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Governor rejects tax hike

What the legislators thought

Here's what some Magic Valley legislators had to say about Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's "State of the State" speech Monday night.

"His goals are certainly very ambitious. But the argument is going to come down to revenue projections."
— Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert

"He showed a lot of earnestness for the state and had an excellent delivery, but he left me confused on how we're going to do this."
— Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls

"I was heartened by his statement that government has to weather the storm right along with the citizens."
— Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley

"During his speech, I'm thinking about my own job with the money. But then I have to remember the governor really has a full plate. I appreciate that he has accomplished a lot during the last three years."
— Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, chairwoman of House Appropriations Committee

"He talks progressively, but we want him to follow up with leadership."
— Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Hatchum

"The Legislature's priorities are going to be a little different than his."
— Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Hatchum

"I'm really, really pleased that he has no intention of repealing any tax relief."
— Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert

"Eight out of the last 10 years we've had big surpluses, and what that means is overtaxation of the taxpayers. When we left at the end of last session, we had a \$64 million cushion, and in most cases that would have been enough."
— Sen. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, House Speaker

"The 'State of the State' speech is always a blueprint of what he'd like to do, but the budget speech on Wednesday will fill in the blanks."
— Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer



Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne delivers the annual state of the state address before a joint session of the legislature Monday at the Statehouse in Boise, Idaho.

Kempthorne vows to protect some programs

The Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne acknowledged Idaho's worst economic situation in nearly two decades on Monday but told lawmakers he wants to maintain spending on public schools, prisons and health care for the poor while protecting last year's record tax cut.

In the first State of the State address to be delivered at night, Kempthorne said he will close the gap between eroded tax revenues and the cost of even a bare bones state budget for next year without raising taxes and by imposing a 10 percent reduction on the quarter of the general tax budget he did not exempt.

"We haven't seen an economy like this since the early '80s," Kempthorne said in the prepared text of his hour-long speech. "Government should not be immune from the effects of a down economy. Idaho families are cutting back and so is their government."

The state budget crisis, which Kempthorne deals with specifically on Wednesday, is the biggest challenge of his public career, which includes nearly two terms as mayor of Boise and a six-year term in the U.S. Senate. That address has become the most anticipated of his rocky three years as governor and could set the tone for his expected reelection bid although there are no challengers on the immediate horizon.

"It will be interesting to see how it all fits," Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert said. Cameron and House Appropriations Chairman Maxine Bell of Jerome will lead the deliberations aimed at solving the budget crunch. Bell agreed that based on what Kempthorne outlined Monday night, "it doesn't add."

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U.S. begins to focus outside of Afghanistan

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — For all the focus on terrorism quietly has picked up pace worldwide, with increasing results even in problem areas ranging from Sudan in Africa and Yemen on the Arabian Peninsula to the Philippines in Southeast Asia, according to U.S. officials.

The United States has tangible evidence that terrorist attacks outside Afghanistan have been disrupted, delayed or prevented by the four-month global effort, those officials say.

Although not always with U.S. assistance, the multipart campaign has made significant gains in "busting cells and breaking down operations," according to a senior Bush administration official.

The growing number of arrests and the freezing of financial assets are "beginning to impair al-Qaida operations and their ability to launch terrorist actions," this official said, referring to Osama bin Laden's far-flung terrorism network. "There are clearly in stances where the lack of funding is delaying or setting back operations."

As the fighting winds down in Afghanistan, the focus increasingly will be on this largely invisible half of the war and expanding it deeper into areas including Somalia, an unruly country on the Horn of Africa where al-Qaida has been active in training and operations in the past — and still has ties, U.S. officials say.
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Abdul Ghias, 70, craves as he holds a piece of grass bread in the mountain village of Bonavash, Afghanistan, Monday

In remote Afghan region, starving villagers eat grass

The Associated Press

BONAVASH, Afghanistan — The village of Bonavash is slowly starving.

Besieged by the Taliban and crushed by years of drought, people in this remote mountain have resorted to eating bread made from grass and trace amounts of barley flour.
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Council chooses Clow as mayor

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In a move that apparently came as no surprise to anybody on the City Council, the council late Monday voted unanimously to appoint Lance Clow as Twin Falls' new mayor.

He will replace councilwoman Elaine Steele, who was voted in as vice mayor. Clow, Steele and Councilman Chris Talkington — who were all re-elected last year — were also sworn in for their new terms.

An eight-year veteran of the council, Clow said he thinks it will take some time for him to get a feel for one of the mayor's chief duties — keeping the council meetings running smoothly.

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"I know I was sitting there tonight thinking, 'OK, what is the appropriate time after discussion to call for a vote?'"

With Steele back in a regular council position, there are now three former mayors on the city council. Talkington and Councilman Howard Allen have also served as mayor.

Allen said it wasn't hard choosing Clow as mayor.

"We all talked about it and discussed things, and we had a winning candidate," he said. The salary for mayor is \$1,000 per month. The salary for regular council members is \$750 per month.

In other business, the council voted unanimously to extend a
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TIME FOR DAD TO TAKE THAT T-BIRD AWAY

Study: Teen girls drive, crash more like boys

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sixteen-year-old boys still are the most risky drivers on the road, but the girls are gaining.

For every 1,000 licensed 16-year-old girls, 175 got in car accidents in 2000, according to federal accident data. That's up 9 percent from 1990, when 160 girls crashed per 1,000 drivers.

Accidents for 16-year-old boys decreased slightly during the same period, from 216 to 210 per 1,000 drivers.
Susan Ferguson, senior vice president of research at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, said Monday that boys are crashing less because of safer vehicle designs and less drunken driving.

"While women would have experienced those improvements as well, they are crashing more because they are driving more miles," she said. Insurance industry statistics show girls 16 to 19 are driving 70 percent more than in 1975, averaging 6,870 miles a year. A 2
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U.S. resumes bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — American warplanes are striking a "hotbed" of terrorist support in eastern Afghanistan to wipe out regrouping Taliban and al-Qaida forces and hidden weaponry, military officials said Monday.

"We're not done there," Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem said of a compound and cave complex. "We're finding stuff, and we're attacking that stuff."

U.S. warplanes have conducted three strikes in recent days at the al-Qaida base at Zawar Kili near Khost, where terrorist leader Osama bin Laden's followers have been emerging. A major weapons cache that included tanks also was bombed there, Stufflebeem said.

"Those who have dispersed, it would appear, are trying to get back together and regroup so that they can ascertain, do they have leadership, do they have mission, can they do operations?" Stufflebeem told reporters at a Pentagon briefing.

Paktia province in eastern Afghanistan has long been known as a region where al-Qaida terrorists have built a large training and supply complex, the spokesman said.

"It is a hotbed of support," Stufflebeem said.

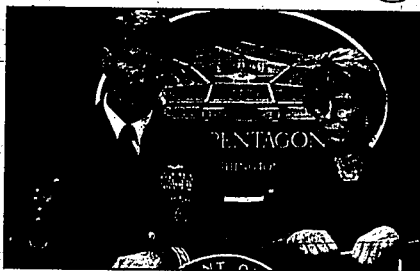
Although the terrorist supporters in the region had been "heavily dispersed" after weeks of fighting inside Afghanistan, they are now attempting to regroup and find security in numbers. That makes the region "a more dangerous area than the others right now," he said.

Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said American aircraft flew 118 sorties and conducted four airstrikes in the Zawar and Khost area on Sunday.

The strikes were conducted by long-range B-52 and B-1 bombers, as well as carrier-based strike planes from warships in the Indian Ocean.

Khost is known as the headquarters of a former minister in the ousted Taliban regime, Jalaluddin Haqqani, who is high on the U.S. most-wanted list.

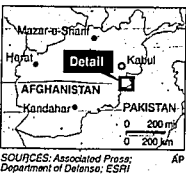
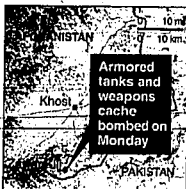
"This is what you would call a relatively active area," he said. "It previously had been a support haven of al-Qaida." He refused to speculate whether bin Laden might be nearby.



Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke, right, and Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem brief reporters at the Pentagon Monday. U.S. bombers blasted a large cache of Taliban and al-Qaida armored tanks and weapons Sunday as part of the effort to eradicate the remnants of the terrorist network.

Renewed raids

U.S. warplanes bombed sites in eastern Afghanistan where Taliban and al-Qaida members have been regrouping and a major arms stockpile was spotted.



SOURCES: Associated Press; Department of Defense; ESRI

Khost also was used as a training base by al-Qaida and was targeted by U.S. cruise missiles following the bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa in 1998. A number of al-Qaida fighters are

believed to have slipped into the area after fleeing Tora Bora, the mountain-cave complex seized by U.S.-backed anti-Taliban forces last month.

Stufflebeem, asked to elaborate on the circumstances of the death of Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman on Friday, said an investigation was underway to determine who was responsible.

"We are trying to determine what happened, so we can prevent something like this from happening again," the spokesman said. "It most definitely was an ambush."

Clarke said construction crews have begun beating up former refugee camp sites at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to deal with prisoners taken in the Afghan fighting.

"It will be significantly different construction," Clarke said.

There were 346 suspected Taliban or al-Qaida members in U.S. custody this weekend, she said.

The Pentagon plans tight security for hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban captives expected at the base and is sending 1,500 military police and other troops to build a prison there.

Already, 1,000 U.S. troops have orders to depart for Cuba, some by way of southwest Asia, where they will help transport the prisoners to the base, officials said. Five hundred more soldiers will be ordered to the base in the coming weeks.

Starving

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have soft bloated bellies. When the pain becomes unbearable, their mothers tie rags around their stomachs to try to alleviate the pressure.

"One man has grown so weak he cannot move. Last week, he went blind."

"We are waiting to die. If food does not come, if the situation does not change, we will eat this ... until we die," said Ghilam Raza, a 42-year-old man with a hacking cough, pain in his stomach and bleeding bowels.

Bonavash is the most accessible village in the remote mountain region of Abdullah-Gan, where about 10,000 people live.

People in even more distant reaches, days away by donkey, are worse off, according to aid workers and Bonavash residents who have been there.

They describe people who do not even have barley to mix with the grass and who simply eat it straight from the ground. People

whose stomachs are rock hard from hunger. People dying in front of them.

"If we cannot get aid within the month, we will be as bad as they are," said Dawood, the commander in Bonavash, who like many Afghans uses one name.

Abdullah Gan is "a humanitarian crisis," said Ahmed Idriss Rahmani, the International Rescue Committee's acting northern Afghanistan coordinator.

Hundreds of thousands of others are also living in desperate conditions in the mountain regions along the former front lines between the Taliban and the northern alliance, Rahmani said.

Many share the same confluence of natural and manmade disasters that make life worse than in other devastated places. Cut off by war, they are completely dependent on rain for irrigation, and too far from any road for aid to be delivered easily.

Thousands of bags of wheat flour meant to save the people of Abdullah Gan sit stacked in a compound in the small town of Zari, four and a half hours away by donkey along mountain trails.

The World Food Program spent two weeks trucking 1,000 tons of flour to Zari, the nearest outpost accessible by road, but never told the aid organizations that would distribute it.

Aid workers found out only because residents told them and rushed to the area to try to figure out the logistics of distribution. The wheat is improperly stored. If it rains or snows, much will be damaged.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said in New York that the WFP has received reports of starvation in remote villages. "The agencies have managed to get record amounts of food into Afghanistan but then getting it from depots to remote villages where it is most needed has not been easy," he said.

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Outside

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"In terms of looking forward, what we're looking at is how ... to take down a global network. We haven't ever done that before," the official said.

Progress is reflected in the new numbers. Worldwide, between 800 and 1,000 terrorism suspects have been arrested or detained in more than 50 countries — not including the more than 640 suspects held in the United States — according to U.S. officials. Many of the foreign arrests have not been made public, and the total is almost double the last published figure.

More than 140 countries have frozen funds in 270 accounts with assets of \$65 million.

Most of the arrests and frozen assets are linked to al-Qaida, but other extremist groups also have been affected.

In contrast to the Afghan operation, the other half of the war so far involves limited or no military use of U.S. troops.

In the other half of the war, covert intelligence operations or operations involving local militias or military are more likely to be used, U.S. officials say. Each operation has been tailored to local circumstances.

"You don't need to shoot them all," a senior State Department official said, referring to the terrorists. "You can choke off the links and ties among groups and eliminate their bases. You can take away their food and shelter and starve them and arrest them. That's under way in many places" where they

used to be able to operate. We're doing things all over the place."

In the war outside Afghanistan, countries fall into one of three tiers, according to administration officials. The first consists of countries, mainly in Europe, that have the will and means to act on their own against terrorism. The U.S. role on the first tier usually has been limited to sharing intelligence.

The second tier includes countries that have the will but need active support from U.S. law enforcement, intelligence or counterterrorism or military advisers. Support includes "all the things you can do without putting (soldiers') boots on the ground," said the senior official.

The third tier consists of countries that remain questionable regarding their desire or ability to deal with terrorism.

The five countries that have been under the most intense scrutiny in the invisible war, because of their political environments or past links to al-Qaida, are Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, the Philippines and Indonesia, according to U.S. officials. Four are unstable Muslim countries, while the Philippines has a militant separatist movement within its Muslim minority.

U.S. diplomat Glenn Warren went to Somalia last month on the

first visit by a U.S. official to the capital, Mogadishu, since 1995, to talk with the 18-month-old transitional government of President Abdiqassim Salad Hassan, who vowed to support U.S. efforts. A five-man military mission also reportedly met last month with Somali militia members to discuss possible al-Qaida locations.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“Call it what you want. Some are calling it a class act of sportsmanship while others consider it a choreographed disgrace — not that you’ll find many teammates of either party condemning what happened.”

— *Green Bay's Brett Favre insisting he didn't take a dive to grace the Giants' Michael Strahan the NFL sack record*

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school girls basketball**
- Raft River at Hansen, 6 p.m.
 - Buhl at Wendell, 6 p.m.
 - Camas County at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.
 - Kimberly at Filer, 6 p.m.
 - Burley at Declo, 6 p.m.
 - Murtaugh at Oakley, 6 p.m.
 - Gooding at Wood River, 6 p.m.
 - Shoshone at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
 - Carey at Bliss, 4:30 p.m.
 - Castleford at MVC, 6 p.m.
- High school boys basketball**
- Carey at Bliss, 6 p.m.
 - Castleford at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
 - Century at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.
 - Declo at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
 - Buhl at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.
 - Ketchum at ISDII, 6 p.m.
 - Murtaugh at TPCA, 6 p.m.
 - Wood River at Valley, 6 p.m.
- High school wrestling**
- Pocatello at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Special Olympics needs volunteers

BOISE — Volunteers are needed to help with the 2002 Area 5-6 Special Olympics Regional Winter Games on Jan. 23-24 at Pomerelle and Mink Creek.

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SALT LAKE 2002



Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

31 days until Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The torch will begin the day in Indianapolis. Then it's on to Terre Haute, Ind., Clark and Elftingham counties in Illinois and St. Clair County, Mo. The flame will come to a rest in St. Louis.

