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## GOOD MORNING

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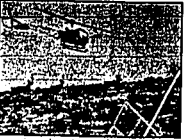
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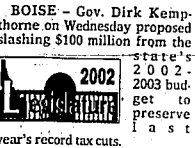
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# Kempthorne recommends cuts

## Plan would slash \$100M from 2002-03 budget

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer  
and The Associated Press



**BOISE** - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Wednesday proposed slashing \$100 million from the state's 2002-2003 budget to preserve last year's record tax cuts.

His budget, which Magic Valley legislators are acknowledging could be the most difficult to negotiate in 18 years, spared only a handful of agencies or programs from the cuts that became necessary after Idaho's economy began to erode.

Acknowledging that the au-

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terity of the budget is necessary to balance the budget, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, pondered the effect of the cuts.

"I wonder how far we can go before we start cutting crucial programs and hurting people," she said.

Reductions from the spending levels approved last March range from a percentage point for extremely small offices to 36 percent in the Department of Administration, which handles state technology systems.



Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

Education cuts promise to trigger the most contention.

"School superintendents are very worried, and they have reason to be concerned," State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard said. She said school reform might have to be temporarily shelved or even halted. Schools will also be expected to absorb mandated teacher salary increases that amount to \$25 million each year.

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## Idaho schools could suffer permanent holdbacks, too

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - The 25 percent holdbacks to public schools will hold if the Legislature heeds the governor.

And if lawmakers do make the reductions in public school appropriations permanent, it will be the first time both the governor and the Legislature have been in agreement about making schools suffer right along with other agencies during economic downturn.

Three times over the past two decades lawmakers have voted to make permanent holdbacks to schools, and three times a governor vetoed them.

Saying Wednesday he "truly"

wished it were otherwise, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said in his yearly budget speech it was not easy to decide to make schools share the pain with other state entities in Idaho's current economic plight.

Officials in the governor's office were scrambling to balance the figures up until the last minute. Joint Finance Appropriations Committee Co-Chairman Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said - unlike years before - even he and co-chair Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, were not privy to much of the governor's budget information until immediately before the budget speech.

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# SECURITY IN REVIEW



U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson addresses the crowd at an open house at the new veterans clinic in Twin Falls, one of his several appearances in the city on Wednesday. For more on the clinic open house, see page C-2.

## Rep. Simpson has mixed reaction to precautions

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Enough time has passed since Sept. 11 to allow U.S. lawmakers to review and perhaps rescind some of the security measures immediately enacted after the terrorist attacks, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said Wednesday.

"Looking back, at first there was probably some overkill," he said.

On a day filled with several Twin Falls engagements, Simpson spoke on a variety of issues. The Times-News editorial board and at a luncheon given by the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce at the West Coast Hotel.

**Security issues**

Immediately after the September attacks, lawmakers quickly put into place extreme measures, not knowing what kind of enemy they were up against,

Simpson said. However, since then officials have a clearer picture of the magnitude and nature of the outside threat that faces the country. Thus, such measures may be reexamined for effectiveness and appropriateness, he said.

For example, the law that prohibits parking or civilian vehicles to come within 300 feet of an airport should be eliminated since terrorists are more likely to target airplanes than airport terminals, he said. Joslin Field, Magic Valley

Regional Airport has been exempted from that rule.

Other plans for extra security, such as more thorough baggage checks and new baggage x-ray machines, should remain.

However, the cost of these measures have yet to be passed onto the airports. In fact, the \$15 billion airline bailout package didn't consider airports that have also lost revenue in the form of passenger fees, Simpson added.

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## Local Afghan officials free top Taliban ministers

### United States demands their handover

The Associated Press

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** - Seven high-ranking Taliban officials - including the ex-justice minister - surrendered to Afghan commanders but were set free by local officials, the Afghan government said, even though U.S. officials want Taliban leaders turned over.

Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman Omar Samed told reporters Wednesday that the government was determining whether the Taliban officials were "war criminals." They included Nooruddin Turabi, the

one-eyed, one-legged justice minister, who drew up the militia's repressive version of Islamic law - including restrictions on women - and created the religious police to enforce it.

Obaidullah, the former Taliban defense minister who had authority to approve al-Qaida's terrorist training camps, was originally reported to be among the officials, but it appeared the man in question was Ubaidullah, a frontline Taliban commander.

A State Department spokesman said senior Taliban

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## Military plane crashes

### Craft hits mountain, killing seven Marines

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - A U.S. military tanker plane crashed into a mountain in Pakistan, killing all seven Marines aboard, the Pentagon said. It was the worst U.S. casualty toll from the war in neighboring Afghanistan.

Pentagon officials said there were no signs that the plane, a KC-130 used for in-flight refueling or hauling cargo, was brought down by enemy fire.

The crash occurred late Wednesday night local time, and a search-and-rescue mission continued into the next morning. The Pentagon identified the dead Marines shortly before midnight in Washington.

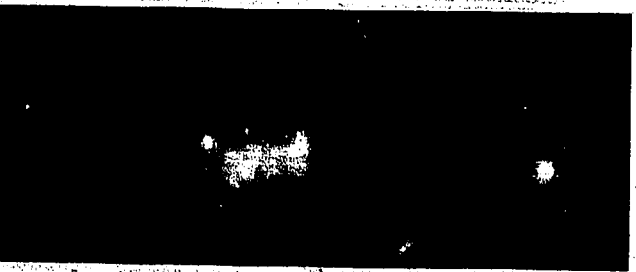
The plane crashed as it approached a military airfield called Shamsi in southwestern Pakistan. That air base is about 180 miles southwest of the Pakistani city of Quetta, according to U.S. Central Command.

Witnesses reported seeing flames shooting from the plane before it slammed into the mountain. A spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, Maj. Randy Sandoz, said Marines and Pakistanis had approached the crash site, but no bodies had been recovered as of late Wednesday.

"We made it to the crash site on foot," Sandoz said. "But they were unable to remain there. It is a very steep grade and they were unable to get footing. The site is secure."

The Pentagon identified the seven Marines who were killed as the pilot, Capt. Matthew W. Bancroft, 29, of Shasta, Calif.; co-pilot Capt. Daniel G. McCollum, 29, of Richland, S.C.; Gunners Sgt. Stephen L. Bryson, 35, of Montgomery, Ala.; Staff Sgt. Scott N. Gormosen, 37, of New York City; Sgt. Nathan P. Hays, 21, of Lincoln, Wash.; Lance Cpl. Bryan P. Bertrand, 23, of Coos Bay, Ore.; and Sgt. Jeannette L. Winters, 25, of Du Page, Ill.

## GALACTIC CENTER



NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory has taken the clearest photograph yet of the center of the Milky Way, our galaxy. It reveals hundreds of white dwarf stars, neutron stars and black holes, including a massive one in the white area at the center of this image. For more, please see page A2.

# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



### ALMANAC

Twin Falls today 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature

High/Low 39/22°

Record high 60°

Record low 5°

Precipitation 0.4 inches

Month to date 4.2"

Normal month to date 0.36"

Water year to date (Oct. 1) 3.45"

Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 3.45"

Humidity Yesterday at noon 95%

Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.25 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Clouds and fog, then a few puffs of sun ▲ 36°	Mostly cloudy with areas of fog ▼ 20°	Low clouds and fog early, then some sun ▲ 38° ▼ 22°	Mostly cloudy, maybe a snow shower ▲ 36° ▼ 24°	Cloudy with the chance for snow ▲ 32° ▼ 20°	A period of snow or some flurries. ▲ 32° ▼ 16°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Areas of low clouds and locally dense fog this morning, then some sunshine for the rest of today. Highs 28-44. Mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog. Lows 4-28.

**Boise:** Some low cloudiness and fog this morning, then partly sunny today. High 38. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog. Lows 20-24. Tomorrow, clouds and fog, then some sunshine.

**Northern Nevada:** Partly sunny today. Highs near 30 in some of the mountains and 44 in the valleys. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Lows 12-28. Tomorrow, changing amounts of clouds and sunshine.

