valley Resort. The festival is one of the top 100 juried shows in the nation, organizers say. From an average of 600 applicants, 130 artists from the United States and Canada are selected. An estimated 7,500 people attend the free festival. Eight members of the community jury the festival in mid-March. The majority of the jury rotates each year, to ensure impartiality, organizers say. The previous year's best of show artist, who is invited to return to the festival, is invited to jury the show. Jurors simultaneously view all six slides that each artist submits. The jury does not know the identity of the artist. Local artists who live in Blaine County full-time receive an extra point prior to judging. The categories are ceramics functional, ceramics non-functional, drawing, fiber wearable, fiber non-wearable, glass, glass printmaking, jewelry, metal work, two dimensional mixed media, three dimensional mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture, toys and woodwork. A \$1,000 prize is given for best of show and \$1000 for best of category. Those interested in applying should either send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Sun Valley Center, P.O. Box 656 Sun Valley, ID 83353 or [www.sunvalleycenter.org](http://www.sunvalleycenter.org) for an application. The deadline to apply is Feb. 28.



Erin Ferlic.

NATION

# Fight prompts abuse claims

Some countries crack down on any dissent, U.N. says

**Los Angeles Times**  
 UNITED NATIONS — Security Council demands that U.N. members act against global terrorism as being used by some regimes to justify repression of domestic dissent, U.N. officials and independent human rights advocates say.  
 The anti-terrorism campaign has been used by authoritarian governments to justify moves to clamp down on moderate opponents, outlaw criticism of rulers and expand the use of capital punishment.

Compliance with the Security Council requirements "is linked to unvarnished infringement on civil liberties," Bacre Ndiaye, the chief human rights officer at the U.N. Secretariat, told the council's new counterterrorism committee. "There is evidence that some countries are now introducing measures that may erode core human rights safeguards."  
 In an unexpectedly swift response to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Security Council called on U.N. members on Sept. 28 to provide information within 90 days about their legal restrictions on fund raising, financial transfers, arms acquisition and immigration.

But there is no agreement on what constitutes terrorist activity, U.N. experts say, and some governments are presenting what critics contend are police-state measures as part of the U.N.-endorsed counterterrorism campaign.

"In some countries," Ndiaye told the committee at its Dec. 13 meeting, "nonviolent activities have been considered as terrorism, and excessive measures have been taken to suppress or restrict individual rights, including the presumption of innocence, the right to a fair trial, freedom from torture, privacy rights, freedom of expression and assembly, and the right to seek asylum."  
 Ndiaye carefully refrained from identifying those countries, but human rights advocates quickly came up with a long list, from Algeria to Zimbabwe.

In an interview at his office here last week, Ndiaye said he is concerned that the campaign could backfire, and undermine U.N. efforts to promote democracy and the rule-of-law in Central Europe, Southeast Asia and his native West Africa.  
 "The challenge is how to make counterterrorism measures compatible with human rights," he said.

"Unfortunately, under the guise of fighting terror, some governments are pursuing other agendas. Our concern is that this may provide cover to many governments to get rid of their opponents."

On Dec. 20, the Cuban legislature, with President Fidel Castro presiding, unanimously passed a law that state media said expanded the application of capital punishment for crimes defined as terrorism, including the use of the Internet to incite political violence.

A week earlier, the government of Zimbabwe published a proposed new law that would make it a crime to "undermine the authority of or insult" President Robert Mugabe, who is again seeking re-election. Mugabe's aides defended the legislation as necessary to combat terrorists, a category they said includes most of the president's opponents as well as critical journalists.

In Central Asia, the government of Uzbekistan has defended its jailing of moderate Islamist opponents as part of the world campaign against "evildoers," while Kyrgyzstan has intensified internal travel controls on dissidents.

The chairman of the Security Council counterterrorism committee, British Ambassador Jeremy Greenstock, has agreed to Ndiaye's request that he add a human rights specialist to the committee's advisers, who already include specialists on money-laundering and intelligence-gathering. But the council's priority is to combat terrorism.

"The counterterrorism committee is not going to be the tool to resolve human rights problems around the world," said a European official at the committee who asked not to be named.

The United Nations' own human rights advocates are limited to an advisory role in Security Council proceedings, noted Ndiaye, the New York deputy of Mary Robinson, the Geneva-based U.N. high commissioner for human rights. She in turn reports to Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

# Mohamed Atta: a common thread in a patchwork of terror

The ringleader of the worst terrorist attack in history, Mohamed Atta, traveled extensively in the last year, brushing shoulders with known terrorists in Europe who were planning separate attacks on U.S. embassies and interests throughout the continent.