March to the Medals: Brian Martin and Mark Grimmette, luge doubles racers who won the bronze at the 1998 Nagano Olympics, say they expect to do better at the Salt Lake Games. Martin, of Palo Alto, Calif., and Grimmette, of Muskegon, Mich., were among 10 luge athletes who were nominated Monday for the U.S. Olympic team.



Kansas guard Kirk Hinrich files over Colorado forward D.J. Harrison Saturday in Boulder, Colo.

Jayhawks jump to top of poll

The Associated Press

Kansas took advantage of a weekend of upsets to become No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll on Monday.

The Jayhawks (12-1) moved up one spot to replace Duke (12-1), which had been on top of the rankings all season, the last five weeks as a unanimous No. 1. But the Blue Devils had their 22-game winning streak snapped Sunday by Florida State, the sixth loss by a Top Ten team over the weekend and the 15th by a ranked team last week.

This is the ninth season in which Kansas has been ranked No. 1 and all but two have been under coach Roy Williams. The last time the Jayhawks were No. 1 was in the 1996-97 season.

Kansas, which hasn't lost since being upset in its opening game by Ball State, received 34 first-place votes and 1,722

Weekend of upsets shuffles Top 25

More college hoops, complete polls—A6

points from the national media panel.

“Winning 12 games in a row is a big-time thing,” Kansas junior forward Drew Gooden said Monday. “We deserve to be No. 1.”

Duke, whose run as a unanimous No. 1 was the longest since UNLV did it for the final six weeks of the 1990-91 season, received 26 first-place votes and 1,697 points, 11 more than Florida (12-1), which was No. 1 on the other 11 ballots and remained third.

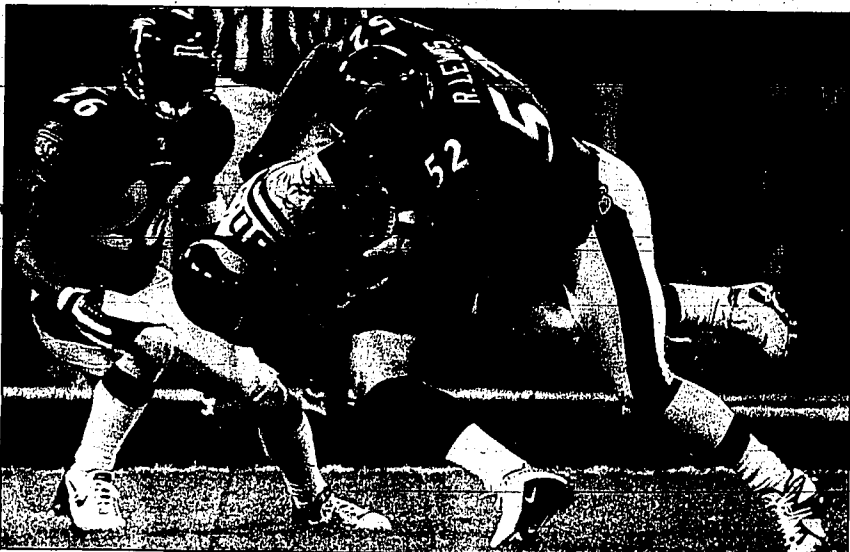
“If I were voting I would still vote for Duke because they lost on a last-second shot on the court of an opposing conference team,” Williams said Monday. “Whatever it comes out, that will be fine. We still have to play in college basketball. There's no BCS we have to worry about.”

Maryland moved up four places to fourth, while Oklahoma made the week's biggest jump, moving from No. 10 to fifth. Oklahoma State, Virginia and Kentucky—three of the other Top Ten teams to lose over the weekend—were sixth, seventh and eighth and were followed in the Top Ten by Illinois and Cincinnati.

UCLA moved up three places to lead the Second Ten and was followed by Syracuse, Iowa and Alabama and Stanford, which were tied for 14th. Boston College was No. 16 followed by

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Ravens 'D' dominates



Baltimore linebacker Roy Lewis tackles Minnesota wide receiver Chris Carter as Ravens safety Rod Woodson looks on Monday in Baltimore.

Victory gives Baltimore berth in playoffs

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Ravens are back in the playoffs in spite of a performance hardly befitting their stature as defending Super Bowl champions.

Matt Stover kicked four field goals as the Ravens struggled past the Minnesota Vikings 19-3 Monday night to earn a berth in the postseason as an AFC wild-card entrant.

Baltimore (10-6) will open the playoffs Sunday on the road against the Miami Dolphins. The New York Jets will play at Oakland on Saturday in the other AFC game next weekend.

The Vikings (5-11) were 0-7 on the road and playing with third-string quarterback Spergon Wynn, but the Ravens never could pull away until Jamie Sharper scored on 8-yard fumble return with 1:37

left after Peter Boulwar's fourth sack of the night.

Baltimore's victory eliminated the Seattle Seahawks from the playoff hunt. Seahawks quarterback Trent Dilfer, who took the Ravens to the Super Bowl last season, led a late Seattle charge that ultimately came up short.

Elvis Grbac struggled for much of the season as the replacement for Dilfer, the first quarterback to be supplanted after winning the Super Bowl. Grbac entered the game with 18 interceptions, 15 touchdown passes and an unsightly 71.9 quarterback rating.

He wasn't much better against the Vikings, going 10-for-27 for 160 yards as the Ravens' offense struggled against a team that had allowed 84 points in its last three games, all of them losses.

Baltimore's Terry Allen, operating against the NFL's 27th-

ranked rushing defense, gained 133 yards on 23 carries.

Minnesota was playing its first game under interim coach Mike Tice, who took over for Dennis Green on Friday. The Vikings scored first, but never added to their first-quarter field goal.

Wynn went 13-for-29 for 86 yards and two interceptions.

Cris Carter, playing perhaps his final game with the Vikings, had five catches for 60 yards. The 15-year veteran has been vague about his plans for next year.

A bit of trickery helped the Vikings take an early 3-0 lead. Five plays after wide receiver Randy Moss completed a 25-yard pass to Carter, Gary Anderson kicked a 26-yard field goal.

The Ravens tied it on the ensuing drive, moving 77 yards before Stover kicked a 21-yarder on

fourth-and-1 from the Minnesota 3. Minutes later, after Carter lost a fumble on the Minnesota 45, the Ravens failed to get into the end zone on six straight plays inside the 5 — including three cracks from the 1 — and had to settle for a 20-yard field goal and a 3 lead.

The Vikings had a chance to take the lead late in the first half when Dale Hellestrae, playing his first game with the Ravens, bounced a snap to punter Kyle Richardson.

Richardson couldn't get a handle on the ball and finally just pounced on it, giving Minnesota a first down at the Baltimore 10.

But Wynn immediately threw an interception on a pass to Moss in the end zone, and Brandon Stokley turned a short pass into a 46-yard gain, setting up a field goal as the first half expired.

Wizard heads Hall of Fame ballot today

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ozzie Smith finds out Tuesday whether he will backflip into the Hall of Fame on the first ballot.

The Wizard of Oz, a 15-time All-Star who showed how short-stop should be played, heads the list of candidates for induction to the Hall next summer.

Gary Carter, Jim Rice, Bruce Sutter and Rich Gossage top the holdovers from last year, when Kirby Puckett and Dave Winfield were elected on the first try.

To be elected, players must be listed on at least 75 percent of the ballots of 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Just 36 players have been elected in their first year of eligibility. There are 251 people in the Hall overall.

Smith, 47, has kept mostly a low profile since retiring at the end of the 1996 NL playoffs, although he has done some television work, including “This Week in Baseball.”

He spent 19 seasons in the major leagues, breaking in with San Diego in 1978. Smith played four years with the Padres, then finished with 15 years in St. Louis.

Smith won 13 NL Gold Glove awards in a row from 1980-92 — set shortstop record for most assists (8,375) and double plays (1,590) and entertained fans with a backflip when he ran out to shortstop at the start of games. The Cardinals retired No. 1 in his honor.

If there's any knock on Smith, it's offense: He batted just .262 in his career with 2,460 hits, 28

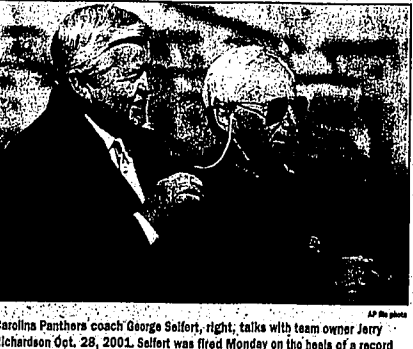
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Ozzie Smith

Record losing streak does in Panthers' Seifert

The Associated Press



Carolina Panthers coach George Seifert, right, talks with team owner Jerry Richardson Oct. 28, 2001. Seifert was fired Monday on the heels of a record 15-game losing streak.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — George Seifert's tenure with the Carolina Panthers ended Monday in the same way he spent much of the season — with his players in the dark and most not really caring.

It was that lack of energy and desire that cost Seifert his job. He was fired Monday after three seasons capped by an NFL-record 15 straight losses in one season that owner Jerry Richardson said took all the passion out of the franchise.

“The energy has been sucked out of our organization and our fan base,” Richardson said. “We’ve lost 15 in a row, ... We were 31st in the league in offense and 31st in defense. It couldn't continue. I had to make a change.”

Richardson declined to speculate on a successor, although

Steve Spurrier's name has been on almost everyone's lips since he stepped down at Florida Friday.

Players said Seifert held his usual Monday morning meetings, but he already knew his stint was done — Richardson said discussions started between the two last Friday.

Other players described Seifert as aloof, a characteristic fans also disliked, and pointed to his steely sideline demeanor. The parting shots by the players proved what most everyone already knew — the Panthers had given up long before Sunday's 38-6 loss to the New England Patriots.

Seifert, 61, came to Carolina in 1999 after two years in retirement. He went 108-35 in eight years in San Francisco while winning two Super Bowls. That led Richardson to believe he could

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Stoops turns down Florida coaching job

The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Bob Stoops said ‘No’ to Florida on Monday, sending Gators athletic director Jeremy Foley to Denver to talk with Broncos coach Mike Shanahan.

Waiting anxiously back in Gainesville are a handful of players, including quarterback Rex Grossman, who wants to see who the Gators hire to replace Steve Spurrier before they commit to coming back next year.

“I would love to come back and play,” Grossman said. “I am not ready to leave, but it may be the best decision for me in the NFL. Who knows?”

Grossman, the runner-up for the Heisman Trophy, said if Shanahan were the coach, he would love to come back. But he needs to know by Friday, the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the NFL draft.

Foley would love to make a hire by Friday, as well — not only for the sake of the players who are already Gators, but because recruiting begins again in earnest, on Saturday.

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Senators hand Wendell boys first defeat

SPORTS IN BRIEF

The Times-News
GOODING - Jake Garcia nailed a 3-pointer with 10 seconds left as Gooding defeated Wendell 44-38 Monday in Gooding.
 Tied at 44-all with under a minute left, Cody Chandler completed a three-point play, connecting on a 6-foot jumper and a free throw.
 Garcia, who finished with 11 points, put the Senators up by two. The Trojans had a chance to tie at the free-throw line with one second on the clock, but Wendell missed the front end of two free throws.
 Gooding (1-1 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference, 8-3) hosts Buhl on Thursday.

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Michael Jordan's wife files for divorce
CHICAGO - Juanita Jordan has taken the first steps toward ending her 13-year marriage to Michael Jordan, filing for divorce in Lake County, Ill.
 In a petition filed Friday in circuit court in Waukegan, J. Vanoy Jordan, 42, of Highland Park cited "irreconcilable differences" as seeking a dissolution of her marriage to M. Jeff Jordan, 38, also of Highland Park.
 She seeks permanent custody of the couple's three children, the 25,000-square-foot "marital residence" in Highland Park and half the couple's property.
 The six-page petition says irreconcilable differences have caused "the irrevocable breakdown" of Mrs. Jordan's marriage to the basketball superstar and that future attempts at reconciliation "would be impractical and not in the best interests of the family."
 Michael and Juanita Vanoy Jordan were married on Sept. 2, 1989, in Las Vegas. Their children are 13-year-old Jeffrey, 11-year-old Marques and 9-year-old Jasmine.
 The petition describes Michael Jordan as "a well and able-bodied man who is capable of making suitable provisions for the support and maintenance of the Petitioner and for the support and education of the parties' children in a style commensurate with that enjoyed by the parties during marriage."
 Jordan, who was paid more than \$30 million in his final season with the Bulls, is regarded as one of the world's richest athletes through his work as a product endorser and a reported \$50 million stake in the company that controls the Wizards and the NHL's Washington Capitals.

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Mayor: No new stadiums this year
NEW YORK - A plan for publicly funded ballparks for the Yankees and Mets hit a snag Monday when Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the city won't build stadiums this year because of its budget crisis.
 "At the moment, everybody understands - given the lack of housing, given the lack of school space, given the deficit in the operating budget - it is just not practical this year to go and to build new stadiums," Bloomberg said.
 Three days before he left office last month, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani signed tentative agreements with the teams to build two new \$800 million stadiums, with the city paying half of that cost.
 Bloomberg had expressed skepticism about the deals, given the city's projected \$4-billion deficit for each of the next three years, but Monday's comments were his most explicit so far.
 The mayor did say, however, that he would honor a provision of the Giuliani agreement that requires the city to pay each team \$5 million a year for the next five years for design and other planning costs.

Recovered Brown helps Hornets bury Nuggets

Utes guard doesn't make trip to California

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - P.J. Brown welcomed himself back into Charlotte's lineup in a big way.
NBA - Brown, who missed Charlotte's previous game with a sprained ankle, had a career-high 22 rebounds Monday night as the Hornets eliminated the glass in a 94-80 victory over the Denver Nuggets.
Elden Campbell added 21 points and 18 rebounds. Lee Nailon added 16 points for the Hornets while David Wesley scored 15 and Baron Davis 13.
 Nick Van Exel, held scoreless in Denver's loss to the Los Angeles Clippers on Friday, led the Nuggets with 24 points despite a strained lower back.

of four, including two straight.
 The Sixers never trailed after the first basket, had runs of 14-4 in the first quarter, 19-5 in the second and bagged a 22-point lead in the third.
TRAIL BLAZERS 98, Cavaliers 72
CLEVELAND (AP) - Dale Davis scored 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a 98-72 rout of the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday night.
 Zydrunas Ilgaskas scored 11 points to lead Cleveland, which has lost six of eight and now embarks on a six-game Western trip. Before the game, Cavs coach John Lucas said his team, "must find a way to win this one with that trip coming up."
 Instead, Cleveland shot 35 percent from the field, was out-rebounded 47-37 and trailed by more than 20 points for most of the second half.

and Trent 10 as the Wolves dominated the boards, outrebounding the Pistons 51-30.
Jerry Stackhouse led Detroit with 24 points and 10 assists.
 Trent was starting his fifth consecutive game in place of the injured Joe Smith. He has averaged 13 points and nine rebounds in those games and the Wolves have won them all.
Magic 98, Celtics 87
ORLANDO, Fla. - Mike Miller had 27 points, nine rebounds and five assists as the Orlando Magic defeated the Boston Celtics 98-87 on Monday night for their third straight win.
 Tracy McGrady added 21 points for Orlando (18-1), which coached the 500-mark for the first time since Dec. 13. McGrady was limited by the flu, but still shot 9-for-18 with seven rebounds and six assists.
 Paul Pierce had 20 for Boston. Boston closed within two points on Walker's layup with three minutes remaining, but Orlando closed the game on a 12-3 run. Miller started the breakout with a 3-pointer and two free throws.

scored 26 points Monday night, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to their eighth win in nine games, 100-88 over the Chicago Bulls.
Vin Baker added 13 points and Richard Lewis had 12 for the Sonics, who scored 32 points off of 25 Chicago turnovers.
Ron Artest scored 26 points and Ron Mercer added 16 for the Bulls.
 The Bulls led by as many as nine in the first quarter and shot 63 percent from the field on their way to a 25-20 lead.
 Seattle scored on eight straight possessions and went on a 17-2 run to take the lead. The Sonics led 47-46 at the half despite 57 percent shooting by the Bulls.