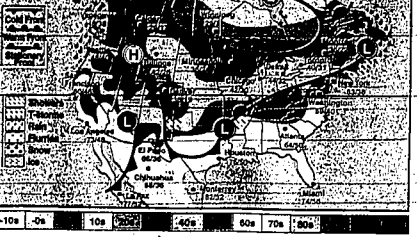
**Northern Utah:** Morning clouds and fog, then partly sunny the rest of today. Highs 24 in the mountains and 36-40 in some valley locations. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Lows 10-26.

**Northern Idaho:** Most low clouds and fog in spots this morning; then some sunshine for the rest of today. Highs 34-44. Partly cloudy tonight; areas of fog may develop. Lows 22-28. Tomorrow, clouds and limited sunshine.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 83° in Fort Stockton, TX Low -3° in Fraser, CO

## NATIONAL WEATHER



Show low-level positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperature are given for selected cities.

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 8:07 a.m.

Sunset tonight 5:24 p.m.

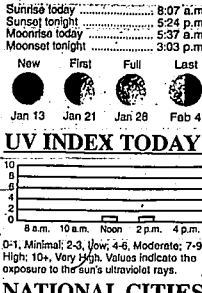
Moonrise today 3:57 a.m.

Moontset tonight 3:03 p.m.

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Allentown	64-50	53-35	Memphis	52-30	47-26
Atlanta	57-38	48-30	Miami	74-58	70-62
Baltimore	57-38	44-30	Milwaukee	41-29	37-28
Birmingham	67-48	51-32	Minneapolis	55-40	46-35
Boston	55-35	44-28	New Orleans	74-58	65-43
Charlotte	68-48	67-42	Omaha	53-38	44-32
Chicago	42-30	38-28	Orlando	72-45	74-51
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## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
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Butler	39-28	34-30
Couray	39-28	34-30
Idaho Falls	39-28	34-30
Idaho Falls	39-28	34-30
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Malta	39-28	34-30

City	Today	Fri.
McCain	32-14	38-22
Missoula, MT	34-20	34-20
Pocatello	28-10	30-12
Portland, OR	48-40	50-40
Richtonville, WA	40-28	40-30
Salt Lake City, UT	34-18	34-23
Salt Lake City, UT	34-18	34-23
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We can make no predictions about their future. But one thing is certain. We'll be there.

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## Budget highlights

Here are the highlights of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

**REVENUE**

- No tax increase or rollback of last year's record tax cut.
- A projected increase in tax collections of 4.3 percent following this year's 1.4 percent increase, based on the assumption that the economy will begin recovering in April.
- Withdrawal of \$26.7 million from the Budget Reserve Account, half its current balance.
- Diversion of \$6.4 million from the Capitol renovation cash fund because of financial benefits from bonding and earmarked for public building buildings.
- Diversion of \$1.1 million from the Permanent Building Fund that had previously been earmarked for expansion of the women's prison. That project has been abandoned.
- Diversion of \$1.4 million in earnings on the state's tobacco settlement payments to cover increased costs in paying for catastrophic health care for the year.
- Diversion of \$300,000 in law pollution control funds to reduce the general tax contribution to environmental regulation and water resource management.

**BUDGET OVERALL**

- \$1.981 billion compared to the current year's \$2.044 billion, which Kempthorne wants to cut \$1.99 billion.
- An estimated 200 jobs would be eliminated, some involving actual layoffs.
- No pay increase for state employees. State workers were last denied a pay hike in the 1997-1998 budget year.
- No provision for the \$200,000 cost of the 2002 election. It could be financed with excess cash from the Idaho C666 Fund.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- A reduction of \$23 million, 2.5 percent, in state aid for the 2001-2002 school year.
- A freeze in the 2002-2003 school aid amount at \$933 million, requiring districts to absorb about \$25 million in cost increases mandated by state law.
- Provision for \$3.1 million in additional money for subsidizing interest on loans that districts take to make health and safety repairs on school buildings.
- Earmark \$3 million of the school aid total for building repair loan interest if it is needed.
- Designation of \$7 million of that package for technology.
- Designation of \$4 million of the aid package for the statewide initiative on assessment and accountability.

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

- A reduction of \$22.9 million in state aid to the three state universities and Lewis Clark State College. Analysts estimate that means 100 fewer jobs.
- Provision of another \$3 million to extend the 5500-student Promise Scholarship program for eligible high school graduates to the first two years of college.
- A reduction of \$2.2 million, and an estimated 300 jobs, from the statewide agricultural extension program.
- A reduction of \$2.1 million from state aid to the College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College.
- Preservation of subsidies for the addition of four medical school seats and one dental school seat authorized last year to improve health care delivery.
- A reduction of \$5 million from vocational education programs.
- Over \$500,000 to be combined with an \$881,000 grant for the third phase of Public Television's digital conversion.
- Elimination of the Idaho Center for Technology in Learning.
- Preserves a \$3.6 million contribution to the Epilepsy League of Idaho.
- Preserves \$3 million to replace the cell locking system at the maximum-security prison.
- \$3.1 million more to accommodate an existing 100,000-person custody.
- \$4 million for 100 emergency custody beds for women inmates in southwestern Idaho.
- \$955,000 for seven more probation and parole officers and a part-time presence investigator.
- \$300,000 in federal money to launch a battery house program.
- \$300,000 increases in the state grant to counties to deal with juvenile offenders.

## WELFARE

Reduction of Medicaid provider reimbursement rates to the level the federal government pays under the senior citizen health care program, which can be the first step.

Limitation on Medicaid program prescriptions for a four month period without prior approval. They now average about 11 a month.

Closer monitoring of Medicaid hospital stays to reduce the average from four to three days.

Expansion of Medicaid beneficiary participation in the Healthy Connections managed care program that has been successful in southern Idaho.

Financing for breast and cervical cancer detection screening for Medicaid patients.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

\$458,000 for extra security for the National Governors Association meeting in July in Boise.

\$827,000 general tax subsidy for the state police operations to offset jumping Justice operations.

Approximation of up to \$1.4 million in increased federal funding for wild suppression.

Preservation of \$3.5 million for rural economic development. The administration says the program has generated more than 300 new jobs this year.

## Some reactions

The following comments were taken at the Statehouse following Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's State of the Budget Address.

**Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Barley, House speaker, regarding the governor's overall budget blueprint:**

"Unless there's something I don't know about, it seems like you could almost adopt it and go home. I'm pretty optimistic."

**Sen. Jim Risch, R-Boise, Republican floor leader, responding to a question about whether the 4.3 percent governor's revenue projection, a key component of his budget plan, is accurate:**

"The fact is that it isn't as much 4.3 percent as it is 6.6 percent. But I'm not being critical of that. Looking into the future is an art, not a science. His estimate is as good as anyone else's estimate."

**Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, chairman, Senate Finance Committee, regarding Kempthorne's overall plan:**

"The first decision we'll have to make is what the revenue projection will be, which is in essence a 6.6 percent increase. My personal feeling is that's on the high side. If I were using the budget by myself, I'd be looking for a 2 or 3 percent growth projection."

**Cameron also said a vote to offload tax \$23 million away from public schools after this year's budget rollback will be controversial. "It will have some tough sledding, but we don't have a choice."**

**Sen. Matt Blumentz, D-Ketchikan, Democratic floor leader, one of three Democrats left in the Senate, expressing his reaction to Kempthorne's proposals:**

"Public schools took it on the nose. It's all about promises. We could take the \$64 million reversion of the Statehouse and mobilize it. We'll think get good, and when things get good we could remediate it. Idaho families in this kind of situation wouldn't be doing a complete reversal of their home."

**Marilyn Howard, Superintendent of Public Instruction:**

"When we look at the details, we see that there's a reduction in funds that will actually go out to the schools. Local school boards will have to look at the money that comes to them, how many staff members they will be able to afford, whether or not there will be any professional development, and whether there are other costs they can postpone or eliminate. It's a difficult time, but we have to say, 'How can we take this and make the best possible education out of it?' That's where we'll go with it."

**Sen. Gary Eide, R-Boise, chairman, Senate Education Committee, on the governor's near 10 percent reduction from last year's allocation for higher education:**

"We ought to find the money somewhere to make sure we don't have to dismantle our college and university system."

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Some schools will weather the reductions, but some have no money. Sen. John Sandys, R-Hagerman, said the situation warrants an immediate study of the management of individual school districts.