Three suspects have been arrested, one is still being sought

U.S. interests in Europe An attack planned on several U.S. targets in Europe has been uncovered.

The Spanish connection Atta and several suspects described as bin Laden aides made trips to Spain during 2001.

Strasbourg, France A plot to attack the city, home of the European Parliament, was uncovered.

Prague, Czech Republic Atta met with an Iraqi diplomat suspected of plotting to bomb U.S.-funded Radio Free headquarters.

Paris A plot to bomb the U.S. Embassy in Paris was uncovered.

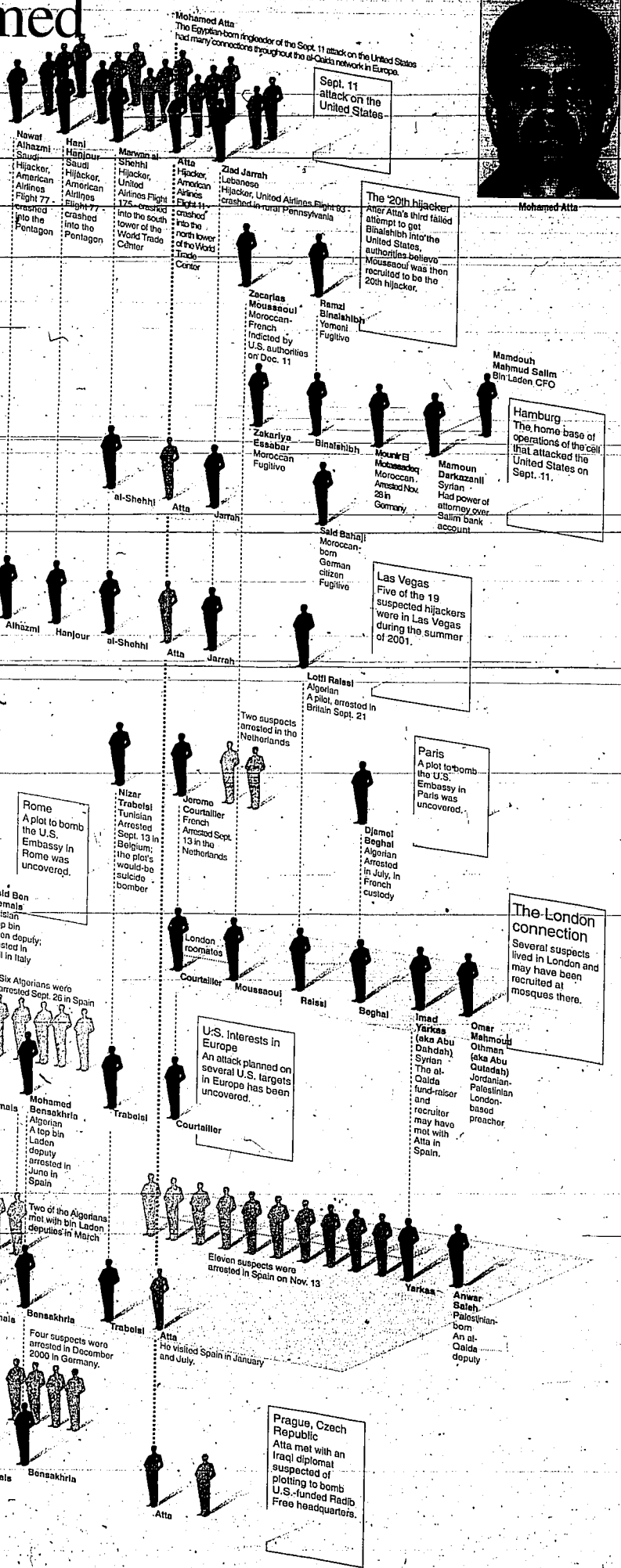
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 69614

A.M. BRADFOOD, 3778 W. CUSTER NO.; DARLINGTON, ID 83403, has filed Application No. 696 for changes to the following water rights within BUTTE County:

Right No. 34-111
Priority Source Use
Total Amount
Point(s) of Diversion
Place of Use

Right No. 34-113
Priority Source Use
Total Amount
Point(s) of Diversion
Place of Use

Right No. 34-2378
Priority Source Use
Total Amount
Point(s) of Diversion
Place of Use

Right No. 34-2322
Priority Source Use
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Place of Use

Right No. 34-10496
Priority Source Use
Total Amount
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Place of Use

Right No. 34-6574
Priority Source Use
Total Amount
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Place of Use

LEGAL NOTICE

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THENCE a distance of 122.19 feet on a bearing of North 60'22'52" West to the Point of Beginning; AND a right of way easement for ingress and egress described as follows:

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THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 60-113 IDAHO CODE, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY ASSESSORS OFFICE, THE ADDRESS OF 1908 SAN LARUE AVENUE, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, IS SOMETIMES ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

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attorneys fees, costs and advances made to protect the court may order judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff(s) in the Complaint.