Spurs 90, Knicks 79
SAN ANTONIO - Tim Duncan sank four free throws in the closing minutes and scored a team-high 21 points Monday night as the San Antonio Spurs held off the New York Knicks, 90-79.
 Four other Spurs scored at least 10 points for San Antonio.
 Allan Houston passed the Knicks with 21 points to go with 22 rebounds. Latrell Sprewell had 17 points.

Davenport won't play Australian Open
AUSTRALIA - Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport will miss the Australian Open because of a right knee injury that might require surgery. Davenport withdrew Friday from this week's Adidas International tournament in Sydney, a tune-up for the Australian Open. The year's first Grand Slam tournament starts Jan. 14, in Melbourne.
 Compiled from wire reports

76ers 116, Clippers 92
PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson had 30 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds for his first career triple-double, leading the Philadelphia 76ers to a 116-92 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night.
 The Eastern Conference champions have won three of four after losing 13 of 18.
 Quentin Richardson scored 21 and Corey Maggette added 16 for Los Angeles, which had won three

with 382 homers and 1,451 RBIs. Sutter (47.6) and Gossage (44.3) are bidding to join Hoyt Wilhelm and Rolie Fingers in the Hall of Fame.
 Smith headed 11 first-time candidates, a group that also included pitchers Mike Henneman, Jeff Russell, Scott Sanderson and Frank Viola; infielders Alan Trammell, Robby Thompson and Tim Lincecum; and outfielders Andre Dawson, Lenny Dykstra and Mike Green.
 Players with 10 or more seasons who have been retired for five years become eligible for the Hall. Unless elected, a player remains of the ballot for 15 years unless he is picked on less than 5

percent of the votes.
 The others on the ballot were Bert Blyleven, Dave Concepcion, Steve Garvey, Ron Guidry, Keith Hernandez, Tommy John, Jim Kaat, Don Mattingly, Jack Morris, Dale Murphy, Dave Parker, Dave Stewart and Luis Tiant.
 The last time the BBWAA didn't elect any players was 1996, the first time since 1971 and only the seventh ever.

SuperSonics 100, Bulls 88
CHICAGO - Gary Payton

Hall
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 homers and 793 RBIs.
Carter, an 11-time All-Star, is on the ballot for the fifth season. He was picked on 42.3 percent of the ballots in his first appearance in 1998. His percentage dropped to 33.8 the following year, then increased to 49.7 in 2000 and 64.9 in 2001.
Carter's career average (.262) was even lower than Smith's but he hit 324 homers with 1,225 RBIs. His 298 homers as a catcher are the sixth-most.
Rice, on the ballot for the eighth time, was fourth in last year's voting at 57.9 percent. The eight-time All-Star and 1978 AL MVP had a .298 career average

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 Missouri, Gonzaga, Wake Forest and Arizona.
 The last five ranked teams were Miami, Mississippi State, Pittsburgh, Butler and Michigan State. Mississippi State (14-1), which beat Kentucky 74-69 in overtime, is ranked for the first time since the 1995-96 season, the year the Bulldogs went to the Final Four. Mississippi State's only loss this season was to Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh (14-1) moved into the No. 25 spot for the first time since the 1998-99 season, after a 77-74 victory at Boston College. The Panthers' ninth straight since a

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SPORTS

Senators top Toronto, again

OTTAWA (AP) — Ottawa defenseman Karel Rachunek and Wade Redden each had two points as the Senators NHL stopped Toronto's three-game winning streak with a 4-3 win over the Maple Leafs on Monday night.



New Jersey's Martin Brodeur allows the puck to get by him for a goal by Los Angeles' Adam Deadmarsh Monday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Patricia Roberts and Alexander Mogilny each had three points for the Maple Leafs, who have lost eight of their last nine regular season games against the Senators.

Adam Oates scored for the Capitals. 2:05 remaining, to lead Los Angeles past New Jersey. The Kings also got a goal from Adam Deadmarsh while Felix Potvin made 25 saves. The Devils got goals from John Madden and Jay Pandolfo.

Florida

Continued from A4 He knows he won't get Stoops, who was widely reported to be his first choice. Foley traveled to Norman, Okla., early Monday to talk to the Sooners coach, who was defensive coordinator for the Colts. When it was over, Stoops had decided to stay, although he denied that he had negotiated a new contract for a fat raise.

reputation is still strong, even though the Broncos have had three straight disappointing seasons on the heels of two straight Super Bowl titles. Spurrier spoke to the media Monday for the first time since his sudden resignation last Friday. It was a great hour, during which Spurrier denied having an NFL job already lined up, but sounded as though he knew something would come open soon.

Seifert

Continued from A4 spark a Panthers turnaround. He never could, despite a variety of approaches. He brought his West Coast offense to Carolina the first season, when the Panthers went 8-8 and narrowly missed the playoffs. Seifert thought they were Super Bowl contenders the year and brought in a handful of former all-stars to get Carolina over the top. But the imports were all either past their prime or too injured to play again and Carolina went 7-9 — the first loss-

ing season in Seifert's career. So, he tried a different approach this year, purging the team of many high-priced veterans in order to rebuild around developing young players. That went terribly awry as the Panthers went their opener in Minnesota then lost 15 straight, leaving Seifert 16-32 with the team. The focus now turns to his successor, Richardson gave no timetable for naming a new coach. Nor was he sure if he would hire a general manager,

level." He said, "I need to find that out before I completely hang it up, before I call my last play." It could have a drastic effect of which players stay or leave Florida. Receiver Taylor Jacobs, the Most Valuable Player in the Orange Bowl, is also wavering, after saying he would definitely come back. And Grossman said he has been in frequent contact with Brock Berlin, who had all but transferred to Miami before Spurrier's surprise put things on hold. "We're on the same page," Grossman said. "He is probably going to do the opposite of what I do."

BASKETBALL

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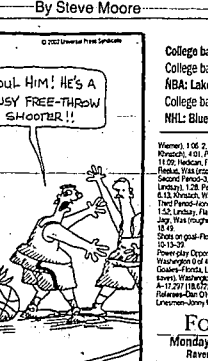
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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



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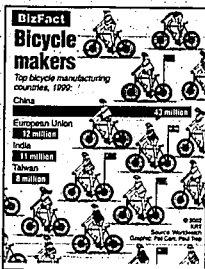
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Pier 1 Imports reports good sales

FORT WORTH, Texas — Pier 1 Imports raised its fourth-quarter earnings projections, in response to what it said was a stellar holiday selling season.

The company — which has a Twin Falls store — said it expects to report that sales in stores open for at least a year rose 8 percent to 10 percent for the fiscal month, which ended Saturday.

Pier 1 also said it expects to earn 44 to 46 cents per common stock share in the fourth quarter, up from previous estimates of 40 to 42 cents.

"That Saturday before Christmas was our biggest-selling day ever in the history of Pier 1," said Cary Turner, Pier 1's chief financial officer.

Pier 1's announcement marked the first time this winter the company has increased its fourth-quarter projections. In the fall, Pier 1 bumped up its third-quarter profit estimates three times in response to strong sales.

Pier 1's customer traffic was up 12 percent and the average ticket amount was up 2 percent for December, Turner said. Seasonal items sold well, and the company maintained expense controls, he said. All product categories saw sales gains, including furniture.

Alex Rotonen, an analyst with SWS Securities in Dallas, said Pier 1 seems to have controlled inventories well and won't have to sell much merchandise through clearance sales, which will help profit margins.

"I think they will have a good year," Rotonen said. "They've got a lot of momentum."

Stocks fall despite bullish Compaq forecast

NEW YORK — A better-than-expected forecast from Compaq Computer failed to incite buying on Wall Street Monday as investors decided to play it cautious and collect some of their profits from last week's rally.

The market drifted lower in quiet selling that analysts said wasn't surprising given stocks' recent gains. Although investors are becoming more confident that business is improving, they are still concerned about the near future and questioning whether stock prices are rising too quickly.

"This is just a little consolidation after two vigorous days last Thursday and Friday on the market," said Ralph Acampora, director of technical research at Prudential Securities. "This is a pause that refreshes, nothing more."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 62, or 0.6 percent, at 10,197.05, snapping a three-session winning streak that saw the blue chips rise 238 points.

Broader stock indicators also struggled. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 7.62, or 0.7 percent, to 1,164.89, while the Nasdaq composite index lost 22.28, or 1.1 percent, to close at 2,037.10.

Compaq rose 29 cents to \$11.68 after issuing a statement saying its fourth quarter would be profitable and that results would exceed current estimates. Analysts had predicted a loss for the computer maker, but because investors didn't view Compaq as a high-tech bellwether, the news failed to spark a rally.

"Anything that this particular company says is probably not easily going to be extrapolated toward the rest of the tech sector," said Charles G. Crane, strategist for Victory SBF Capital Management. "This particular stock doesn't have a halo effect on the rest of the market."

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Dairymen start PR push

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dairymen hired researchers to survey Idaho consumers' perceptions about the dairy industry recently. The interview results turned up a surprising number of don't-really-know-and-don't-have-an-opinion answers, a Jerome dairy owner said Monday.

"There's a lot of neutral ground," said Susan Leo, who owns a family-run, 200-cow dairy and co-chairs the United Dairymen of Idaho board. She and her husband, Bill Stouder, are the only dairymen in the Twin Falls area who intend to claim some of that territory as their own.

Armed with survey results, association leaders and a hired public relations professional on Monday started a series of visits to Idaho newspaper and broadcast journalists. They're trying to establish relationships with reporters and find out how to get dairies in the news — positively.

"We're very guilty of not

being a very good public relations operation prior to this," said Bill Stouder, a Buhl resident who manages a 1,500-cow Wendell dairy and serves on United Dairymen's board.

The association, he said, has done well at promoting the

nutrition of dairy products, but not at promoting producers.

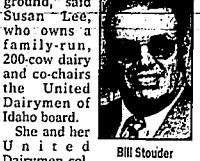
United Dairymen leaders said they'll use the recent survey of Idaho consumers as a baseline, work on improving both dairy operations and their education of the public, then follow up with a similar survey in October

to measure their progress on improving perceptions. They might develop educational materials to give schools, thought leaders and the press.

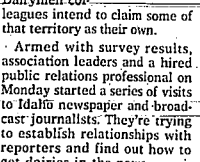
United Dairymen of Idaho promotes dairy products through advertising; nutrition counseling with health profes-

sionals and dietitians; and lobbying the Idaho Legislature, Stouder said. But "bad press" about the dairy industry — primarily regarding environmental concerns — prompted the association to work harder to improve consumers' perceptions.

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Susan Leo



Bill Stouder

FLATTENED



Apple Computers Inc. chief executive Steve Jobs is projected on a large screen as he demonstrates the new flat screen iMac at Macworld in San Francisco Monday. The iMac has a swivel screen and will be available later this year.

Simpson headlines CSI workshop for small business owners

The event aims to teach small-business owners about recession-proofing strategies to better insulate themselves against the twists and turns of a volatile economy.

Registration for "Surviving an Economic Slowdown" will begin at 8 a.m.

Simpson will speak from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

"This workshop will offer small businesses hands-on help to making it during the current economic downturn. The sessions are free and will offer helpful, easy-to-implement ideas to help businesses thrive in any economic environment," he said. "I'd encourage small-business owners across Idaho to attend. It

will be worth your time," Simpson said in a statement.

Dennis Tilley, a Twin Falls certified public accountant, will speak from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. on signs of trouble, assessment tools, cash flow analysis, ratios and strategies to help manage cash.

Ray Parrish, the senior loan officer with Region IV Development, will speak from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. on how to work effectively with your bank during difficult times and how the

Small Business Administration can assist.

Twin Falls attorney Tom Kershaw Jr. will speak from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. on the legal ramifications of and how to avoid bankruptcy proceedings, and separating personal and corporate liability.

A human resources expert will speak from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. on alternatives to layoffs, flexibility in tough times, building positive morale in a challenging economy, the legal ramifications of ter-

minations, disciplining and reorganizing.

ISBDC Director Bryan Matsuoka will conclude the workshop from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. with sales and marketing tips.

There is no cost to attend the half-day workshop. For more information, contact ISBDC training facilitator Sherry Rust at 733-9554, Ext. 2455, or by e-mail at srust@csi.edu. Or visit the ISBDC Web site at www.csi.edu/support/isbdc.html.

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BANKRUPTCIES

The Times-News

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

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

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Tracy Michael Twiss and Jennifer Lynn Twiss, 1529 E. 4250 N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 01-42434.

Tara Anne Duvall, also known as Tara Martinez, 261 Main St., Ellerslie, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40014.

Heather Dawn Clough, 784 Bolton St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40013.

Dean Donald Garner and DeeAnn Garner, 20 W. Clark St., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets

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

Charles M. Anderson, 227 Seventh Ave. N., Apt. 8, Twin Falls, and Danette G. Anderson, 252 Rammer, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 01-42443.

Jonathan Carl Camin and Tola Leann Cross, 115 South 11th Ave. E., Apt. B, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-40012.

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

Dean Donald Garner and DeeAnn Garner, 20 W. Clark St., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets

\$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-42436.

Penny Wardell, also known as Penny Lawton and Penny Stoddard, 1435 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 01-42435.

Walter J. Schnobrich and Wendy Lee Schnobrich, 2434 E. 3870 N., Filer, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-40009.

Robby Dean Kessler, also known as Rob Kessler, and Bonnie Kay Kessler, also known as Bonnie Kessler, 400 S. Sixth Poplar, Bellevue, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-40001.

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Rural coalition talks marketing strategy

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The state has an economic development message to market.

"Idaho competes very well against other states when the total cost of doing business is considered," said James Scott, the Rural Magic Valley Economic Development Association professional who spoke to Buhl Chamber of Commerce members Monday.

"Idaho has a balanced tax program and ranks near the top of the list when rated against other states, including the neighboring Western states," Scott said.

The economic-development specialist, and association President Steve Kantz, attended a two-day seminar in Boise in December hosted by the Idaho Department of Commerce, to learn how the association's participating communities can acquire funding for their projects.

Scott on Monday discussed the state's work-force training program, various tax incentives, Small Business Administration loans, local bank loans, state loans and tax-increment financing.

"There are no grants for businesses, but there is a number of loans available and programs that can reduce the cost of doing business," Scott said.