Kempthorne also takes on the health care providers with policy changes that could save about \$20 million in state money on Medicaid and twice that much in federal money. Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said he was concerned about health care providers shifting costs to those with insurance if policy changes squeezed them too much.

Social welfare activists wanted to study the Medicaid proposals more closely but had no initial objections as long as the changes were aimed at reducing the payouts to providers and not restricting care for the poor.

To avoid even deeper cuts, the governor relied on a prediction that tax collections will grow 4.3 percent next year after rising an anemic 1.4 percent this year. Chief economist Michael Ferguson projected that the economy would begin to recover by spring, although Kempthorne said, "There is no guarantee that we are out of the woods yet."

And Magic Valley legislators concur. Cameron, who co-chairs the Joint Finance Appropriations

## Committee, said he fears that a 2 to 2.2 percent increase in tax collections is realistic.

Chairman Kevin Bell said the governor has to start somewhere. "We're all concerned about that 4.3 percent," she said. "But the governor has an economist who has access to historical figures that he uses for projections."

The governor also tapped the budget reserve and diverted cash from an abandoned prison expansion, earnings on the state's tobacco payments and the Capitol renovation to avoid red ink.

But failing to make any of the major policy decisions Kempthorne has proposed would leave lawmakers with no real alternative but finding more revenue. And that would mean considering rolling back last year's tax cut.

"There's no cushion," the governor agreed. "If you change something in one area, it will affect another."

House Minority Leader, Rep. Wendy Jaeger, D-Ketchikan, recommends holding back on the state income tax reductions for just a couple of years until the economy improves.

Support for the three universities and state colleges would be plunged 10 percent from the level lawmakers authorized last March before the bottom fell out of the economy.

The Bush administration's policy includes plans to cut the number of operational nuclear warheads by two-thirds, to between 1,700 and 2,200 by the year 2012. Bush made that pledge to Russian President Vladimir Putin last year.

The classified nuclear policy disclosed Tuesday by members of Congress, sets a goal of 800 warheads by 2007 on the way to the deeper cuts, Crouch said.

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## Plan would add nuclear weapons to retaliation options

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's plan for reducing the nation's nuclear arsenal does not provide for destroying the warheads, a top Pentagon planner said Wednesday.

Instead, the proposal would make thousands more warheads inactive, meaning it would take several months to get them ready to fire at an enemy, said J.D. Crouch, assistant secretary of defense for international security.

Some warheads would be destroyed, but officials have not decided how many or when, he said.

The United States needs to keep the warheads in reserve in case the world situation changes, and most previous arms control treaties do not require that warheads be destroyed, Crouch said at a Pentagon news briefing.

"We're certainly not trying to

"mistake anybody," Crouch said. "There are no phantom weapons here."

Officials called the plan a "nuclear shell game" which does not go far enough to trim the U.S. arsenal.

"How much is enough to have in the inactive stockpile?" said Stephen Schwartz, publisher of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. His publication estimates the current number of inactive U.S. warheads at around 10,000.

"We're still trapped in the Cold War logic that says you have to be able to vaporize your opponents."

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# Feds open probe into Enron failure

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Justice Department has opened a criminal investigation into Enron Corp., whose employees lost billions when the company barred them from selling plummeting Enron shares from their retirement accounts.

The department has formed a national task force, headed by the criminal division and made up of federal prosecutors in Houston, San Francisco, New York and several other cities, said a Justice Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Labor Department and the Securities and Exchange

Commission are conducting civil investigations.

Enron officials refused to comment on the report, deferring to attorney Bob Bennett. He did not immediately return a call.

While ordinary employees were prohibited from selling company stock from their Enron-heavy 401(k) accounts, Enron executives cashed out more than \$1 billion in stock when it was near its peak.

In addition to retirees and some 4,500 out-of-work employees, countless investors around the country have been burned by Enron's rapid descent into federal bankruptcy court in

recent weeks.

Enron, which was the nation's seventh-biggest company in revenue and admired by Wall Street as a technological innovator, has acknowledged it overstated profits for four years.

The chief executive of its long-time auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP, told a House hearing last week that the accounting firm notified Enron's audit committee on Nov. 2 of "possible illegal acts within the company."

Enron, which was formed in 1985 and has 20,000 employees, was once the world's top buyer and seller of natural gas and the largest electricity marketer in the

# White House acknowledges Cheney-Enron meetings

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional Democrats have won their first victory in a nine-month effort to squeeze information from the Bush White House on its ties to the energy industry, specifically Enron Corp.

For the first time, the White House is acknowledging that Enron representatives met six times with Vice President Dick Cheney or his aides on energy issues last year, most recently in mid-October just before the investing public realized the company was heading for disaster.

Since last April, Cheney had fended off congressional requests for the identities of business executives and lobbyists who met with the White House as the administration formulated its post-9/11 energy plan.

The picture changed when Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., began pressing the White House about last month's crash of Enron; whose CEO, Ken Lay, is among President Bush's biggest

political supporters.

The vice president's office said the last Enron meeting with a Cheney aide was Oct. 10, just six days before the first in a series of public admissions by the company about its true financial condition that sent it careening into bankruptcy court.

Enron's financial position wasn't discussed in any meeting, vice presidential counsel David Addington insisted in a letter.

On Tuesday, Waxman demanded more information, saying the administration response "is a recognition that Congress and the public have a legitimate interest in learning about contacts between Enron executives and the White House."



Vice President Cheney

# Hockey father insists he acted in self-defense

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - Shedding tears and getting choked up at times, the burly truck driver who beat another father to death at their sons' hockey practice testified Wednesday that the other guy took a swing at him first and that he fought back in self-defense.

"I just wanted him to stop hitting me," said 44-year-old Thomas Junta.

Junta said he landed only three, off-balance blows against Michael Costin as the smaller man struggled beneath him on the ground.

Junta wept when he recalled that several children saw the fatal fight. Among them was his son, Quinlan, then 10, who testified in his father's defense a day earlier.

Junta is on trial on manslaughter charges in the fight that broke out at Reading Ice rink in July 2000 after the two fathers argued over rough play on the ice. Prosecutors say the 6-foot-1, 270-pound defendant overpow-



Thomas Junta, of Reading, Mass., demonstrates a portion of a July 5, 2000, altercation, which took place between Junta and Michael Costin, while taking the stand during his trial in Middlesex Superior Court, in Cambridge, Mass., Wednesday. Junta, 44, is accused of manslaughter in the death of Costin, 40, who allegedly was beaten unconscious by Junta in front of several children on July 5, 2000.

ered Costin, who was an inch shorter and weighed 110 pounds less, and punned him. Costin never regained consciousness and died a day later.

During an aggressive cross-

examination by prosecutor Sheila Calkins, Junta said he walked away from the fatal fight without checking to see if the victim was hurt.

"I thought when he laid back down that he was just resting," Junta testified, his voice choking and chin trembling. "I didn't know the man was hurt."

He described how he grabbed Costin after the other man took a swing at him, then how the two fell to the ground.

"I didn't know what that guy was doing. Why was he even jumping at me?" Junta said. "It was crazy. I didn't know if he had something in his hands."

Junta said he was on his knees and Costin lay in front of him on his back, trying to punch and kick him. Junta said Costin held tight to his wrist and refused to let go.

Calkins grilled Junta about why he didn't try to walk away or pause between the "three off-balance punches" he said he landed.

# Bush seeks to reduce oil dependency

DETROIT (AP) - Abandoning a Clinton-era effort to improve gas mileage, the Bush administration launched a partnership Wednesday with domestic automakers to spur the growth of hydrogen fuel cells for the next generation of cars and trucks rather than focus on more efficient engines.

The administration hopes to reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil while reducing tailpipe pollution.

The new program, called Freedom: Cooperative Automotive Research, will also focus on developing a hydrogen refueling infrastructure, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham

said.

The government hopes fuel cells will spur industry efforts to develop motor vehicle power systems that eventually will replace the internal combustion engine.

The new program replaces the Partnership for a New Generation Vehicle that was started by the Clinton administration to develop a vehicle that could attain 80 miles per gallon fuel economy.

The Energy Department and senior Bush administration policy officials have expressed little enthusiasm for that program, which was aimed at quadrupling automobile fuel economy by the middle of this decade.