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On April 28th, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in the office of Title Guaranty Title Co., 220 N. 2nd St., Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction...

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed of the address of 2339 Forest Valley Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

WALTER R. RUODOLPH AND BETTY L. RUODOLPH, Plaintiff and with Grantor, with Fremont Investment Company and Loan as the Beneficiary on a Deed of Trust recorded March 8, 1999, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, Instrument No. 1999004398.

The above Grantor(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(A) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.

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On April 23, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. of said day, at the lobby of Trustco, 161 1/2 South Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, TITLEFACT, Inc., an Idaho corporation...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On the 4th day of January, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho...

The Department is currently considering a Public Safety starting at the location of Big Little Falls going around Big Little Ranches/Sawtooth Acres then extending North to...

PROJECT INFORMATION AND COMMENTS
The Department is currently considering a Project information and comments are available to the open house for bid on 8:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

LEGAL NOTICE
IDAR 1/23/02 1998, Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals, provides that the 2001-2002 season...

RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On the 13th day of January, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of Title Guaranty Title Co., 220 N. 2nd St., Twin Falls, Idaho, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho...

ADmiralty and Maritime Claims, and shall serve and file his answer to the Complaint...

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

The United States, all payable at the time of sale, of the above described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows...

By reason of the automatic stay provisions of U.S. Bankruptcy Code 11 U.S.C. 362, the original sale of the above described real property...

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

MAKING A MOTION FOR THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMPLAINT AND FOR AN ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING AND FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A Guardian Ad Litem for the Plaintiff, CHRISTOPHER GAILEY, D.O.B. 12/01/85.

INVITATION TO BID
Sealed bids for the construction of a dog-training season shall be received by the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the office of the Deputy City Clerk until 10:00 a.m. on January 10, 2002...

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the emergency response plan for chemical accidents prepared for the Department of Health and Welfare, State of Idaho, and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, are available for public review...

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Jerome Rural Fire Department is requesting public comment on their proposed fire protection projects under the BLM's "Communities at Risk" program...

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Jerome Rural Fire Department is requesting public comment on the Draft Wildland Fire Hazard Mitigation Plan...

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON October 12, 2001, I, Grant S. Anderson, did file a deed of trust for the above described real property, defendant herein, pursuant to a Warranty Forfeit from the County of Blaine, Idaho...

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED, a duly appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent, All persons having claims against the estate or the estate are requested to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice...

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AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND TO THE INFORMATION BELOW.

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December 2001, Roy, Nelson & Barri-Garcia, Esq. Barri-Garcia, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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PUBLISHED: December 30, 2001 and January 3, 2002

NOTICE
Pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 87-2343, you are hereby notified that the Twin Falls Highway District's regularly scheduled meetings are held the first and third Fridays of each month, at 1:00 p.m., at the District Office, 1234 Highland Ave., East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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# Yup - nothing beats a good insult

All our traditional insults are drying up with disuse. Nobody refers to the village character any more as a dumbbell, oddball or crackpot. Now he's a "space case." Too bad. Personally, my own "preference" was "town clown." I hardly ever resented that.

Both the penguin and the albino have natural desalinization devices in their bodies that strip the salt out of seawater before it's digested.

That word "potshot" dates back to the old muskloading days when a rifleman, conserving his lead and powder, waited for a close target to put meat in the family kettle.

The fruit fly lives only 24



REVISITED  
L.M. Boyd

hours. Our Love and War man has that fact under "Lowest Divorce Rate."

Highest incidence of breast cancer occurs in nuns, lowest in mothers who've nursed three months or longer.

Q. What actually started the infamous Hatfield-McCoy feud?  
A. The trigger moment came when Ellison Hatfield called

Tolbert McCoy an s.o.b., according to newfound historical footnotes. Much preceded it, though.