Grant sources for local governments include the Small Business Administration's 504 Program, which partners with a local bank over 10 to 20 years.

Another SBA program guarantees loans for working capital and fixed assets made by commercial banks for new and expanding businesses. Another is a streamlined process in which a bank makes the loan and SBA guarantees up to 85 percent of it.

Grants to communities also come from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and via Rural Business Enterprise Grants, Gem Implementation Grants,

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Dairy

Those "perceptions" cover ground such as odor control, dairy product consumption and the industry's economic health. Overall, consumers disclosed a higher opinion of agriculture in general than of the dairy industry.

Already, Stouder said, many individual Idaho dairy producers make speeches to service clubs, serve on local zoning boards or help lead farmers' commerce where they can talk about the industry on its own.

"Individual dialogue does a lot to promote our industry," he said. "United Dairy will encourage more of that."

For 15 years, his Wendell dairy has given tours to Kimberly second-graders and some of their parents each year. The youngsters see the whole operation, from milking stations to waste lagoons, Stouder said.

The association also addresses promotion on a statewide level. Its educational materials for each grade level are distributed to school around the state and accepted by many school districts, Lee said.

Association staff said the nutritional information reaches 60,300 elementary and 24,900 secondary students each year.

Still, the survey found holes in dairy's image.

The most common reason survey respondents gave for negative opinions of the Idaho dairy industry was water pollution.

"It hit me hard that we're not being proactive enough to let the public know what's happening on our farms," Stouder said, citing regulations prohibiting dairy runoff from new requirements for dairy nutrient-management plans.

"They think we're still polluting the water table and the Snake River," he said.

As an industry member, Stouder said, "I take everything that I read and do the negative so personally."

Stouder said he has "a lot of hope" and "gave me a lot of hope," he said. "The whole town of Wendell doesn't hate Bill Stouder."

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POTATOES/ONIONS

Table listing potato and onion prices from Idaho Falls and other markets, including grades and prices per hundred pounds.

CHICAGO (API) - Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade

Table of Chicago futures prices for various commodities like soybeans, corn, and wheat, showing prices and changes.

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Table of New York futures prices for commodities like oil, natural gas, and metals.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table listing prices for various metals (gold, silver, platinum) and currencies.

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Table showing sugar prices for different grades and origins, including beet and cane sugar.

LIVESTOCK

Table listing prices for various livestock including cattle, hogs, and sheep.

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EDITORIAL

Tax cuts soften the impact of recession

The election year of 2002 has arrived, which means it's open season at the politicians' shooting gallery. With a recession in the headlines, the Democratic Party has its guns aimed at last year's tax cuts.

In Idaho, the Democrats are firing at last year's \$100 million state tax cut, blaming it for the revenue shortfalls that led to holdbacks.

In Washington, D.C., Democrats are blasting the \$1.35 trillion federal tax-relief package, alleging it actually caused the recession by draining the tax surplus.

In both cases, the tax-happy Democrats are shooting blanks.

Idaho's 2001 tax cut didn't strip education, as some of its critics would have voters believe. It returned a modest amount of money to the people who pay the bills.

And it was long overdue. Data from the Idaho Taxpayers Association shows that state spending has grown faster than taxpayers' personal incomes since the late 1980s.

As we've said many times, Idaho's problem isn't under-taxation, it's overspending. Lawmakers and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne need to emphasize the importance of less spending in this

year's session. They should declare 2002 a year of relative austerity, slowing the growth in programs and salaries.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle wants to cut into President Bush's high approval ratings by blaming the recession on last summer's tax-relief package. Ironically, Daschle's own Democrats helped pass the package.

Some believe Daschle is hinting at trying to repeal the tax cuts. If Democrats think that's a good idea, voters will be glad to show them what they think of raising taxes during a downturn.

What Democrats like Daschle want is to continue generating tax surpluses. The problem with a surplus is, it tempts politicians to increase spending. Liberals seem taxed and spent is a dollar wasted.

Contrary to liberal philosophy, tax cuts aren't government spending. They are a way to prevent government spending. With more money in their pockets from tax breaks, consumers can save or spend as they see fit.

In any recession, the consumer generally is who makes recovery possible. That's the goal both parties should be shooting for.

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Arab tide turns against bin Laden

While the world awaits a determination of Osama bin Laden's fate, many Arabs and Muslims are coming to terms with his destructive legacy. Whether he is found dead or alive, he is unlikely to be viewed as a hero or a martyr.

The decisive military defeat handed to bin Laden in Afghanistan has discredited him in the eyes of most Arabs and has shattered his well-constructed image as a holy warrior. He has lost the battle for the hearts and minds of the "floating middle" of Muslim public opinion.

Even those Arab multitudes who initially flocked with bin Ladenism out of anger with the United States have now discovered that his inflated rhetoric was more blarney than real.

Not only did he not put up a credible fight against the anti-Taliban forces and their U.S. allies, but he lured thousands of deluded foot soldiers into a deathtrap in Afghanistan.

People in that part of the world are fed-up with losers, who often abuse their political naivete and who promise them the world only to bring defeat and death in the end. Bin Laden's raw tribalism rings true in Arab ears: "When people see a strong horse and a weak horse, by nature they will like the strong horse."

Bin Laden proved to be less a strong horse than a paper tiger.

As the dust settles on the field of battle in Afghanistan, Arabs are recognizing the incalculable damage wrought by bin Laden. With the exception of a few naive souls intoxicated by the culture of martyrdom, support for bin Laden and his ilk appears to have evaporated quicker than expected. Instead of seeing him as living up to his claims of advancing the cause of Islam, Arab commentators accuse him of hijacking a peaceful religion and making it, in the eyes of many Westerners, synonymous with terrorism. They also blame him for undermining the Palestinian cause. Equally important, bin Laden's defi-

FAWAZ A. GERGES

Bin Laden had hoped that by killing thousands of innocent Americans he could make the United States lash out angrily and murderously against Muslims, thus precipitating a clash of civilizations. But the Bush administration did not play into his hands, and the Muslim community did not rise up. Although surveys showed that 40 percent of Arabs sympathized with bin Laden's criticism of the United States and the pro-Western regimes it supports, they rejected his terrorist methods.

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Do not be misled by the noisy cheerleading for bin Laden in some Islamist

quarters. Most Arabs and Muslims do not subscribe to bin Laden's apocalyptic nightmare and see through his inflammatory rhetoric. It was only the majority's apathy that enabled the activist pro-Bin Laden camp to misinform, propagandize and distort political sensitivities in the Muslim arena.

However, bin Laden's loss of the propaganda war does not imply that the United States has won. Poll results show that anti-American sentiment is a staple of Arab politics.

Today, to be politically conscious in the Arab world is to be highly suspicious of the United States, its foreign policies, values and institutions. In the eyes of many Arabs and Muslims, bin Laden or no bin Laden, the United States has become a scapegoat for the ills and misfortunes that befall their world in the second half of the last century.

Bin Ladenism taps into the Arab sense of victimization and the deep reservoir of accumulated grievances against the United States. With the Taliban vanquished and the Al Qaeda network in Afghanistan destroyed, the challenge facing the United States is to tackle the deepening anti-Americanism in the region by reassessing the efficacy and fairness of its foreign policies.

Yet there are limits to what U.S. policymakers can do to reduce social discontent in the world of Islam. Arabs and Muslims must take charge of their political destiny by seizing the initiative from bin Ladenism and charting a new liberal, humanist path. Blaming the other - the West - is an easy escape from addressing the real conditions that give rise to and sustain backwardness, underdevelopment, extremism and intolerance.

Will the defeat of bin Ladenism serve as a catalyst for the Arabs to rise to the challenge and fully join modernity?

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LETTERS

Don't like jail? Abide by the law

To Ramona Braeger: I'm very sorry to hear that you didn't like the conditions at the jail. Here's a thought: Stay out of trouble and you'll stay out of jail, then you can make your living conditions anything you want them to be. CHUCK "KC." DUDLEY Twin Falls

Put left-turn signal on intersection

I believe that the city of Twin Falls traffic department should be aware of the danger on Locust and Kimberly Road. I think that there should be a left-turn signal there. Too many accidents occur there. Some have resulted in deaths. The people use Locust like it was a race track. GEORGIA REECE Twin Falls

Pay according to estate values

Locking the barn door after the horse gets out is an old adage but it carries a message for all Americans.

Congress, in its last-minute deliberations before adjourning for the Christmas long holiday, set in place the cash pay-out to the families of survivors of the Sept. 11 slaughter at the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center.

Recent figures on the TV screen stated an average of \$1.6 million per each affected family. The 3,500 separate pay-outs times the above average of \$1.6 million puts that figure about \$3 trillion minus qualifying death settlements by insurers.

As I see it, tragedy begets tragedy. Our \$18 trillion national income will be facing in 2002 the one-time settlement of \$3 trillion.

The values of estates of workers and professionals at the Twin Towers is a matter of record from previous insurance settlements.

Surely Congress could have taken a look at these proven records and paid accordingly without deciding to pay the \$1.6 million settlement per surviving family.

ROBERT G. BRACKETT Twin Falls

Getting in touch

Want to make your feelings known to your representatives in Congress? Here's how:

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Inmates have it pretty good

I have rarely felt compelled to reply to a letter to the editor, but the few times I've considered it have been in response to inmates whining about the "poor conditions" at the local jails. I've toured the local jail with a group of students and must say I found the conditions and the facility to be more than adequate. So I'll put down my hanky long enough to pen this response - Waaaaah!

I understand that every person has needs, be it medications, feminine

hygiene products, food, whatever. But here's a novel idea: If you're that concerned with the lack of compassion you received and the poor living conditions you were forced to endure at the jail, try this: abide by the laws and provide for yourself. What a concept!

Let's compare the following generic breakdown of one person's monthly expenses: Cost of health insurance for one person per month, roughly \$165; cost to an inmate, \$0. Cost of food for one person per month, roughly \$200; cost to an inmate, \$0. Cost of a membership at a local gym for access to exercise

equipment, roughly \$45 per month; cost to an inmate for access to exercise equipment, \$0. Living expenses for one person is one month (housing, heat, etc.) is roughly \$550 per month; cost to an inmate, \$0.

What cost a single person roughly \$960 a month just to get by costs the inmate \$0. So near as I can tell, 2 1/2 months of "living" would have cost a law-abiding citizen roughly \$2,400 on the outside. Seems to me you've got it pretty good. DEEA MILLER Twin Falls

LETTER

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Mental patients rarely die of cancer



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L.M. Boyd

Q. Which is true, that mental patients rarely die of cancer or that they rarely get headaches?

A. Both are true. More English language words start with "S" than with any other letter. Next comes "C." Then "P."

At one time the typical cost of a wife in New Guinea's Papua was \$3,000. One man then even paid \$18,000. Those wife-rates frighten officials of Tennon, the former British Colony in the South Pacific. They put price controls on wives. After that, tops you could pay for wives legally was \$600. Don't know about the price of husbands. Maybe they gave them away.

Q. How do you account for the fact that eagles and anchors are the most popular tattoos on old men?

A. Most of the tattoo artists generations ago worked the world's port cities, selling their services mainly to sailors.

Q. What was that first football team with the nickname 'Tigers'?

A. Princeton's earliest. So called because those players chose to wear orange and black striped socks. Must have been a good notion. More teams now use that Tiger nickname than any other.

Q. To make those tropical fish of yours grow as big as possible, turn off the tank lights every night. Dieting is primarily a preoccupation of women now. But it was men almost exclusively who dieted until shortly before World War I. First dieter of record was an

overweight London undertaker named William Banting in 1862. He dropped from 203 to 153 pounds on lean meat, fish and fruit. That did it. He ballyhooed his accomplishment, and other men tried his regimen. But not women, not for another 50 years.

Q. How much sap do the New England syrup makers get out of one average-size maple tree?

A. They use vacuum pumps on those trees. To get 17 gallons per tree compared to the 10 gallons they got with the old tap and bucket. Yes, milking machines for maple trees, they've been around for a while.

Q. Ask your language man if 'drowned to death' is a redundancy.

A. No, says he, just clumsily phrasing. You can drown without dying, technically, just as you can suffocate without dying. "To drown" means "to take water into the lungs," but not necessarily to keep it there. "To suffocate" means "to stop breathing," but not necessarily forever. Still, anybody who's "drowned to death" would be to either an illiterate or a lawyer.

Study: Cells relieve symptoms in rats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers used embryonic stem cells to relieve symptoms of Parkinson's disease in rats, demonstrating the cells can be

turned into neurons that make dopamine, a key brain chemical. The researchers at Harvard Medical School and McLean Hospital in Belmont, Mass., showed in tests that the cells injected into rats whose brains had been chemically damaged would spontaneously convert to correct the Parkinson's symptoms.

Some experts said the study, appearing Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, was significant because it showed embryonic stem cells could be used to treat brain disorders, but they cautioned that the cells also could cause tumors.

Dr. Ole Isacson, senior author of the study, said that if further experiments are successful, there could be human trials of the technique in about five years.

Federally funded research on human embryonic stem cells is limited because producing such cells requires the death of human embryos. President Bush last summer approved some such research, but limited it to cell colonies that already exist — about 60 cell lines.

In the current study,

researchers first developed rats that had Parkinson's disease symptoms by injecting into their brains a toxin that killed neurons.

The researchers then injected embryonic stem cells, extracted from an early mouse embryo and capable of growing into any type of cell.

About nine weeks after the stem cells were in the rat brains, they converted to neurons that make dopamine, a brain chemical lacking in Parkinson's disease patients, Isacson said.

The injected stem cells, said Isacson, grew into the type of neurons that typically die in the brains of Parkinson's patients.

One of the symptoms—the Parkinson's rats had was a tendency to turn aimlessly in their cages after they had been injected with amphetamine. Nine weeks after the stem cell injections, Isacson said, the rats' tendency to turn was stopped.

The researchers also conducted magnetic resonance imaging tests and found that blood flow was restored to parts of the brains that had died from the Parkinson's effect.

Dr. Arlene Y. Chiu of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke said Isacson's study was an important advance because it showed that embryonic stem cells will grow into specific neurons in the brain.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLES section containing a grid and clues for various words.

Monday's Puzzle Solved section containing a grid and clues for various words.

Anti-smoking campaign idea offends reader

DEAR ABBY: I was intrigued by the letter from the spry 81-year-old woman with one equally healthy sister, at 90, and one sister with lung disease due to smoking. Her daughters — both nurses — want to make posters for the junior- and senior-high schools with pictures of the two "good" sisters climbing mountains or parascending, and the "bad" sister in her wheelchair, complete with oxygen tank. They think it would be a great visual aid for their anti-smoking campaign.



DEAR ABBY
Allegai VanBuren

I haven't noticed any calls for objectives noting that "Jane died of a heart attack. She was obese because she ate everything that didn't bite back." Or, "Henry died of liver disease because he drank like a fish." There's no end to the pleasure we could take in looking down our noses at those people who are not as virtuous as we are.

My mother died of emphysema. I wish she had lived longer, but I thank God for letting me have the kind of mother she was. She was kind, compassionate, and never judged anyone harshly, except for people who hurt others. She was the opposite of your smug, sanctimonious, holier-than-thou anti-smoking zealot and her sisters.