# X-ray pictures illuminate center of galaxy

WASHINGTON (AP) - The sharpest picture ever taken of the center of the Milky Way galaxy, home of the solar system, shows a cast of bizarre stellar characters - neutron stars, dwarf stars and small black holes - clustered around a super-massive black hole.

The galactic center is the "downtown" of the Milky Way, a place bathed in a fog of superheated gas and extremely active with stars being born, old stars blowing up into supernovae and black holes sucking in clouds of matter, said Q. Daniel Wang of

the University of Massachusetts.

"The center of the galaxy is where the action is," Wang said at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

The center of the Milky Way is obscured by a dense screen of dust, gas and the glare of millions of stars. The solar system, which includes the Earth and the sun, is in the "suburbs" of Milky Way, about half way out one of the galaxy's spiral arms and about 25,000 light years

from the center. As a result, astronomers have been unable to get a clear picture of the center using ordinary telescopes.

But X-rays generated by the churning energy at the center penetrate the dust. The Chandra X-Ray Observatory, launched in 1999, has been able to take a series of 30 pictures that are combined to provide the clearest portrait of the galactic center ever taken. The mosaic portrait covers an area 400 light years high and some 900 light years long. A light year is about six trillion miles.

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Simpson

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Passengers will soon be picking up the price tag for some of the enhanced security measures...

"The deal doesn't make much sense," he said, adding that transferring the cost of extra security to the consumer will relieve the airlines of that financial burden.

"We may end up in a fight about that," he said.

Immigration

Despite the fact that none of the individuals involved in the September attacks were in the country illegally, Simpson said...

"That we can't trace who has expired visas is an appalling shortfall in the INS," he said.

"We're a country of immigrants and I want to keep the borders open," he said.

Schools

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Public schools take up by far the largest part of the budget, accounting for about half.

Kempthorne said he had to go through with the holdbacks because he had pledged that Idaho's government would cut back just as its families are being forced to.

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Taliban

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The government was trying to determine who the seven men freed in Kandahar were and whether the decision to let them go was "appropriate," Samad said.

But Pentagon officials have said the new Afghan leaders are fully aware of the U.S. desire to have custody of certain Taliban and al-Qaida leaders.

The Pentagon was still working to confirm the seven had been freed. But if they were freed, he would expect that they (Afghan officials) would take whatever steps are necessary to make sure that these folks are not left on their own," Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Dave Lapan.

Samad said the government only learned on Wednesday that the Taliban prisoners had been freed. "We assume they went back to their homes and villages," said Samad.

He answered obliquely when asked if the Karzai government would hand the men over to the United States. "This is an issue that is being followed and should be followed by all concerned parties in Kabul and Kandahar."

Those men who have surrendered are our brothers, and we have allowed them to live in a peaceful manner. They will not be handed over to America," Khan said.

Parties use numbers selectively in tax cut issue

By Curt Anderson / The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Claims and counterclaims by Republicans and Democrats paint a confusing picture about the impact of President Bush's big tax cut.

As the 2002 election year unfolds, the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut enacted last year figures to play a central role in campaigns for the House and Senate.

Some questions and answers about the dispute:

Q: Are Democrats correct when they say the tax cut is causing the federal budget to go into deficit?

A: Not entirely. The tax cut in 2001 and 2002 causes a total revenue loss of about \$11 billion, roughly a quarter of the estimated reduction in budget surpluses for those years.

Q: Which tax cuts are yet to come?

A: Mainly reductions in the upper income tax rates in 2004 and 2006, along with a gradually bigger child tax credit, relief from the income tax "marriage penalty" and elimination of the estate tax.

Q: Is it important to have a government budget surplus?

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of income earners have gotten only 6 percent of what is promised.

Q: Why do Republicans say Democrats want to raise taxes?

A: The GOP, hoping to portray Democrats as bent on boosting government spending, contends that any attempt to delay the tax cuts set to take effect in the future amounts to a tax increase.

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Judge worries about effect on witnesses if trial is on TV

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - A federal judge said Wednesday she was concerned that television could have a chilling effect on witnesses at the Zacarias Moussoui terrorism trial.

Lawyers for Moussoui and the television networks asked U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema to overturn a ban on cameras in federal courtrooms.

The Justice Department contended a worldwide broadcast "might assist al-Qaida in retaliating against the witnesses who testify against it."

Moussoui, a French citizen, sat in his green prison jumpsuit, sometimes cocking his head to one side as he listened to the lawyers.

He stands accused of six conspiracy counts of being an accomplice to the Sept. 11 attacks and could receive the death penalty if convicted.

The judge said she would rule Tuesday at the earliest.

U.S. rapid deployment forces build air hub

MANAS, Kyrgyzstan - U.S. rapid deployment forces showed off their new base at Kyrgyzstan's main civilian airport Wednesday.

The men and women of the 86th Rapid Deployment Unit are erecting 200-300 temporary barracks on the 37-acre territory that has been allotted to the U.S.-led coalition forces at Manas airport.

Fighter jets, C-130 cargo planes and Boeing KC-135 refueling planes will fly in and out of Manas, said Lt. Billy Montgomery, the unit's commander.

The unit's commander, the Kyrgyz government is hoping to receive \$7,000 for each landing, but so far the U.S. forces are paying only for fuel and supplies.

Last month, parliament gave the U.S. military approval to establish a base at Manas for a year.

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Nation in brief

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Government orders armed men off Kabul's streets

KABUL, Afghanistan - The government has ordered armed men to get off the streets of Afghan capital within three days or be thrown in jail.

The order would allow only uniformed police on Kabul's streets to carry arms.

Prime Minister Hamid Karzai has repeatedly said his interim government's priority will be security and the first order of business was to get the men with guns out of the city.

Interfacional fighting that killed thousands in the early 1990s.

Jet crash on aircraft carrier causes no injuries

ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT - A U.S. jet crashed on this aircraft carrier's deck late Wednesday, spraying sparks as it skidded to a halt but causing no injuries.

The landing gear of the two-man S-3B Viking refueling plane collapsed as it landed on the USS Theodore Roosevelt.

The plane was coming in OK, but its right-hand side landing gear came off when it hit the deck," said a 19-year-old seaman.

"I think the pilot was very lucky

- if the wire didn't catch the plane it could have skidded right off the flight deck."

After the jet landed, hundreds of gallons of liquid foam were sprayed over the deck around the plane to prevent a fire.

Bush wants to restore food stamps for many immigrants

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration, seeking to reverse part of the 1996 welfare overhaul, on Wednesday proposed to restore food stamp benefits to 363,000 legal immigrants

who have lived in the country for at least five years.

Under current rules, adult immigrants must have worked in the country for at least 10 years or be a refugee or member of the military to qualify for benefits.

There is no work requirement in the White House proposal, which will be part of President Bush's 2003 budget.

A senior administration official who described the proposal on condition of anonymity said the change would go a long way toward meeting the needs of a number of children and adults.

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# Milosevic clashes with tribunal judges

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic made a defiant appearance at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal Wednesday, dismissing the judges as biased in his last hearing before going on trial for alleged war crimes in Kosovo.

Keeping up his opposition to the U.N. court, Milosevic clashed with presiding Judge Richard May of Britain and said his case was unfair because it was based only on British intelligence and would be presented by a British judge.

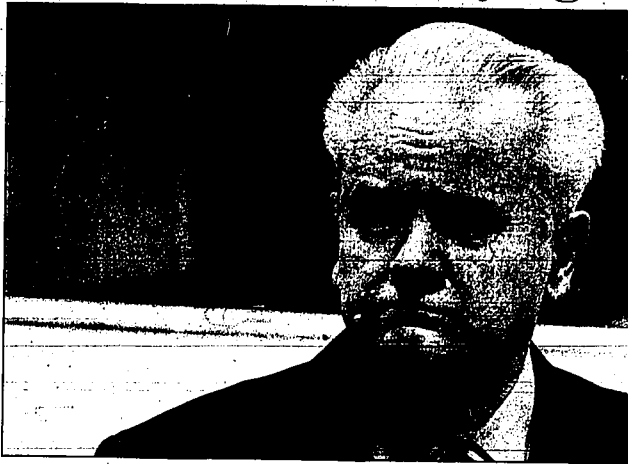
The hearing in The Hague, Netherlands, laid the groundwork for Milosevic's first trial, due to start Feb. 12. Prosecutors said they plan to call scores of witnesses and present more than 1,400 exhibits to prove the ousted leader led a Serb onslaught against ethnic Albanians in 1998-1999.