To that lengthening list of redundancies, our Language man has added "totally oblivious."

In Greek, the Volga River is "Rha" and the word for unclivated is "barb." So the wild plant that grew along the Volga came to be called "rhubarb."

Q. Where'd the younger set get the word "joint" to mean a marijuana cigarette?  
A. Same place the older set got the word "joint" to mean a disreputable hangout. Far East Orientals smoked opium in jointed bamboo pipes. First, a joint was one pipeful. Then it was the place where the pipeful was

smoked. Eventually, it took on several more meanings.

Don't know when the phone company finally disconnected the telephone of that spiritual leader, Alvin Karpis McGraw, but it wasn't until after she was dead and buried with a live-wired telephone in her coffin.

You know how elephants in single file sometimes link up (junk to tail)? A 1933 report showed four such went out for a stroll in Tanganyika one afternoon. Witnesses were quoted as saying lightning struck one, and all dropped dead.

The English artist Thomas Gainsborough used brushes with six-foot-long handles to paint some of his portraits.

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2 Support  
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19 Mrs. Fitzgerald  
15 Overturn  
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57 Hrs. in Seattle  
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# Don't discriminate, Taurus - give of yourself

IF JANUARY 3RD IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are remarkable sense of humor, are capable of helping people laugh at their own foibles. Your weight becomes a problem unless you follow resolutions concerning diet. You are charming and attractive, and tend to scatter fears.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You have things your way; it turns out that "your way" was the right way. Minor engineering problem will be solved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You exude aura of creativity, sensuality and sex appeal. Give of yourself, but be discriminating. Be aware of individual who takes you for granted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be rewarded for what you

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enjoy doing; if single, you could encounter future mate. Focus on direction and motivation; know where you are going and why.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Obtain hint from Taurus message. Highlight versatility, intellectual curiosity. Show interest in connection with relative who "pleads for help."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You extricate yourself from embarrassing financial situation. What appears to be a setback will boomerang in your favor. What had been rejected will now be accepted. Scorpio represented.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your kind of day! Lunar cycle high; you will be at right place at special moment. Impassive style; be careful of whom you attract. Your sex appeal is much in evidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Music sounds; dance or march to your own tune. Questions answered if you look behind scenes. Domestic adjustment could include actual change of residence; marital status.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Wish comes true but not exactly in the way you might desire. Emotional "whirlwind" featured; elements of timing and luck will ride with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your ability will be fully recognized; pressure on due to added

responsibility. Scenario highlights love, money and career. You have plenty to offer; don't hold back.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Some people act, "Where have you been?" You were right there all along but were overlooked. That won't happen again. Present format for career advancement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Once again, your "inventive powers" surge forward. You make fresh start and could experience "different" kind of romance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Work behind scenes; if you can make yourself invisible, do it! Someone wants something for nothing, and you could be prime target.

Dear Abby  
is on page C5 today

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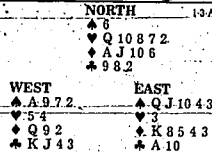
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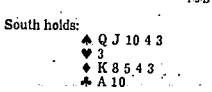
"All clever men are birds of prey." - English proverb



"I love to play against sharp players," boasted today's South, a well-known con man. "My trap would have never worked against a lesser pair."
"Thanks for the left-handed compliment," replied East. "Perhaps I should have suspected subterfuge. Congratulations on a well-conceived play."
With no attractive lead, West chose to lead from his diamond queen. It was a middle-of-the-road choice. He wanted to attack instead of leading a trump, and he reasoned he had less to lose by leading from a queen than leading from his black-suit honors.

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 1♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond deuce BID WITH THE ACES



ANSWER: Four spades. Blast to game, giving the opponents little information regarding your distribution.

West's lead need not have mattered. South was destined to lose three clubs and a spade anyway. How did the con man manipulate the play to convert the "harmless" lead to a major swindle?
Brazenly, he played a low diamond from dummy instead of playing the ace. This exposed him to a two-trick penalty if East cashed out after winning his king.
However, what was East to believe? Obviously, that West's lead was a singleton and that South had the Q-9-7. Accordingly, East returned the lowest diamond, expecting West to ruff. After the ruff, West would return a club and East's ace (suit preference) and West would enjoy another ruff.
Disaster! South discarded a club on the free finesse. After he drew trumps, he cashed dummy's diamond ace to drop West's queen. South enjoyed three club discards on dummy's diamonds, and the defenders were left with only three tricks and a new-found respect for South's clever play.

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