To me, anti-smoking fanatics are among the most self-right-

eous, contemptible, vicious people infesting the world today.

FED UP WITH COLD-BREADED HYPOCRITES

DEAR FED UP: I'm sorry the letter hurt or offended you. Frankly, I thought her idea was terrific — and so did many of my readers.

DEAR ABBY: I have been a nurse for 28 years. I have never seen a more painful, suffering death than one caused by smoking. Pain meds cannot relieve the fact that the very act of breathing has been robbed from them. They slowly suffocate to death. They and their loved ones plead for us, the medical profession; to turn the oxygen higher. Their eyes plead with you.

I cry with them, and again where they can't see me. I hold them, love them, but the real answer is and will always be "Stop Smoking!"

I say, "Go, girls, go!" Thank you wonderful ladies for wanting to contribute to society in your golden years. You are remarkable. Please, don't waste a

minute getting that advertisement made. Post it everywhere — including billboards and TV.

P.K. CHANTILLY, VA.
DEAR P.K.: Amen! I, too, hope they follow through. Read on!

DEAR ABBY: The concept of a poster of the three sisters with the caption, "Guess Which Sister Smoked for 40 Years?" is terrific. I work as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society on the Tobacco Control Committee at both the state and local levels. I'd love to access those pictures and see if they could be produced for use in schools. It would be terrific to have authentic people on the poster.

Thank you for your help and awareness of the longest running public health promotion in the United States — the Great American Smokeout.

CAROL M. ALLEN, AMARILLO, TEXAS

DEAR CAROL: Having lost three beloved relatives to cancer because of smoking, I'm pleased to speak out about the danger. Smokers: "Ask not for whom the bell tolls — it tolls for thee."

Scientists will survey military personnel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is preparing to survey military personnel about the anthrax vaccine in hopes of learning how fears about its safety can be lessened.

The Pentagon began inoculating about 2.4 million troops against anthrax. But the program has been on hold since 1998 after just 500,000 personnel had received the vaccine, because of a shortage of supplies.

Some service personnel also have refused to take the injections because of fears of severe side effects.

Those long opposed to the military's anthrax vaccination program say the shots could be connected to complaints of chronic fatigue, bone and joint pain, memory loss and other problems. They also claim the military has neglected to investigate whether it can be given safely with other vaccines.

The vaccine's only manufacturer, Lansing, Mich.-based BioPort Corp., insists the vaccine is safe.

The Pentagon says severe side effects occur only about once per 200,000 doses.

The CDC's nationally representative survey aims to determine what percentage of troops have concerns about the vaccine, and identify the details of those concerns as well as what could help alleviate them, according to a presentation Monday by CDC scientist Deborah Gust to an Institute of Medicine panel.

The Institute of Medicine committee is advising the CDC on its research into whether the military vaccination program can use fewer doses, thereby reducing side effects and lift work.

Military personnel now receive six shots over 18 months. The study will involve two surveys about two years apart, conducted with about 16,000 military personnel, both active and reserve, on 36 bases, Gust said.

The anthrax outbreak after the study schedule back about six months, with the last survey now slated for November 2005, she said.

Fans pack mall to see soap star

WHEATON, Md. (AP) — Fire and police officials had to evacuate a shopping mall after thousands of fans packed inside to see a Spanish-language soap opera star.

Miguel Varoni's appearance at the Westfield Shoppingtown Wheaton Plaza attracted about 3,000 people on Sunday, said Author Hawkins, deputy fire chief for the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department. Mall management had expected several hundred fans.

"I was overwhelmed by the amount of people inside," Hawkins said. "It was packed all the way down the center of the mall."

Fire officials were called to the mall shortly after noon to investigate a report that people were unconscious, he said. The crowd, packed shoulder-to-shoulder, prevented firefighters from reaching the injured people.

Hawkins said he shut down the event and called in Montgomery County police to help because of concerns that there were too many people in the mall.

One girl was taken to a hospital for heat exhaustion and two others were treated at the mall for minor heat exhaustion, Hawkins said.

"Varoni, who stars on the Telemundo show "Pedro El Escamoso," was the main attraction at the event, which the network sponsored.

"The turnout was much, much bigger than we ever expected," said Debbie Young, senior marketing director for the mall. "He is a huge celebrity."

Leo: Finish what you started months ago

IF JANUARY 8TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you seldom do things halfway; for you it is all or nothing. Your emotions are powerful and at times leave no room for logic. Capricorn, Cancer natives play special roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names: H, Q, Z. During February you make important domestic adjustment that could include change of residence, marital status. April also will be memorable!

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get your dates straightened; keeping appointments will be of special importance. Romantic liaison lights spice but could prove expensive. Virgo involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There could be too much of a good thing! Keep diet resolutions; strive to improve health. People want to be with you and to wine and dine you. Libra featured.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look behind scenes; someone wants to "tell you a secret." Keep confidential matters confidential. Realize discretion truly is better part of valor. Pisces represented.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Affair of the heart is serious; the other person expects relationship to conclude in legal partnership, marriage. Don't ignore obvious signals. Capricorn involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Finish what you started three months ago. Reinforce structure at home. Focus on symmetry and ship to beautiful surroundings. A very important person expresses desire to meet you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make fresh start. Imprint style, don't follow others. A "busy" relative feels somehow that you do not know how to live your life. Don't be taken for granted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are not alone! Money comes from surprise source. People are beginning to realize your worth. You'll hear sound of music; find your own rhythm. Cancer native involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You

could be talk of the town!" Focus on entertainment, bringing joy and laughter to people. Cycle moves up; you're on precipice of fame and fortune. Gemini plays role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Opportunity you missed 24 hours ago will again be available tonight. Be up to date concerning fashion, politics. You are going to be interviewed; have facts at hand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Share knowledge; read and write; teach and learn. Major wish fulfilled in connection with romance. Don't ask for more than you can handle. Virgo will play major role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Individual you admire repays compliment; helps in business and career. Be diplomatic without being obsequious. You are going places. Family relationship important.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to be victim of self-deception. Insist on answers to questions, not evasions. Be near water if possible. Mystery will be solved, and you will benefit as result.

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Learn the lingo to stay connected

By Paula Falps
The Dallas Morning News

The year 2001 wasn't quite the space odyssey that Arthur Clarke and Stanley Kubrick imagined more than 30 years ago, but it did have its moments.

After two years of debate over the song-sharing website Napster, the music finally died (or at least went on life support) in July when a federal judge determined that violated copyrights; meanwhile, knock-off swapping sites such as Amster eagerly picked up the slack.

The viruses Americans were most concerned about were those transmitted in cyberspace, and they had plenty to watch out for. Code Red, SirCam, and Nimda all did their part to keep computer users on edge and keep the anti-virus software business booming, although none inflicted the digital doomsday that often was predicted with their arrival.

In what can't be called anything more than a bad year for

technology, the Internet boom turned into a series of dot-bombs as dot-com companies failed, and networking happy hours morphed into pink slip parties for out-of-work techies. To speak this year's lingo and stay connected, here are some of the words you needed to know.

2-WAY: The hottest new communication trend among teens. Also known as SMS, or short mail service, it's used on instant messaging devices such as the Motorola T300 and on cellphones with instant message capabilities.

CODE RED: An Internet worm that surfaced in July, using a malicious Trojan worm to attack servers and even forcing the White House to change its numerical Web address.

Code Red's big day was set for Aug. 1, when the sleeping virus was expected to sweep through thousands of computers. But public awareness and a virus patch stymied the worm's attack.

DOT-COMPOST: The growing heap of dot-bombs and dot-gones.

GONER: An Internet worm modeled after the 1999 Melissa virus and released in early December by four Israeli teens.

IPOD: Apple's answer to the growing MP3 market and the first player to store up to 1,000 songs, a huge improvement over the dozen or fewer allowed on many units.

POP-UNDER: More sophisticated but only slightly less annoying than pop-ups, pop-under ads are advertisements that open a new window, then immediately disappear beneath the original window.

SAMURAI: Basically, a techie locksmith who hires out for legal cranking jobs, such as looking for information for lawyers and corporations.

SIRCAM: Rated "The No. 1 Virus" of 2001 by Silicon.com, SirCam accounted for up to 45 percent of all computer viruses this year. Despite detection software, this worm continues to proliferate and does its damage by selecting random files from users' computers and forwarding them

to contacts in e-mail address lists. **SMART CARDS:** A plastic card embedded with either a micro-processor or a memory chip to serve multiple functions ranging from monetary exchanges to storing personal information.

SMART CURSOR: A tool that allows computer users to click on a word and instantly have additional information on the topic delivered to them.

SNEAKER: Someone hired to break into computer systems to test their security.

XBOX: A game console developed by Microsoft designed to provide a more realistic, interactive experience for players.

X-INTERNET: The "next frontier" of the Web; an extended, executable Internet using intelligent applications and smart code to allow two-way communication.

ZOMBIE: Computers used by hackers as remote agents to attack networks.

Sources: Whatis.com, Sprint-PCS, Intelligent X Internet & Technology, National Security Agency.

Sometimes low-tech problems pop up

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q. I have a relatively new Epson 1650 scanner and it never was working fine, and then one day I was scanning about 20 sheets and had scanned 19 of them. On the 20th one, the computer no longer recognized the scanner.

The light went out on the scanner and has never come back on. I unplugged it from the port and from the surge protector and plugged it back in, but nothing happened. Do you have any suggestions as to what may have happened and how to fix it?

A. Every once in a while something associated with our wonderful modern computing machines does something low-tech that can throw us for a loop. We're so used to jiggling with software settings and jiggling cables and reading manuals and checking Web sites for technical support that we don't think about something as old-fashioned as a burned-out light bulb.

That's what happened to your scanner, Ms. F. The light bulb used to illuminate stuff fed into it burned out.

This is mighty rare but it does happen. It's time to drop on the warranty and get that Epson repaired or replaced.

Q. My question is whether there is a way to set a particular font as a default in Microsoft Word. The font presently offered as a default has to be changed with each document.

A. I've got your answer and a warning. Be real careful when you follow my directions because you can really mess up your word processor if you goof around with these kinds of changes. You need to find the special template file for Word called normal.dot which sets the default settings that come up when the word processor is used.

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Whatever you do to normal.dot will change the way Word works from then on.

So click on Start and then pick Find Files and Folders and then pick the search term Templates and aim the search at the C: drive on your computer. When the folder icon for Templates comes up, click on Open and then click on the normal.dot icon to open Word. Now change the font to whatever you want and then use the Save As command to save it as normal.dot, thus overwriting the current master template.

Some people alter normal.dot to open documents with their letterhead or other boilerplate, but in this writer's opinion that is just asking for trouble.

New Internet site allows television viewers to be heard

By Vanessa Silbald
Zap2it.com

LOS ANGELES - For those who feel like they should have more of a say about which TV shows should stick around and which should go, a 31-year-old life guard has created a Web site that allows Internet surfers to vote on the current TV schedule.

On Dec. 6, Christopher Burrell launched SaveThatShow.com, thanks to his frustration over the cancellation of the Fox series "The Street," NBC's "Titans" and CBS' "The Fugitive." The site allows TV viewers to voice their opinions about their favorite shows, before they're yanked off the air via a short online form. Burrell then prints the form in letter format and sends it to the appropriate network.

"There were certain shows that I wanted to stay on the air that I really didn't have a say on. Usually, you don't know how much a show is in jeopardy until it's off (the air). So I wanted a way for people to write in before the networks make a decision on a particular show, from the very first day that it's on," Burrell tells Zap2it.com.

SaveThatShow.com also features series reviews and polls showing whether viewers think a show should be saved as is, or with some re-tooling.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Farm accident kills man near Dietrich

DIETRICH - A farming accident claimed the life of a man near Dietrich Monday morning, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department said.

Jeff Astle, 42, died instantly when he was caught in a power takeoff shaft on his feed truck, said Chief Deputy Kevin Ellis. The accident happened about 9 a.m. at Astle's farm about 5 miles southeast of Dietrich.

No one was at the scene when the accident occurred, Ellis said. He is still to say who discovered the accident.

Services are pending through Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Charlie Daniels will play at Twin Falls County Fair

TWIN FALLS - The Charlie Daniels Band will be the featured attraction at this year's Twin Falls County Fair, said John Pitz, the fair's general manager.

Charlie Daniels and his fiddle have scored such hits as "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," "Orange Blossom Special" and "The South's Gonna Do It Again."

This year's fair is scheduled Aug. 28 through Sept. 2. Charlie Daniels will take the stage at 8 p.m. opening night.

Other fair entertainment this year includes the Christian group the Liberty Gospel Quartet and the PRCA rodeo.

General admission to the concerts and rodeo is free with fair admission. Reserved seats are \$3.

Advance tickets will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 6 through 12. Tickets at the gate will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

Pitz said tickets will go on sale in the middle of June.

Twin Falls Canal Co. holds annual meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Canal Co.'s annual stockholders' meeting begins at 9 a.m. today in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho.

Issues scheduled for review include water rights and supply, the agreement struck with groundwater pumpers, water quality, and construction projects, company manager Vince Alberdi said.

Gerald Tewes will be appointed to the board of directors to replace retiring board member Wayne Lincoln in District 3. Tewes is running uncontested. He will represent the Filer area.

The meeting runs until noon.

Officials issue warning to hunters, anglers

ELKO, Nev. - Officials at the Nevada Division of Wildlife have issued a warning to holders of Nevada hunting and fishing licenses not to throw them away with the arrival of the new year.

Geoff Schneider said Nevada licenses and fishing stamps are good until Feb. 28, when the last hunting season for rabbits closes. New licenses go into use March 1, he noted.

Watershed group board will meet tonight

SHOSHONE - An executive board meeting of the Wood River Watershed Advisory Group will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Big Wood Camp Office, 112 S. Apple St.

Regular business will be conducted, as well as interest group elections. The public is invited.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	83
Salmon Falls Creek	136
Oakley Basin	154
Big and Little Wood	107
Henry Fork	94
Big and Little Lost	85



Roger Golden, vice-principal of Twin Falls High School, said a new technical center on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho is preferable to renovating the school's existing vocational facilities.

Officials defend tech center plan

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Why spend \$7 million on a new technical education facility when one of a similar size already exists on the Twin Falls High School campus? That was the question Bill Jacobsen, former vocational head at the high school, posed in an editorial in Monday's Times-News concerning the school district's quest to build a new professional-technical center for high school students at the College of Southern Idaho. As a result, school officials

quickly brought together six of the project's key individuals at the high school Monday to counter Jacobsen's claims and to tout the benefits of the proposed center.

Jacobsen said he built up and directed a state-of-the-art vocational center at TFHS for 33 years. However, when he retired in 1990, he was already witnessing his program in a freefall as academic classes became increasingly more important than elective classes such as woodworking and metal shop, he said. Jacobsen wasn't replaced when he retired, nor were his

colleagues when they left, he said.

"I saw it go from nothing to really something back to nothing," he said. "You'd be aghast at the condition of the equipment now. It used to be a show place."