Milosevic was transferred to the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, in June 2001 to answer to war crimes allegations for Kosovo.

He is charged in the deaths of nearly 900 Kosovar Albanians, the deportations of 800,000 people and sexual assault by Yugoslav army troops under his command.

Serb forces under Milosevic's control were driven from Kosovo after a 78-day NATO bombing campaign of Yugoslavia that ended the conflict and led to the toppling of Milosevic's government.

Since Milosevic was handed over to the court, prosecutors have issued two additional indictments against him for alleged crimes in Croatia and Bosnia, including the slaughter of several thousand Muslims in the Bosnian enclave of Srebrenica in 1995.



Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic looks aside while entering a courtroom of the war crimes tribunal in The Hague, the Netherlands, before his pre-trial hearing Wednesday Jan. 9, 2002. Milosevic will stand trial in February for alleged atrocities in Kosovo.

The court has refused to merge the three cases into a single trial. Prosecutors are appealing that decision.

During his six months at a U.N. detention unit in The Hague, Milosevic has appeared in court five times. He has repeatedly clashed with the panel of three judges and refused to appoint an attorney.

He has also filed proceedings at the French-based Court of

Human Rights to contest the legality of the tribunal and his detention in The Hague.

As in earlier hearings, Milosevic said Wednesday that NATO forces were the true war criminals for "killing innocent civilians in nighttime bombing raids."

His troops fought to save their families and their country, he said.

After repeatedly asking Milosevic if he had any "rele-

vant" comments, Judge May switched off his microphone and adjourned the session.

"This is not the time for speeches," May said, tossing his headphones onto his desk and marching out of the courtroom.

Milosevic looked relaxed and defiant as he listened to the proceedings flanked by two U.N. guards. He refused to respond to the court's offer to provide him with an investigator to help prepare for his upcoming trial.

# India says second Pakistani spy plane violated its air space

JAMMU, India (AP) — An unmanned Pakistani spy plane invaded Indian air space Wednesday for the second time this week, broaching an area south of the capital of Jammu-Kashmir state, an Indian Army officer said.

Security forces fired at the drone but it returned to Pakistan unharmed after 10 minutes, the officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity. There was no immediate comment from Pakistan.

India and Pakistan have been locked in a standoff since a Dec. 13 attack on the Indian Parliament in which 14 people were killed, including five assailants. New Delhi has accused the Pakistani spy agency of sponsoring the assault, a charge Islamabad denies.

After the attack, both countries sent hundreds of thousands of troops to their 1,100-mile-long border.

## Four Israeli soldiers, two Palestinians die in attack

JERUSALEM — In the first deadly Palestinian attack on Israelis in nearly a month, two men in Palestinian police uniforms stormed an Israeli army post near the Gaza Strip early Wednesday, killing four soldiers before being shot dead in a gun-battle, the military said.

The attack, claimed by the Islamic militant Hamas group, dealt a severe blow to U.S. peace efforts. Earlier this week, a U.S. mediator had left the region on a hopeful note, saying both sides were working toward a truce after a lull of several weeks.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said he was sticking to the truce, and Palestinian officials said the two gunmen were not members of its security force.

## Supreme court rejects appeal of Rwandan nuns

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Belgium's supreme court rejected an appeal Wednesday from two Rwandan nuns and a businessman convicted of war crimes during the central African nation's 1994 genocide.

The three were given jail sentences of up to 20 years in June.

## World in brief

after a landmark trial under laws authorizing Belgian courts to try war crimes committed abroad.

Sister Gertrude, the former Consolata Mukangango, received a 15-year sentence for assisting a mob that killed thousands seeking shelter at the Sovu camp in southern Rwanda, where she was her mother superior.

## Vatican moves to centralize control of pedophilia cases

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican has come up with new guidelines for the Roman Catholic Church to handle pedophilia accusations against priests, ordering church officials worldwide to inform it swiftly of such cases and declaring them subject to secrecy.

Promoted by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the rules were approved by Pope John Paul II, who in the past has expressed solidarity with the victims of sexual abuse by clergy.

The guidelines, which are apparently aimed at centralizing Vatican control over such cases, are intended for use by Catholic dioceses and religious institutions and do not apply to government inquiries or prosecutions.

## Egypt holds design contest for antiquities museum

CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt opened an international design competition Wednesday for a new antiquities museum that officials say would be the world's largest and would be built near the pyramids.

The \$350 million, high-tech museum will sit on 5 million square feet of space and house all 150,000 artifacts that are now crammed in the existing Egyptian Museum.

The old facility, which opened in downtown Cairo in 1902, has long had too little exhibition space, with many of its pharaonic, Coptic, Islamic and other treasures stored in the basement. Minister of Culture Farouk Hosni said that after the new museum opens, the old one will continue to house art. He did not offer details. — compiled from wire reports

# Argentine government delays crucial free float of peso

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — The Argentine government on Wednesday kept foreign exchange houses closed for a third day following devaluation of the peso, preventing the currency from floating freely in the marketplace, where its value faces a decisive test.

The government announced

over the weekend it was devaluing the peso, linked at parity to the U.S. dollar for the past decade, by nearly 30 percent for large-scale business transactions.

But ordinary Argentines wanting to buy dollars will have to pay a new, floating rate at banks and exchange offices.

Analysts say that rate will be a litmus test of the government's emergency plan to drag South America's No. 2 economy out of nearly four years of bitter recession.

If the rate soars way above the new, fixed business rate of 1.4 pesos to the dollar, it could undermine the currency and

plunge Argentina back into a period of hyperinflation like the one that scourged the economy in the late 1980s.

The government has kept exchange houses closed and barred banks from selling dollars — meaning the only way Argentines can change pesos is through the black market.

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## EDITORIAL

# Don't give up protecting Idaho's initiative process

People don't like to be told how to do their business. That includes government business.

Lawmakers probably resent initiatives. After all, the initiative process is designed to fix the problems lawmakers leave aside. So when any initiative passes, it looks like a dunce cap on legislators' heads.

But that doesn't mean initiatives are a foolproof way to write laws. Some initiatives contain vague or sloppy language, creating more legislative ailments than cure. Even worse, initiatives often appear on the ballot thanks to paid petition passers, who have little real interest in Idaho government. They ply their trade primarily in larger cities, tilting the process toward urban interests at the expense of rural voters.

The Legislature tried to balance the scales in 1997, by passing a geographical requirement. It mandated that an initiative be signed by registered voters in 22 of the 44 counties before going on the ballot.

The law made it tougher to get the necessary signatures - too tough, in fact. Since the law's 1997 passage, no initiatives have made the ballot. So in November, U.S. District Judge Lynn Winmill struck it down. The scales had tipped too far in favor of rural voters, Winmill said.

Winmill's reasoning seemed persuasive. But in its motion to appeal Winmill's decision, the state of Idaho has made some valid points for a balanced initiative process that doesn't favor urban signatures.

The attorney general's office argued that the federal standard of "one-man, one-vote" is improperly applied to the state-created initiative process. The one-man, one-vote standard creates an absolute democracy, yet pure democracy isn't always how government runs in America. Consider the Electoral College. Or consider the U.S. Senate, where Idaho has as many votes as California.

So maybe one-man, one-vote doesn't have to be an absolute standard for initiatives.

Idaho also noted that two other states in the 9th Circuit, Nevada and Montana, have geographical distribution requirements for initiatives.

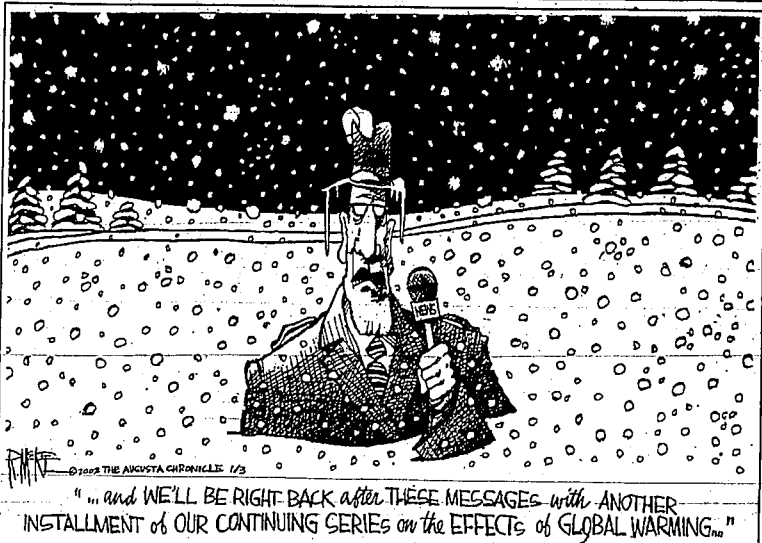
While the state's lawyers pursue the appeal, state legislators should think about alternatives for protecting the initiative process from abuse.

Sixty percent of Idaho's registered voters live in nine counties. Perhaps the state can require signatures from more than those nine counties, but fewer than the 22 counties initially required. One way or another, the Legislature should prevent paid clipboard campaigners from gathering all their signatures at the Boise River Festival.

Still, the law shouldn't make it impossible to put initiatives on the ballot - as the 1997 law did. Otherwise the initiative power that allows voters to create legislation is worthless.

Finding that kind of compromise won't be easy. Democracy rarely is.

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## Short-guessing a recession could be painful

**O**n the economy, we need to avoid the nostalgia factor - a longing for the late lamented boom that clouds our vision and corrodes our judgment. People understandably yearn to return to the good old days of the late 1990s. It won't happen any time soon, and those who suggest it are engaging in wishful thinking. Beginning a new year, when economic forecasts are flying furiously, it's important to grasp their limits.

If you believe the conventional wisdom - which seems reflected in the stock market's recent rise - the recession is almost over. The Blue Chip Economic Indicators, a leading newsletter, surveys 53 forecasters and finds that about 70 percent think the recession will end no later than April. The average forecast predicts that by the fourth quarter, the GDP should be expanding at a respectable 3.9 percent annual rate. Could happen. But if it does, it will be luck as much as anything else.

Truth be told, most economists don't really understand this peculiar recession especially well. We know this because most of them didn't predict it, which wasn't surprising, because most didn't understand the preceding boom, either. They continually underestimated its strength and only belatedly recognized that some of its powerful driving forces - extravagant investment in new technologies, widespread stock-market speculation - were not altogether good.

Let's look back. In January 1996, the average Blue Chip forecast was that the GDP would increase 2.2 percent that year. The actual increase was 3.6 percent. Here are the January predictions and actual outcomes for the next four years: 1997, 2.3 percent vs. 4.4 percent; 1998, 2.5 percent vs. 4.3 percent; 1999, 2.4 percent vs. 4.1 percent; 2000, 3.6 percent vs. 4.1 percent. You might say that



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these are minor mistakes, just a few percentage points. But the economy usually grows between 2 percent and 4 percent a year. To have value, a forecast must be closer to the actual numbers.

If you didn't understand the boom, why would you better understand the bust? No obvious reason.

A year ago, the Blue Chip consensus saw 2.6 percent GDP growth for 2001. The actual figure will be about 1 percent or maybe less. But don't forecasters have an excuse because of Sept. 11? This defense sounds better than it is. Although Sept. 11 worsened the economy, the recession started last spring.

All this suggests that you should treat the present recovery forecasts with skepticism. The standard post-World War II recession has followed a familiar pattern: (a) while the economy is expanding, inflation rises; (b) to dampen inflation, the Federal Reserve increases interest rates; (c) as the economy slows, businesses accumulate unwanted inventories (excess supplies of unsold goods); (d) to reduce inventories, companies cut production and lay off workers; (e) higher inventories and unemployment cause price and wage increases - aka inflation - to subside; (f) the Fed then trims interest rates and the economy recovers. The process usually takes less than a year. Since World War II, the average recession has lasted 11 months.

By this schedule, the recession must nearly be over. It started almost a year ago. Time for recovery. Unfortunately,

this recession didn't follow the familiar pattern. The economy's main problems weren't - and aren't - inflation and excess inventories, which could be readily remedied. The economic euphoria of the late 1990s caused consumers to go on a spending spree and businesses to go on an investment binge - and the rest of the world felt off the American boom. At year end 2001, consumer debt payments were a near-record 14.3 percent of disposable personal incomes, according to Moody's Investors Service. Similarly, excessive corporate investment has left enormous unused factory capacity. According to the Fed, the surplus is greater than at any time since 1983.

What's now occurring is a period of "payback." Corporate investment dropped during 2001. In early 2000, consumer spending grew at an annual rate of 5.9 percent; by the third quarter of 2001, the gain was a meager 1 percent. This twin retrenchment represents a huge drag on the economy that spills into other sectors. Nor is the rest of the world helping. Japan is in recession; Europe is in or near one. Argentina just defaulted on its debt.

It's easy to sympathize with forecasters. No one truly knows what will happen - especially, how long it will take consumers and businesses to recover from their recent frenzied spending, and how the economy will react to the Fed's 11 interest-rate cuts in 2001.

But the central reason economists misinterpreted the 1990s boom was that they assumed that the economy would follow historical patterns. It didn't. If economists repeat their error - and they may be doing just that - then they will be unpleasantly surprised yet again. And that could be bad news for us all.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

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LOUISE MEYER  
Buhl

## Euro offers America future troubles

All of Europe now operates on the same currency. Germany has been printing that currency for the last five years that I know of. I am referring to the euro, and it was originally intended to be the currency of the new world government. Whether that is still in place or not remains to be seen.

It would not surprise me to see

America's financial problems culminate into bankruptcy for the purpose of replacing our present currency with the euro. Most of the world uses the dollar at present. If America changed to the euro, most of the agenda to create a one-world government would be accomplished and melting down America would be much easier.

Our government already signed the United Nations' Agenda 21 and has been implementing the United Nations' wildlands project to push millions of people off their land to create a one-world government would be accomplished and melting down America would be much easier.

There is a strong movement to reintroduce God into our society and prayer into our schools. If it succeeds, there is reason to believe that America will not become any further enslaved by the people bent on a one-world government supported largely by the American people. If it fails, we will suffer the future that

our sins have earned us. Nevertheless, if we cannot save our nation, we can save ourselves: Find God; keep the freedom.

DONALD HOFFSTETTER  
Mountain Home

## Technical center offers youth options

I wish to shout my support of the professional technical center being proposed by Twin Falls School District - The College of Southern Idaho location will allow area high school and CSI students access to the programs, offering a double bang for taxpayers. It will also help create a seamless path from high school to college.

I understand that funding the center will not require an increase in taxes as a lower rate, hence, lower payments.

These savings are proposed to build and fund startup costs for this center. As a taxpayer, this is much better than raising taxes to pay for this value-added addition to our community. I also understand that this facility will be available to students from the whole region, not just

from Twin Falls.

I support this center because it offers our youth more options to become self-supporting citizens. I firmly believe if we can keep our kids motivated and, seeing the value of their own education, they will stay in school so we will not be supporting them later through welfare or prison. Numerous statistics show that it is much more expensive to operate long-term correctional facilities than to offer more educational opportunities. Fix the problems early and cheaper with education!

As a volunteer in the juvenile justice system, I see many kids who are not served by our current educational system. We can say, "Well, it's their fault. Our schools were good enough for me; they're good enough for them." I have two responses to this argument. Machines and robots have taken many of the non-skilled jobs. Nationwide, the incarcerated population is 87 percent high school dropouts.

If dropouts continue at the present rate, we kidnapers will be adding more prison beds at taxpayers' expense!

Inmates have to be housed, fed and clothed for many years. We also take care of many of their families through assistance programs. In his book "Edge at Last for At Risk Youth," Robert Barr of Boise State University points out that one state uses the reading ability of its elementary students to predict the number of prison beds needed to plan for. I strongly believe that dollars invested in keeping kids in school fulfills the old adage: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

I loudly urge all you taxpayers to support building the professional-technical center.

JOHN C. HAIGHT  
(Editor's note: John Haight is a member of the District V Juvenile Justice Council.)

## Isn't dairy air unhealthy for us?

If leaving toothbrushes exposed in a bathroom is considered by most to be unhealthy, why isn't it at least as unhealthy to breathe the air of a dairy?