Still, the building constructed in the mid-1950s is full of potential, and it would take less than \$1 million to bring it back to the glory days it once knew, this time as the new tech center, that district officials are seeking, he said. "It's a big facility. It took me 10 years to build that thing up,"

he said. "It's really a shame that it's not being used for what it was intended."

But the facilities are being used, said Ben Allen, the high school's principal. Nearly 200 students are taking advantage of such semester-long electives as metal tech, welding, metal fabrication, floral marketing, construction and small engine repair. And there are no plans to abandon the structure, he said.

The existing vocational building on the high school campus can handle 400 students at most. However, because the proposed

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Steve Deal of Sun Valley has been selected as a ski jumping judge for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City next month.

Sun Valley man will judge ski jumping

By Barb Nolwert
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - For those who have grown up watching ABC-TV's infamous clip of the ski jumper who wiped out on his landing, the sport of ski jumping is synonymous with "The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

Steve Deal of Sun Valley will have one of the best seats in the house, or rather, on the slopes, during the ski jump competitions of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. For nearly three weeks Deal

will be stationed on a mountainside at the Utah Olympic Park near Park City, his eyes trained to spot the precise point of landing for the men's 90- and 120-meter long jump and combined Nordic events. Deal has the honor of being selected from a pool of several hundred applicants as one of 15 distance judges.

Volunteerism is key to the success of the Olympics. In that spirit, Deal is willing to spend his vacation time away from his job as an architect with Hailey's

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CSI joins in torch relay festivities

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Olympic torch events are popping up faster than a slide down a ski slope.

At Monday's meeting of the Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay Committee, Chairwoman Elaine Steele released a list of events on tap at the College of Southern Idaho celebration site the day the torch passes through Twin Falls. The Jan. 26 morning program will feature videos, a cauldron lighting, performances by music groups and a proclamation by the mayor. It will also include remarks from Salt Lake City organizers of the 2002 Olympic Games, who will bring in a caravan of 15 vans, and will introduce CSI publicity information director Doug Maughan as a master of ceremonies.

Meanwhile, at the Lynwood Mall, plans are in place for a 9 a.m. public breakfast, with proceeds going to the Magic Valley Safe House, and a welcoming party for the United States Army and Parachute Team Golden Knights. The jump is set for 10 a.m. Jan. 26 in the Lynwood parking lot, on the Filer side.

A third party site is the corner of Blue Lakes and Pole Line, where Chevrolet dealer Randy Hansen and his relay subcommittee are planning interactive activities for children, food and a music tent with bands, an Elvis impersonator and a "Tribute to Garth Brooks." Hansen's committee is also hosting a number of VIP guests, including former Olympians from southern Idaho,

CSI torch events

- The schedule of events for the Jan. 26 Olympic Torch Celebration at the College of Southern Idaho:
- 10 a.m. - Celebration begins
- 10:05 - CSI Jazz
- 10:20 - CSI Band
- 10:35 - Salt Lake Olympic Committee
- 10:45 - Welcoming remarks
- 10:57 - Coke Community Canvas Awards
- 11:04 - "Celebrate Humanity" videos
- 11:07 - Chevy representative
- 11:14 - Patriotic songs, CSI Choir/Band
- 11:21 - "Light the Fire Within" torch
- 11:24 - Local and celebrity torchbearers
- 11:27 - Torch relay video
- 11:30 - Flame arrives
- 11:32 - Lighting of the cauldron

- 11:33 - Interview with final torchbearer
- 11:36 - Salt Lake 2002 message
- 11:46 - Proclamation by mayor
- 11:47 - Presentation of certificate by mayor
- 11:42 - Theme song
- 11:48 - Community celebrations promotion
- 11:50 - Twin Falls High School Drum Corps
- Noon - Flame extinguished

How to help
The Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay Committee is seeking monetary donations from those who would like to help fund its local events. Checks of any amount, to the Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay Fund, may be mailed to the city office building at P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, 83403.

political dignitaries and celebrities such as singer Peter Cetera and actor Adam "Batman" West. Businesses throughout the city will be creating special displays and staging sales and giveaways. And classrooms throughout the valley are teaming up with merchants to compete for prizes such as computers and cameras in a display/decoration contest. The Monarch Lions Club is also planning to line the torch route with American flags, Steele said. This will mark the path where, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., 42 area residents will carry the Olympic torch over the Perrine Bridge and along streets which will not be disclosed until Jan. 24 for security reasons.

If it's cold enough, there's going to be an ice skating rink in the Dell Computer Corp. parking lot, too.

Steele said her committee has been working on a small budget so far - mainly \$5,000 from the city of Twin Falls and a \$1,000 grant obtained through the Idaho Department of Commerce. Some businesses have pledged donations, she said, and she hopes to obtain more money both from businesses and from individuals. "The tent at the Dell parking lot will be bigger than the Dell building," she said. "It will cost \$28,000 just for heat, lighting and expenses associated with it." The Olympic Winter Games open Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City.

Heyburn man claims Cassia County sheriff obstructed justice

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Heyburn man challenged the integrity of the Cassia County Sheriff's Office before the Cassia County commissioners Monday.

Rudy Castro told commissioners that Sheriff Jim Higgins led to protect one of his officers.

"I'm alleging obstruction of justice by Sheriff Higgins," Castro said.

Others said. More than two years ago, Castro asked for an investigation into the actions of Rupert Cpl. Juan Martinez. Martinez had reportedly threatened Castro's 5-year-old son, telling him he would shoot him, Castro said. Lt. Alan Smith of the Cassia County Sheriff's Office investigated the complaint. Smith found Martinez had not acted inappropriately. In his report, Smith wrote that Castro's son did not think Martinez was going to shoot him.

When Smith asked his son if he was afraid of being shot, his son answered

"yes," Castro said Monday. When Castro went to the sheriff to complain about Smith's report, Higgins said he would ask the Idaho State Police to investigate. Higgins later said the investigation was complete and the state police found no evidence of wrongdoing on Smith's part, Castro said. About a month ago, Castro called the state police. On Monday, he told the commissioners that state officials told him they knew nothing about the case and Higgins had never called.

Higgins defended himself, saying he had spoken with Clark Rollins, captain of

investigations for the Idaho State Police. The state police declined to investigate, Higgins said.

Castro asked the commissioners to check the story with the state police.

"Higgins had called us, and we declined to investigate," said Rollins. Rollins said he thought he had made that clear to Castro.

Backcountry byway

In other business, commissioners agreed to start improvements on the City of

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Holiday spirit Wendell students wrap caring

By Sarah Skaar
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Taped to the wall of the Wendell High School gymnasium was a piece of bright pink paper. In black marker was printed "no. 32 - 1 Adult, 4 Children."

Below the sign, one-by-one brimmed with beans, rice, soup, oranges, apples, potatoes, soap, green beans and other foods. Next to this bounty are several gaily wrapped presents from the Wendell Christmas Basket program.

More than 90 families received a visit from Santa's helpers on Dec. 21, complete with a turkey, eggs and gallon of milk. It was the 18th year for the program.

"The idea is to provide everything that a family will need for a Christmas dinner, plus that week when school is out," says Rebecca Ashmead, who joins Ethel German as "head elves" coordinating the yearly effort. "The gifts make it fun, as well as practical. We have great support from the businesses, donating items and money, and letting us purchase other items at cost. Civic groups, and most of the churches are involved. The students take a huge leadership role from the start."

Ashmead and German, who



work in the Wendell High School office, assemble a team each fall, including student volunteers and representatives from businesses and service groups. Classes conduct canned food drives with a pizza party incentive to the class collecting the most. School counselors suggest families for the program. The families' names are anonymous but the number of children are reflected on "Angel tags," which are distributed for "adoption."

The 253 children this year had at least one gift under the tree. The system provides privacy, but also a substantial bookkeeping chore for coordinators.

Before Christmas, the gym mirrors Santa's workshop. In the noisy hub, students - many wearing Christmas caps or holiday outfits - wrap gifts, package and sort foodstuffs, box and double-check each family's gifts.

High school volunteers include members of the student council,



Far left, assembling boxes for a Wendell family are Maddie Jackson, Kallea Hansing, Alton Moss and Jamie Ramsey, as part of the annual Wendell Christmas Basket program.

Right, Phillip Matoes wraps a gift for a child.

BARBARA BAASER/The Times-News

honor society, Beso club, Natural Helpers, Heroes, Lunch Buddies, and others, with help from 4-H clubs, the Wendell Police Department, churches, and other community volunteers.

"I think we get involved because we want families who don't have as much to have a nice

Christmas. A lot of us who help are involved in other things too, and it means something to us to help," said Maddie Jackson, a high school Lunch Buddy mentor.

Student leaders completed final checks of the boxes, then receive addresses and directions from German for delivery.

"I'm always thrilled to see so much involvement from the community and students in a community-wide program like this. They really take it seriously," said Julie Trader Wolfe, with HealthNet. "The best part, I think, is delivering the boxes. Everyone gets to be Santa that afternoon."

At the conclusion of the annual Albion Community Christmas Program, Santa visited with all the young people in attendance, handing out bags of treats prepared by the Albion Grange. Kolth Amende, back from the Grange, helps Santa.



Photo courtesy of MARY LYNN BRISTOL

Albion kicks up Christmas cheer

ALBION - Traditional songs, holiday jokes and a visit from a family guest marked the annual Albion Community Christmas Program held in the Marsh Creek Event Center.

Albion Elementary School students presented the program for the evening, which consisted of a variety of Christmas songs, interspersed with jokes recited by the students. It was directed by the teachers Lynette Royce and Dana McClellan, with assistance from Shirleen Rogers, teacher assist-

tant. Betty Perry accompanied most of the singing at the piano. Following the school presentation, Bruce Bristol, master of the Albion Grange, presented this year's Grange Community Citizen Award to Gwen Montgomery. She was commended for her acts of service to the community, particularly the fountain and beautification project in the City Park.

On behalf of the PTO, Carolyn Pirlle, who was assisted by Debi Bell, presented thank you gifts to

the teachers and educational assistant, to Betty Perry; Pat Asher, school custodian; Janice Anderson, school cook; and Darlene Erickson for providing the center for the program.

To conclude the evening, the students led the audience in singing Christmas songs until Santa appeared to visit with all the children and hand out bags of treats prepared by the Albion Grange. Local businesses and civic organizations contributed to help provide the treats.

Albion Elementary School students present a program of Christmas songs for the annual Albion Community Christmas Program. Their accompanist was Betty Perry.



SANTA VISITS BICKEL STUDENTS



Santa Claus, played by Roger Everson, visits Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls. Alex Hall receives a candy cane from Santa and Santa's letter from her second-grade teacher Toni Smurthwaite. The fourth and fifth graders at the Bickel Elementary School also held their own Christmas concert and enjoyed singing holiday songs under the direction of their music teacher, Dave Gibson.

BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News

Mini-Cassia FFA members show skills

BURLEY - Mini-Cassia FFA members did well at Agronomy, Meats and Food Products Career Development events held Nov. 12 in Burley.

The primary purpose of the Idaho State FFA Career Development Events is to provide competitive learning activities that reflect skill and knowledge gained from instruction received in secondary agricultural science and technology, FFA representative Lex Godfrey said.

The meats contest was held at Jensen's Meat Packing and consisted of identifying cuts of meat and retail cuts, carcass evaluation

and carcass grading. High individuals were, fifth, Anthony Howard, Minico; fourth, Angie Laak, Minico; third, Monica Eck, Declo; second, Stephanie Durphree, Raft River; and first, Daniel Zunino, Minico. High teams were third, Raft River; second, Declo; and first, Minico.

The agronomy contest consisted of crops and weed, seed and disease identification and herbicide usage. High individuals were fifth, Scott Heins, Minico; fourth, Meghan Mittum, Burley; third, Cory Waymire, Burley; second, Bret Seamons, Burley; and first,

Cornie Remsburg, Minico. High teams were third, Rockland; second, Minico; and first, Burley.

The food products judging contest consisted of identifying varieties of cheese, identifying and evaluating flavor quality of milk, grading ready-to-cook carcasses of chicken and grading the interior and exterior of eggs for quality. High individuals were fifth, Brady Matthews, Declo; fourth, Cody Allen, Declo; third, Ben Gibby, Declo; second, Katie Santini, Raft River; and first, Shannon Woodman, Minico. High teams were third, Burley; second, Minico; and first, Declo.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center

Brandon Lee Allen, son of Malinda Lynn Allen of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2001.
Kaden Ores Skinner, son of Angela Marie and Jason Ryan Skinner of Jerome, was born Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2001.
Mercedez Davila Loder, daughter of Kandice O'Konner Loder and Jason Robert Loder of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001.
Maryah Margaret Conner, daughter of Heidi Marie and Roderick Shawn Colmer of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001.
Emilie Aurora Galvin, daughter of Raquel Martha and Patrick Deee Galvin of Fairfield, was born Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001.
Taylour Dawn Short, daughter of Karlie Dawn and Luke Donald

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Short of Twin Falls, was born Thursday, Dec. 27, 2001.
Kylar Ray Robertson, son of Heather Lynn and Logan Ray Robertson of Paul, was born Friday, Dec. 28, 2001.
Angelica Leticia Plascencia Castaneda, daughter of Leticia and Epigenio Plascencia of Hollister, was born Friday, Dec. 28, 2001.
Ashley Rae Phillips, daughter of Dena Rae and Craig Leslie Phillips of Twin Falls, was born Friday, Dec. 28, 2001.
Carly Robyn Wilson, daughter of Nicole Helena Lowe and Douglas Anthony Wilson II of Twin Falls, was born Saturday, Dec. 29, 2001.
Shanice Sue Scarrow, daughter of Kelly Rane and Rocky Edward Scarrow of Jerome, was born Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001.
Georgio Ariel Rodriguez Cuevas, son of Yaneth and

Gregorio Rodriguez of Buhl, was born Monday, Dec. 31, 2001.

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Anjelique Ayona Gonzalez, daughter of Ramon and Maria Gonzalez of Wendell, was born Monday, Dec. 24, 2001.
Edwin Alexander Johnson, son of Sonia Hernandez and Lane Johnson of Jerome, was born Friday, Dec. 28, 2001.

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



Judy and Mike Felton, and student Dillon Dalos help kick off Harrison Elementary School's 'Idita read.' The couple spent five weeks in Alaska helping with the Iditarod and talked about the race with students.

Photo courtesy of Harrison Elementary

Harrison Huskies set off on 'Idita read'

TWIN FALLS - Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls kicked off its reading race on Dec. 11 with an assembly.

Since students are the "Huskies," they are running the "Idita read." Every 1,000 points

they earn in the Accelerated Reader program will take them to the next town or checkpoint on the Iditarod trail.

Mike and Judy Felton of Buhl spent five weeks in Alaska helping with the Iditarod, so they

brought some videos and talked about the actual race. Their presentation was interesting and educational and the students said they can't wait to hear from the couple when they go back to this year's race, teachers say.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

MV students graduate from BSU

BOISE – Boise State University awarded degrees to almost 1,000 students at its 56th Commencement ceremony Dec. 21 at the Boise State Pavilion. Following are graduates for August and December 2001.

College of Applied Technology
 Bachelor's of Applied Science, Applied Technology
 Burley: Duane Lovelle Smith.
Technical Certificate, Business Technology
 Twin Falls: Kendra E. Keim.
Associate's of Applied Science, Computer Service Technology
 Sun Valley: Scott Banning.
 Twin Falls: Lerae M. Clark.
Bachelor's of Applied Science, Computer Service Technology, Technical Certificate, Computer and Peripheral Service Technology, Technical Certificate, Networking Technology, Advanced Technical Certificate, Computer Service Technology
 Twin Falls: Lerae M. Clark.
College of Arts and Science
 Bachelor's of Arts, English Teaching
 Twin Falls: Whitney A. Lewis.
Bachelor's of Arts, English, General Literacy Emphasis
 Burley: Cameron Glenn.
Bachelor's of Arts, English, Writing Emphasis
 Buhl: Christy Nogle.
Bachelor's of Science, Mathematics, Secondary Education
 Twin Falls: Christy Nicole Detmer.
Bachelor's of Music, Music Performance
 Twin Falls: Johann Manuel Vargas.
Bachelor's of Arts, Music
 Twin Falls: Jason M. Bear.
Bachelor's of Arts, Philosophy
 Twin Falls: Brett Wilcox.
Bachelor's of Arts, Visual Arts
 Wendell: Kelly Michelle Wright.
Bachelor's of Fine Arts, Visual Art, Painting Emphasis

Buhl: Christy Nogle
 College of Business and Economics
 Master's of Business Administration
 Twin Falls: Gregory Lynn Cox.
Bachelor's of Business Administration, Accounting
 Jerome: Jennifer Elizabeth Nison.
 Twin Falls: Michelle Grist and Kathy M. Stephens.
Bachelor's of Business Administration, Computer Information Systems
 Gooding: Dennis A. McLaughlin.
 Halley: Jennifer Schlander.
EdCo: Kaye Terisa M. Hinson
 Bachelor's of Business Administration, Finance
 Burley: Kathryn Joleen Orit.
 Twin Falls: Lori Michelle Fuchs.
Bachelor's of Business Administration, General Business Management
 Twin Falls: Jessica Jo Fisher and Lisa K. Hollibaugh.
Bachelor's of Business Administration, Marketing
 Twin Falls: Lori Michelle Fuchs.
College of Education
 Master's of Arts, Education, Curriculum and Instruction
 Buhl: Ruth T. Wells.
 Burley: Mary A. Hernandez.
EdCo: Aris Marie Wildman
 Ketchum: Catherine Louise Millet Verde.
EdCo: Robert B. Marlowe
 Rupert: Jeremy Bennett.
 Twin Falls: Monica Kessel, Judith Anne Ruppert, Jill Sanchez and Doris J. Sommer.
Master's of Arts, Education, Early Childhood
 Weiser: Heather Anne Ison.
Bachelor's of Arts, Elementary Education, Bilingual/Multicultural
 Rupert: Dalia R. Martinez Rebolledo.
 Twin Falls: Dorothy Kathleen Henkman.
Bachelor's of Arts, Elementary Education
 Castelflore: Sarah Louise Easterday Spooner.
 Twin Falls: Kelly Wagner.
College of Engineering, Computer Science

Paul: Norman Newner
 Wendell: Brian Scott Orth.
Bachelor's of Science in Construction Management
 Halley: David Buchala.
College of Health Sciences
 Associate of Science, Health Information Technology
 Hagerman: Meccia Katherine Henlee.
Advanced Technical Certificate, Practical Nursing
 Burley: Olympia E. Morin.
 Jerome: Amanda Thompson.
 Twin Falls: Tracy Lynn Soule.
Master's of Public Administration
 Twin Falls: Jamal Nicole Sommer.
College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs
Bachelor's of Arts, Journalism Emphasis
 Gooding: Justin Len Baldwin.
Associate of Science, Criminal Justice Administration
 Jerome: Julie A. Bryant.
Bachelor's of Arts, Criminal Justice Administration, Corrections and Counseling Emphasis
 Twin Falls: Summer Lynn Clark.
Bachelor's of Science, Criminal Justice Administration, Corrections and Counseling Emphasis
 Ketchum: Diana Gutierrez.
Bachelor's of Science, Criminal Justice Administration, Courts and Law Emphasis
 Buhl: Ty Olander.
Bachelor's of Arts, Criminal Justice Administration, Law Enforcement Emphasis
 Burley: Scott David Nichols.
Bachelor's of Arts, History
 EdCo: Michael D. Beem.
Bachelor's of Arts, Political Science
 Twin Falls: David J. Heilmann.
Bachelor's of Science, Political Science
 Twin Falls: Ashley Brooke Schultz.
 Wendell: Toni A. Orth.
Bachelor's of Arts, Psychology
 Burley: April Lynn Stricker.



Members of the Twin Falls Bluebirds, a Good Sam International chapter, wrote President George W. Bush to support the war in Afghanistan.



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Bluebirds

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EINSTEINS

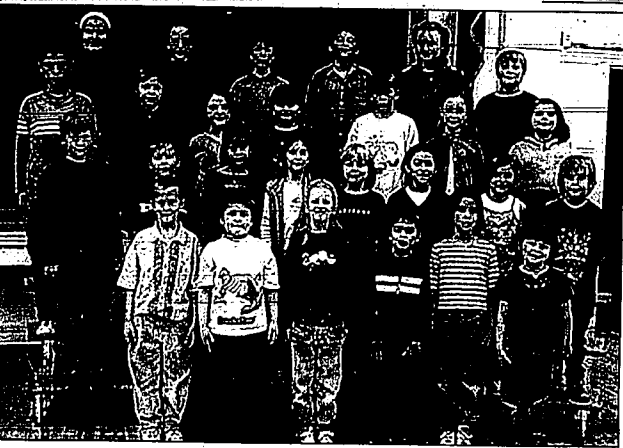


Photo courtesy of Lincoln Elementary

Lincoln Elementary students in Twin Falls who have passed grade-level requirements for 50-in-a-minute math tests are designated as "Einstein's." Einstein's for October and November are: from left-bottom row: Colton Whittemore, Michael Curtis, Talitha Morrison, Jeremy Abramowski, Olivia Humberger and Tascha Cantu; row two: Stevo Hauskins, Sayer Conrad, Christy Thirakul, Katio Loya, Jazmyne Garner, Tonya Alaniz, Stormy Jasper and Brandon Michaelud; row three: Aleksandar Radic, Adama Delco, Olivia Nielsen, Mary Ann Banica, Jeremy Byben, Sydney Bergen and Sabina Sabic; top row: Rose Wardlaw, Karmella Dolochock, Stormy Brown, Alonso Gonzalez, Konda Lewis and Raymond Banyal.

Sam club supports Afghan campaign

TWIN FALLS – Members of the Twin Falls Bluebirds, a Good Sam International chapter, wrote to President George W. Bush, supporting war efforts in Afghanistan.

"We also wish to send our sympathies and condolences to those innocent people, the firefighters and police officers who perished

in the Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania plane crash disasters. God Bless you and America!"
 Copies of the letter were sent to Idaho U.S. Senators Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, Good Sam Idaho State Director Jack Olney and Highways Magazine of Good Sam International.

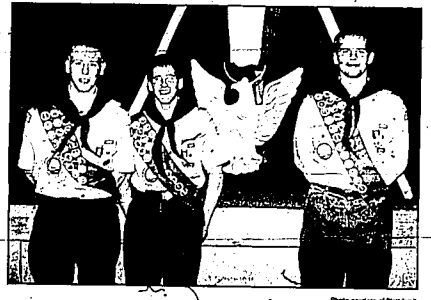
Kimberly brothers earn Eagle awards

KIMBERLY – Jackson Plott, Brandon Plott and Travis Plott, sons of Vernon and Toni of Kimberly, received their Eagle Scout awards at a court of honor Dec. 5 at the Kimberly LDS Second Ward, 222 Birch S.

Jackson, 18, has completed 25 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, he designed and built squirrel-proof bird feeders and placed them near the exercise path on the College of Southern Idaho campus. He is a senior at Kimberly High School where he is a member of the cross-country team, varsity basketball team and the track team.

Brandon, 17, has completed 24 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout project, he built a tire edging for the sand-filled playground area at the Hansen Head Start Center. He also leveled out the sand. Brandon is a junior at Kimberly High School where he is a member of the cross-country team and track team. He also plays the saxophone in the school band.

Travis, 15, has completed 21 merit badges. For his Eagle



Brandon-Plott, Travis Plott and Jackson Plott all have earned their Eagle Scout awards.

Scout project, he assembled a swing set and prepared and stained a wooden jungle gym for the Hansen Head Start Center. Travis is a sophomore at Kimberly High School, where he is a member of the cross-country team and track team. He plays

trumpet in the school band and enjoys riding mountain bikes. Jackson and Brandon are members of Crew 88. Their leader is Bill Southwick. Travis is a member of Team 88. His leader is Shawn Webb.

THINGS TO DO

Music
 Magic Valley Singers - Sunrise Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; call Vera at 734-6647 or Tom at 324-6440. Couples welcome.
 Magalhães Barbaerol Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Methodist Church basement, Shoshone Street and Fourth Ave., Twin Falls 734-2664.
 Magic Philharmonic Orchestra - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Burley High School band room 0/8-7430.
 Snake River Falls - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Harmony Hall, 123 R St. in Rupert; 436-6047 or 238-4148.
 Sweet Adelines Chorus - Members car pool to Boise chorus every Tuesday evening. Call 734-5238.

Hobbies
 Bingo - Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Ball St. W., Shoshone anyone over 18 years of age welcome; call 886-2329.
 Angels Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at on Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 welcome; call 423-4338.
 Magic Valley Bingo - 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 126 2nd Ave. S. in Twin Falls, 736-1895.
 American Legion Hall - 7:15 p.m. Thursdays 447 South St. in Twin Falls, doors open at

Things to do is a public service.
 To obtain a listing for your club or organization, please send in a notice with: Name of the organization or club; time, day and week (if of the meeting or event); place and telephone number of a contact person.
 Send information to: Pat Marcanonio at the Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83403, attention: Club Calendar. Or fax current information to 734-5538, attention: Club Calendar.
 Or e-mail information to patmarcanonio@timesnews.com
 For more information, call Pat Marcanonio at 735-3288.

Other
 Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Drive, 242 Fifth Ave., Twin Falls, 733-8699. Newcomers welcome.
 Magic Valley Pinocle Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Distalnet American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.
 Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinocle Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 653 Bosc St. N. in Twin Falls, 733-5531.
 Writers Support Group - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at 1100 S. 1st St., Twin Falls, 735-5425.
 Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club - Shooters welcome, 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 253 Fifth Ave. W., moderate pistol caliber and 22, 304 5/36 or 734-2113.
 Open chess - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, Take a Break Coffee Shop, 209 N. Lincoln St., Twin Falls.
 Magic Valley Rifle Club - meets for lunch and meeting. Call Glenda at 733-0660 or 733-8699. New members welcome.
 Twin Falls Gun club - noon to dark Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays, call 734-0633.
 Magic Valley Chess Society - 7 p.m. second Thursday at Lutheran church at corner of Maurice Street and Heyburn Avenue, Vicki at 734-6096 or Julie at 734-7203.
 Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 734-1115.
 Pioneer Button Club - 6:30 p.m. last Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library. Call Marjorie at 423-5525.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MV Singles Square Dance Club holds dance
JEROME – The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a dance at 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E. Jerome.
 Members with names that begin with K-P should bring finger foods.
Jerome Senior Citizen Center serves breakfast
JEROME – The Jerome Senior Citizen Center will serve breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Saturday at the center, 212 First Ave. E.
 The breakfast will include biscuits, gravy, eggs, hash browns and coffee, milk or juice for \$3.50 or ham or sausage, pancakes, eggs, hash browns and coffee.

meat and juice for \$3.50.
 For more information, call the center at 324-5642.
Job's Daughters Bethel. Installs honored queen
TWIN FALLS – Sara Jane Talkington, daughter of Chris and Cathy Talkington of Twin Falls, will be installed as honored queen of Bethel 56, International Order of Job's Daughters, at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple, 983 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.
 Other elected officers who will be installed are: Kirsten Wright, senior princess; Jennifer Bernis, junior princess; Hailey Beatin, guide and Shann Johns, marshal.
 Appointed officers are Jessie Jensen, chaplain; Molly McBride,

treasurer; Heather Everett, recorder; Brooke Jardine, musician; Marya Morrison, second messenger; Katie Carr, third messenger; Nicole Patrick, fifth messenger; Latoya Crabtree, senior custodian; Ashley Jenkins, junior custodian; Jessica Patrick, inner guard; Ashley Jones, outer guard and Amber Fleenor, choir.
 Brooke Jardine, retiring honored queen, will serve as the installing officer assisted by Cathy Talkington, Jeannette

Lyde, Sara High, Carol Hollifield, Margi Hollifield, Erin Talkington, Liz Stuart, Jennifer Kroll and Barbara Mix.
 The ceremony, "Greatest of These is Love," will be narrated by Adam Anderson, youth director of the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church. Special music will be provided by Barbara Mix, Jessie and Brent Jensen and Megan Thom. Special friends will be assisting with the installation and reception.
 Talkington's service project will be the Magic Valley Humane Society. Talkington is a freshman at the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in elementary education.
 The public is invited to the installation and reception.
 Job's Daughters is a young women's service and leadership

organization.
MV Symphony League holds planning meeting
TWIN FALLS – The Magic Valley Symphony League will hold a planning meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the home of Elaine Bowen, 268 Heyburn Ave. W.
 For more information call Elaine at 734-5323.

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 Daily 7:30

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Spy Games (R) Daily 7:00 - 9:30
Oceans 11 (R) Daily 7:00 - 9:30
Imposter (R) Daily 7:10 - 9:20
How High (R) Daily 7:10 - 9:20
No! Another Teen Movie (R) Daily 7:20 - 9:40
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 All Screenings 18+ unless otherwise noted

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 Monday (R) 10:30 - 12:00
Harry Potter, Sorcerer's Stone (R)
 Today 6:45 - 9:15
Lord of the Rings (R)
 Today 6:45 - 9:15
Vanilla Sky (R) Tom Cruise
 Today 6:45 - 9:15
Majestic (R) Jim Carrey
 Today 7:15 - 9:45
Shallow Hal (R) 10:00 - 12:00
Joe Somebody (R) Tim Allen
 Today 7:30 - 9:45
Monterey (R) 10:30 - 12:00
Nate & Jeremiah (R)
 Today 7:00 - 9:15
 All Screenings 18+ unless otherwise noted

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Bush will sign education bill, but debate over required test goes on

WASHINGTON (AP) - Don't tell Rocco Ferretti that standardized tests are ruining education. Ferretti, principal of Bodkin Elementary School in Pasadena, Md., says the tests are improving teaching and showing students how to solve real-life problems.

Supporters say the expanded testing will give parents and school officials information needed to help improve schools. Critics say it will crowd out subjects not on the tests, cost too much and stifle creativity.

Federal law already requires periodic testing in several grades. Under the new measure, the annual scores for the first time could affect a school's federal funding. Schools with persistently low test scores would get extra money, but low-achieving poor students could use part of it for tutoring or transportation to another public school.