KEN CARPENTER  
Buhl

## Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

## Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

Social Security lockbox became casualty in war on terror

For almost a decade many Democrats in the Congress and some Republicans have been arguing that the Social Security surplus brought about by the anomaly of so many baby boomers at the height of their earning capacity should be used to secure the Social Security system.

HERBERT LONDON

supplemental legislation to fight the war on terrorism, at least \$2 billion to \$4 billion of Democratic promised programs will be spent out of the "lockbox."

A raid on the Treasury is under way and concern about the integrity of the Social Security system is a distant and already faded memory. Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., D-Ill., argues that "constraints ... in the initial budget deal are not realistic."

Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., contends "that if the Republicans hadn't included such huge tax cuts to those who don't need it" these supplemental bills would be unnecessary.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., maintains that on the matter of economics, "if you go into recession, you should go into deficit. I think that if you want to stimulate the economy and get the economy moving again, what standard economics tells you is run a deficit."

Leaving aside the validity of those congressional claims, several matters have become appar-

ent. The lockbox and what it meant for the Clinton presidency is over. Second, fiscal restraint is not in favor. And last, Congress will use the war as cover for pork-barrel spending.

The argument that federal spending—even spending on useless programs—is food for the economy is a quaint idea; one might describe it as a perverse Keynesian notion. One cost of profligacy that often goes unnoticed is that it becomes more difficult to cut taxes, which might stimulate economic growth.

Some contend that additional domestic funding assists with the war effort. But the evidence doesn't affirm this contention.

For example, the increases proposed for the Department of Health and Human Services are not earmarked for a bioterrorist attack as one might sensibly assume.

Instead, the Bilingual and Immigrant Education program will receive a \$240 million hike; an astonishing 52 percent increase and the Individuals With Disabilities program will receive a 20 percent increase. The total Department of Education bill will be 16.6 per-

cent higher than last year.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.,—to his credit—has spoken out against these profligate pork projects. He noted, "We are abrogating our responsibility to the American people. I also think it is time the administration step in and the president veto some of these bills with these outrageous spending projects in them."

Congress it seems isn't listening to McCain. What the Congress heard is President Bush's exhortation for a "return to business as usual." For members of Congress this means spend, spend and spend some more.

So much for the "lockbox," promises of the past and the integrity of the Social Security system. The war has unleashed all the passions that were merely waiting in abeyance. Now is the time to let it all go: Hypocrisy is on the rise and pity the fate of the poor taxpayer.

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NATION

'Ugliest girl' sues California school district

Los Angeles Times

AGOURA HILLS, Calif. - A 17-year-old student who was named on the Internet as the "ugliest girl" at her school has sued her former school district, claiming officials did nothing to stop "the escalating pattern of sexual harassment" by other students.

Sophomore Alison Goller quit Agoura High School after "the taunting became unbearable," according to the lawsuit. Goller was teased at first about her appearance, then accused of promiscuity, the suit alleged.

After a bout of mono-nucleosis, Goller returned to school in February to more taunting from classmates and a teacher, prompting her to leave the school.

"People really do mean things in high school," Goller said in an interview. "I'm really surprised nobody has brought a gun to school at Agoura," which is about 30 miles west of downtown Los Angeles.

Donald Zimring, deputy superintendent of the Las Virgenes Unified School District, said the school district never comments on student matters. But he said the district has protocols that include notifying police and its administrators are trained to handle such situations.

"We are confident the school district did everything it was required to do," he said.

Goller said she can relate to how tormented students in high schools must have felt. But she said she never thought of harming anyone as a solution. "It was not cool to be different at Agoura," she said.

At her new high school in the Los Angeles Unified School District, which she declined to name, Alison said students are taught to respect each other and the kind of teasing she endured at Agoura High is not tolerated.

Her mother, Catherine M. Adams, lawyer, said she was dissatisfied with the response of Las Virgenes district officials to her request for their help in ending the harassment. She rejected their suggestion that Goller leave school and complete an independent study program. "My feeling was, why does she have to stay home by herself with no education and no socialization while the kids who did this to her were at school?" Adams said.

Adams sued the school district and Assistant Principal Brad Benioff, who led an internal investigation into the complaints, on Dec. 14 in federal court in Los Angeles.

Judge: Boy must read 'Cried Wolf'

Knight Ridder News Service

CANTON, Ohio - A teen who falsely accused police of using excessive force must read "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" as part of his punishment.

Tony Graves, 17, also must write a five-page essay on how his allegations mirrored the fable. Graves, a starting linebacker for the state semifinal-achieving Massillon Tigers, must complete the essay before he goes on trial next Tuesday for allegedly assaulting a Canton police officer.

"I think the judge is trying to make a point. I don't have any problem with it," said Graves' lawyer, Jeffrey Jakmides. "We're going to try and get the (essay) done and get it to the judge right away."

Stark County Family Judge David E. Stucki declined to comment on why he chose to have Graves read the story and write the paper. But the lesson clearly is defined in one of the fable's lines: "Nobody believes a liar even when he is telling the truth."

The exercise, which will become part of the court record and will be given to the accused officers, is only part of Graves' sentence. Additional discipline is expected after the trial, Stucki said. The teen pleaded true Monday to the three other charges against him: resisting arrest, underage consumption and unruliness, a charge that stems from him cursing school. He is in juvenile detention until trial.

Graves was arrested Nov. 1 in Canton. Police say he scuffled with an officer after he and another youth were spotted with alcohol. The officer, Craig Riley, was treated for minor injuries to his hand, knee and elbow at Aultman Hospital in Canton.

Actress gets probation for drug charge

DETROIT (AP) - Former "Baywatch" star Yasmine Bleeth was sentenced Wednesday to two years probation on a cocaine-possession charge. The actress also must undergo regular drug tests, serve 100 hours of community service and pay court costs, said Christopher Coyle, a deputy chief trial attorney for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

As part of an agreement with the prosecutor's office, Bleeth pleaded guilty in November to possessing less than 25-grams of a controlled substance, cocaine, and to driving while impaired.

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## RISEING High School Sports STARS

### Gerardo Vega, Burley wrestling

Burley wrestler Gerardo Vega is not one to rest on his laurels. Even with all the success Vega's had, it's the setbacks that fuel him.



Last year, Vega ranked as high as third in the state before traveling to Mexico during Christmas break to visit his grandparents and coming back sick.

By the time the state tournament rolled around, Vega was down to 155 pounds, yet still wrestling at 171. He didn't place.

He said that experience has helped keep him hungry and may help explain his sterling 12-1 record and No. 4 ranking in the 4A 171-pound division this year.

Now, it's that lone loss that has helped spur him on even more.

Last month, Vega was pinned by Mountain Home's Scott Curtis, who is the defending state champion and top-ranked grappler.

"I was unprepared for that match and got psyched out because he's a state champion," Vega said. "But when I wrestled him, he wasn't that good."

Next time around, Vega promises to be ready.

The junior was also a two-way standout for the Bobcat football team.

"In football, if you mess up, you hurt everybody," Vega said. "In wrestling, if you mess up, it's only you."

Vega said his favorite moments on the mat are when he comes out on top against a really tough opponent.

One of those moments came in a 10-9 victory over Minico's Joey Vail at the Bear-Cat tournament earlier this season.

Vega and Vail, who is ranked second in 5A, have gone back and forth the past two years, swapping victories.

"I was really focused for that match all year because he is someone I have a rivalry with," Vega said.

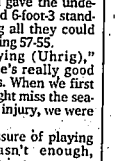
Vega's goal is to be a state finalist.

Vega, who carries a 3.3 grade-point average, plans to attend college in the future but has "no idea" what he plans to study.

—Scott Thompson

### Raysa Parker, Dietrich girls basketball

If big players come up big in big games, sign Dietrich's Raysa Parker up for the club.



The Blue Devil scored back of Dietrich's points in a 40-36 overtime loss to Shoshone in last year's Northside Conference tournament championship.

And even though it was in a loss, the junior named it as a highlight of her career as the Blue Devils took the previously undefeated Indians to the limit and led most of the game.

It has also served as a springboard for this season in which she is averaging about 18 points and nine rebounds a game.