While virtually all states have uniform standards for schools and most test students annually, in several grades, only 15 states test students in grades three through eight. Ratcheting up their testing programs could cost billions of dollars.

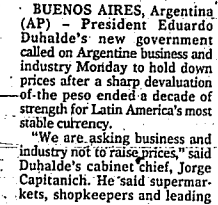
Supporters say the tests - a cornerstone of school reforms in Texas while Bush was governor - are essential to knowing where money and effort must be directed to help struggling students.

"This will give schools much better data about what's working and what's not, with much more precision than they've had in the past," said Amy Wilkins of the Education Trust, a Washington group that advocates for urban and minority students.

But critics say the program could spell disaster for states and school districts as they struggle to develop new annual tests for millions of students by the 2005-2006 school year. They must develop science tests in three grades the following year.

Bob Schaeffer of the National Center for Fair & Open Testing, or FairTest, said the bill will strain the capacity of the testing industry and "wreak havoc" in schools.

Argentine government wants prices held down



BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) - President Eduardo Duhalde's new government called on Argentine business and industry Monday to hold down prices after a sharp devaluation of the peso ended a decade of strength for Latin America's most stable currency.

Argentine authorities announced over the weekend that the peso, pegged the past 11 years at one to one with the dollar, would be allowed to weaken. A dollar will now officially buy 1.4 pesos for all import and export transactions, while a parallel, free-floating rate on foreign exchanges is to be set by the market for ordinary Argentines.

Although there have been scattered reports of price increases, many merchants said they couldn't hike prices even if they wanted to. Years of recession have left Argentines strapped for cash and in no mood to spend money on anything but necessities.

Nonetheless, uncertainty gripped many Argentines Monday as they prepared for the end of 10 years of relatively stable prices. A 1989 devaluation of a previous currency, the austral, led to rampant inflation and price hikes, still fresh on many minds.

Trade Center rebuilding group meets

NEW YORK (AP) - The group charged with leading rebuilding efforts in lower Manhattan met Monday to discuss hiring an executive director as the next step in redeveloping the 16-acre site.

John C. Whitehead, chairman of the Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Corp., said the 11-member group also planned to rent office space and form advisory committees with downtown residents, employees and families of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to generate ideas.

The World Trade Center towers will likely be replaced by a series of smaller structures and not massive skyscrapers like ones that were toppled, officials have said.

The redevelopment group, a joint state and city panel, could receive a \$2 billion boost in the form of a federal Community Development-Block-Grant aid from a spending bill approved by Congress last month.

"I think we are the only organization in history to get \$2 billion that we never even asked for," Whitehead said.

He cautioned, however, that President Bush has not signed the bill yet.

Manday's meeting was held on the 24th floor of 1 World Financial Center, across from the trade center site where 962,725 tons of debris has so far been removed.

In a further sign of recovery, the New York Marriott Financial Center hotel, just south of the trade center site, was to be reopened Monday afternoon by Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Officials hope to have an interim memorial in place by the end of the year.

Supreme Court rejects appeal from bombing conspirator

WASHINGTON (AP) - Convicted Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols lost another appeal before the Supreme Court on Monday, clearing the way for a state trial on murder charges that could lead to a death sentence.

It was Nichols' fourth appeal to the court, and perhaps not his last.

This time, the court refused to consider Nichols' claim that a new trial in Oklahoma amounts to unconstitutional double jeopardy.

Nichols was convicted in federal court in 1997 of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter for the deaths of eight federal agents. He was sentenced to life in prison.

The federal jury acquitted Nichols of the most serious charges in the 1995 bombing, which could have brought the same federal death sentence handed to bombing mastermind Timothy McVeigh. McVeigh was convicted of federal murder charges and executed last June.

The bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building killed 168 and wounded hundreds more.

A state murder trial would cover the deaths of the 160 people not named in the federal case. The state claims it always planned to put Nichols on trial in a state court, but his lawyers have said the state is merely trying to win the death penalty Nichols escaped during his first trial.

WAREHOUSE SHOPPING AT SWENMART

So, you are having a difficult time imagining Swenmart in a Warehouse store context. Sure, you may not be able to drive a tractor-trailer into the store (or a Metro, for that matter), but you "will" find wholesale prices this week during our first Western Family Case Goods Sale of the new year. It is an opportunity for you to fill the trunk with all your favorite items without breaking that New Year's resolution to stay within the budget.

Western Family MACARONI & CHEESE 5/\$1 CASE OF 24: \$4.80 7.25 Oz.	Western Family COFFEE 2/\$9.99 CASE OF 6: \$17.94 38 Oz.	Western Family CORN 3/\$1 CASE OF 24: \$8.00 15 Oz.	Western Family BEANS 3/\$1 CASE OF 24: \$8.00 14.5 Oz.	Western Family CANNED MILK 2/\$1 CASE OF 24: \$12.00 12 Oz.	Western Family FLOUR \$3.49 25 Lb. Bag	Western Family SUGAR \$7.99 25 Lb. Bag	Western Family TOMATO SAUCE 5/\$1 CASE OF 48: \$9.60 8 Oz.	Western Family TOMATO PASTE 3/\$1 CASE OF 48: \$16.00 6 Oz.	Western Family APPLESAUCE 2/79¢ CASE OF 24: \$9.48 15 Oz.						
Western Family MUSHROOMS 2/\$1 CASE OF 24: \$12.00 4 Oz.	Western Family TUNA 39¢ CASE OF 48: \$18.72 6.125 Oz.	Western Family CHILI 59¢ CASE OF 24: \$14.16 16 Oz.	Western Family CREAM SOUPS 59¢ CASE OF 24: \$14.16 10.5 Oz.	Western Family HONEY \$4.99 CASE OF 6: \$29.94 5 Lb.	Western Family TABLE SALT 3/99¢ CASE OF 24: \$7.92 26 Oz.	Western Family VEGETABLE OIL \$3.99 CASE OF 4: \$15.96 Gal.	Western Family MANDARIN ORANGES 39¢ CASE OF 24: \$9.36 11 Oz.	Western Family PASTA \$1.39 CASE OF 8: \$11.12 3 Lb.	Western Family TOMATOES 2/\$1 CASE OF 24: \$12.00 14.5 Oz.	Western Family TOMATO or VEGETABLE JUICE 99¢ CASE OF 12: \$11.88 46 Oz.	Western Family APRICOT NECTAR \$1.39 CASE OF 12: \$16.68 48 Oz.	Western Family KETCHUP 79¢ CASE OF 16: \$12.64 24 Oz.	Western Family SALSA 2/\$3 CASE OF 12: \$18.00 16 Oz.	Western Family PINEAPPLE 89¢ CASE OF 24: \$21.36 20 Oz.	Western Family FRUIT COCKTAIL 79¢ CASE OF 24: \$18.96 15 Oz.
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Ship captain says weapons were going to Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) - In a prison interview, the Palestinian naval captain captured by Israeli commandos with 50 tons of weapons on his ship said Monday he is a longtime member of Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement who undertook the risky operation to help the outgunned Palestinians defend themselves.

"I'm a soldier. I obeyed orders," said Akawi, adding that he picked up the rockets, mortars and anti-tank missiles off Iran's coast in the Persian Gulf and that they were headed for Palestinian-controlled Gaza.

Akawi, captured Thursday along with 12 crewmen in the Red Sea, said he works in the Palestinian Transportation Ministry and received his instructions from an official in the Palestinian Authority.

The Palestinian leadership on Monday confirmed Akawi was a mid-ranking member of its naval unit, but continued to insist it had nothing to do with the weapons shipment.

Turkey accuses Saudis of 'cultural massacre'

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) - Turkey's culture minister accused Saudi Arabia on Monday of engaging in a "cultural massacre" of Ottoman treasures after Saudi authorities tore down a 200-year-old castle in Mecca to make way for a hotel complex.

Saudi authorities demolished the al-Ayyad Castle, along with other buildings in a Mecca neighborhood close to holy shrines in the city, a few weeks ago to allow for the construction of a trade center and hotel to accommodate Muslim pilgrims.

Turkey's Culture Minister Istemihan Talay said his country was lodging a protest with UNESCO against the destruction of cultural relics - to force an international condemnation of Saudi Arabia.

"This is a crime against humanity, and UNESCO should expose this disgraceful and ugly destruction and cultural massacre," Talay told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Musharraf says he rejects all forms of terrorism

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Pakistan's president declared Monday that his country rejects all forms of terrorism for the first time making no attempt to exclude Islamic militants whose conflict with India over the disputed territory of Kashmir has brought the nations to the brink of war.

The statement followed a meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair whose visits to India and Pakistan over the past two days turned into an exercise in shuttle diplomacy aimed at defusing simmering tensions between the nuclear-armed rivals.

Pakistan rejects terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said in a statement with Blair following their meeting.

Musharraf departed from his customary practice of saying that Pakistan does not consider the Kashmiri fighters terrorists, just "freedom fighters," a distinction that Blair implied was untenable in the world climate after the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States.

Turkish court sentences Islamic militants to death

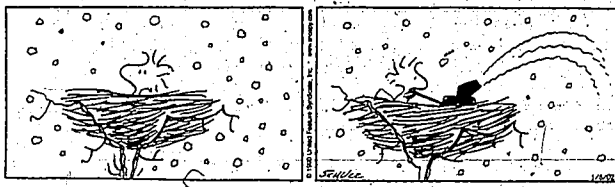
ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - A Turkish court on Monday sentenced three men to death for the killings of four prominent writers and academics in an alleged plan to establish an Islamic state in Turkey.

Zehra Ozmen, Necdet Yuksek and Rustu Aytemir were found guilty in the slaying of journalist Ugur Mumcu, killed by a car bomb in 1993, and three other prominent secular writers and intellectuals during the 1990s.

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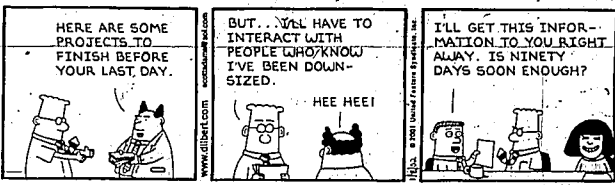
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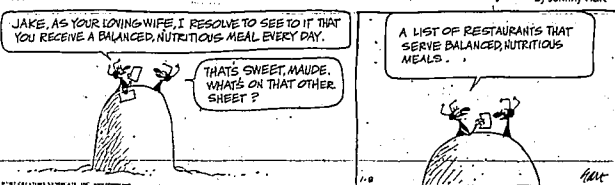
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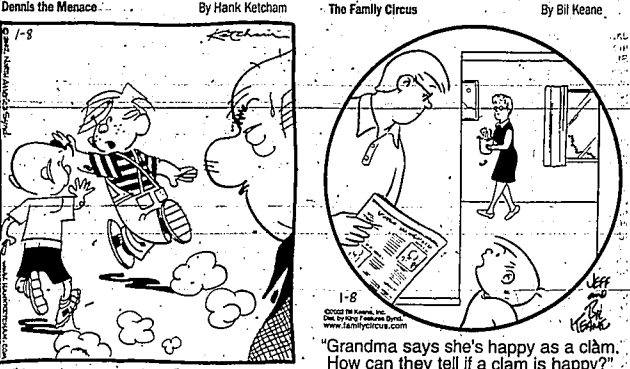
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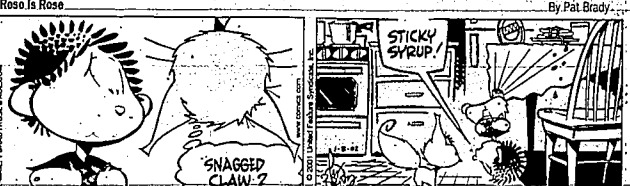
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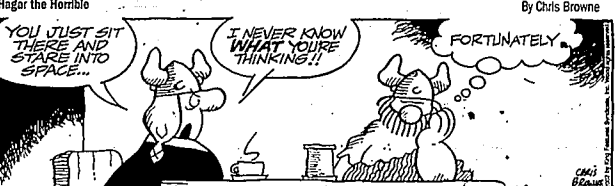
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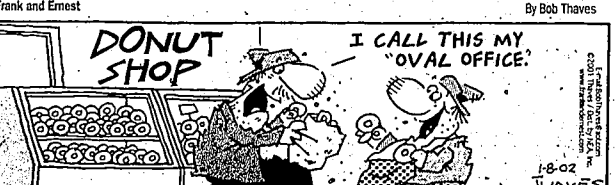
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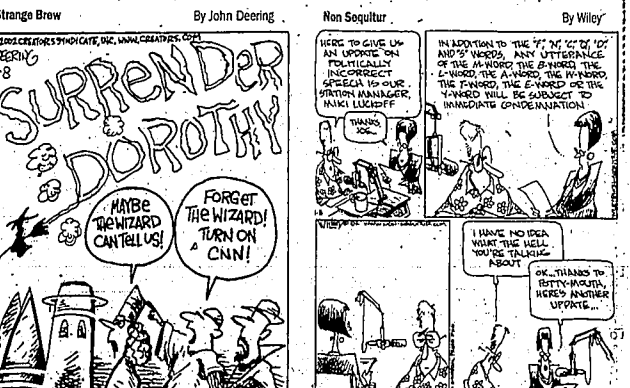
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Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002.

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"When we remember that we are all mad, the mysteries disappear and life stands explained."

—Mark Twain

And as a final parting shot, he said, "Enjoy your game; I will stick to mine."

WEST: 10 9 8, 7 3 5, Q J 8 6

EAST: K Q J 4, A 8 2, K Q J 9, A 5 4

SOUTH: A 7 2, K 10 8 7, 10 6 5, 7 2

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: East

The bidding: East South West North

Dbl 1 Pass Pass Pass

Dbl All pass

Opening lead: Heart try

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: K Q J 4, Q 6, K Q J 9, A 5 4

South North: 1 4, 2 1

ANSWER: Three hearts. North is not too strong, but South's values are worth a try for game.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 61091, Richardson TX 75081, enclosing a \$6 self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply.

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"Duplicate bridge is a game for madmen!" exclaimed the veteran rubber player. "After observing just one deal of your bidding and play shenanigans, I will never agree to play a session of duplicate bridge."

The fight for the duplicate partscore often spurs both sides to push to the limit. Nevertheless, South pushed the envelope with his excursion to three hearts. When East doubled again, West gambled to play for a penalty rather than going set himself.

Hoping to reduce dummy's nonexistent "ruffing power," West led a trump. It was a good idea in theory, but a poor choice in today's layout. A diamond or spade lead would have produced a sure penalty.

South captured East's trump queen with his ace and led a club. West split his honors (correct), and dummy's king went to East's ace. East led his diamond king to dummy's ace, and South drew a second round of trumps with his king and led a second club. West won (incorrect) and led diamonds. East could cash two diamonds, but the trick was to lead to South. He won East's spade suit, crossed to dummy's trump jack, and discarded two spade losers on dummy's 10-9 clubs.

"The bidding was bad enough; the defense was worse," was the kibitzer's disapproving critique. "Not only should neither side reach the three-level, but the double was ridiculous. If I did double, I would beat it. West shouldn't have won the second club to set up dummy's 10 and nine. Better to duck and lose a club trick, getting two spade tricks in return."

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