On Tuesday, Parker and the Blue Devils again gave the undefeated Indians a 6-foot-3 stand-out Monica Uhrig all they could handle before falling 57-55.

"We like playing (Uhrig)," Parker said. "She's really good competition for us. When we first heard that she might miss the season with the knee injury, we were disappointed."

And if the pressure of playing the Indians wasn't enough, Oregon State was in town scouting Parker.

"That was a lot of pressure," she said. "But I thought I played OK."

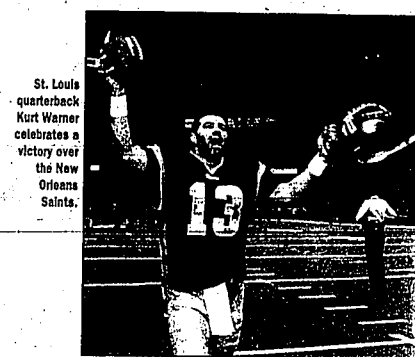
In addition to playing basketball, Parker competes in volleyball and enjoys snowmobiling, skiing and hanging out with her friends.

She wants to go to college and play basketball and plans to become a masseuse.

"One of my friends graduated and became a masseuse," Parker said. "And it just interests me and sounds like fun."

—Scott Thompson

# Warner wins second MVP in three years



St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner celebrates a victory over the New Orleans Saints.

**The Associated Press**  
 Kurt Warner won his second MVP award in silence. Plagued by damaged vocal chords, Warner was unable to talk about it Wednesday when he won The Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player award, surpassing the likes of Dan Marino and John Elway in the process. Instead, showing the resourcefulness that defines his performances as quarterback of the potent St. Louis Rams, Warner responded to the honor via email.

"It is always a tremendous honor to be mentioned with the likes of those great players," said Warner, who stormed onto the NFL scene out of Arena Football and NFL Europe in 1999, leading the Rams to their first Super Bowl title.

"But, it is still very early in my

career—and my hope is that I can be mentioned in the same sentence as these guys (and Marshall Faulk) when my career is finished."

Warner, 30, is just beginning what could be one of the greatest careers of any NFL passer. He already has equaled Joe Montana, Steve Young and John Elway with his two MVP awards. Only Brett Favre, with three, has more.

And Warner, working in an offense perfectly suited to his skills, guided the Rams (14-2) to the NFL's best record this season. Although Warner threw an NFC-high 22 interceptions this year, he easily led everyone in yards passing (4,830, second most in league history), touchdown passes (36), yards per attempt (a stunning 8.85), completions (375), completion percentage (68.7) and

overall rating (101.4).

In 1999, Warner hit on 325 of 499 passes for 4,953 yards, a 65.1 completion percentage, 8.72 yards an attempt, 41 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. His rating was 109.2.

Faulk won the 2000 award. Only once has a team won three successive MVP awards: Favre took it in 1995 and 1996 and shared it with Detroit's Barry Sanders in '97. The only other Ram voted MVP was Roman Gabriel in 1969.

"I think the MVPs we have won the past three years have been awards that reflect the accomplishments of our whole team," Warner said. "We see these awards as team awards, for we know that we benefit from all the great talent surrounding us."

"I really think that this year's Please see MVP, Page B2

# Highland heartbreaker

## Last-second bucket lifts Rams over Bruins

By Ethan Stone  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Can you say Tony Green? If you can, don't be mouthing the name anywhere near Twin Falls High School: The Bruins don't want to hear it.

With 15 seconds on the clock and his team down by two, the Highland senior sank a 3-point basket from far out to clinch victory 56-55 over the Bruins Wednesday night in Twin Falls.

The game quickly dropped into a defensive battle in the first half, as a vicious man-to-man coverage on both sides of the court kept scoring down. The Rams led 4-0 when Twin Falls junior Chris Herzinger bagged a 3-pointer and went 2 of 3 from the free-throw line seconds later to give the Bruins a narrow 5-4 lead.

With a minute left in the first, the Bruins' Brett Miller soared over three Highland defenders for a lay-up, extending the Twin Falls lead. At quarter's end the Bruins still had the upper hand, 9-8.

Bruin Brett Kleinkopf ran in a breakaway lay-up to open the second half, but the tide slowly turned the other way. Six-foot-11 senior Steve Cobbyley scored off a pair of costly Bruin turnovers to return the lead to Highland at 18-16. Herzinger went 3 of 4 from the foul line in the final minute of the first half to regain the lead, but, in a prequel to the second half, Green downed a jumper with 10 seconds left to put the Rams up 26-25 at halftime.

"We had a great first half," Twin Falls coach Dan Vogt said at halftime. "We just need to keep the same effort going in the second."

Things looked up for the Bruins in the third quarter. Herzinger slammed in his second 3-pointer to even things at 30, and Miller and Twin Falls senior Cory Albertson each nailed 3-pointers. The Bruins closed the third ahead 44-8, their biggest lead of the night.

Twin Falls tore into the fourth quarter as Miller flew in another lay-up and Marc Vedder found Andy Coats downtown to put the Bruins up 50-43. But as time ran down, the Rams heated up. Cobbyley slipped in a put-back, Jon Winn scored a fastbreak lay-up, and Dexter Hill hit a free throw. With two minutes left it was suddenly a two-point game at 52-50 in favor of Twin Falls.

Kleinkopf scored a lay-up to put the Bruins up by four, but with 45 seconds on the clock, Mackey Morrison delivered a 3-pointer to bring Highland within one at 54-53. Miller regained a point for Twin Falls with a free throw, but as the time ticked down, Green took the pass from Winn and hit nothing but

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Highland center Steve Cobbyley goes up for a shot against Twin Falls Wednesday night in Twin Falls.

# Boise gets first 2002 Olympian

The Associated Press

**BOISE**—The City of Trees has its first 2002 Olympian, skier Dane Spencer.

The Boise High School graduate and former Bogus Basin ski racer will compete in the giant slalom during the Games in Salt Lake City.

He qualified for the U.S. Olympic team based on a 10th-place finish in Sunday's World Cup race in Switzerland.

It was the best international result of his career in his final World Cup race before the Olympics and his final chance to qualify for the Games.

"He made it, barely, but he was pretty excited because this is something he's wanted to do his entire life," Spencer's mother, Sydney, said. "We're all pretty excited."

Now Spencer's parents are trying to get tickets.

"We're really scrambling," Sydney said.

Spencer, 24, is competing in some minor-circuit, races in Europe and was unavailable for comment.

He made the Olympic team one year after suffering a career-threatening knee injury that required two surgeries and a summer-long rehabilitation program.

The Olympic giant slalom is scheduled for Feb. 21 in Park City, Utah.



Dane Spencer

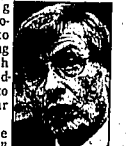
# House committee member says Selig should resign

By Ronald Blum  
The Associated Press

**NEW YORK**—The House Judiciary Committee's ranking Democrat urged Bud Selig to resign Wednesday, saying the commissioner appeared to violate major league rules in a 1995 loan from a company controlled by the owner of the Minnesota Twins.

Rep. John Conyers Jr. of Michigan said the loan created an "irreparable conflict of interest" for Selig in his plan to fold two franchises, a proposal that most likely would include the Twins.

"In light of this disclosure and your apparent unwillingness to reveal other financial information that you assert supports your decision to eliminate two baseball teams, I regret that I must call on you to resign as commissioner of major league baseball," Conyers wrote in a letter to Selig that the congressman released.



Bud Selig

\$3 million loan to the Milwaukee Brewers, run at the time by Selig and now by his daughter, Wendy Selig-Prieb.

Former commissioners Bowie Kuhn, Peter Ueberroth and Fay Vincent said the loan was unprecedented and might have broken the rule prohibiting loans from the owner of one team to another without approval of all the teams in that league and the commissioner.

"Before any further decisions are made on the elimination of a team, there are many questions which the public needs answered," Conyers wrote.

"What are the facts about the loan? Did the loan violate baseball's own rules? Are there any legal ramifications of such a violation? How much additional television revenue will the Brewers receive from the elimination of the Twins? What types of agreements, informal or formal, have been reached between you and Mr. Pohlad in connection

"... I regret that I must call on you to resign as commissioner of Major League Baseball."

—Rep. John Conyers Jr.'s letter to Bud Selig

with the elimination of the Twins?"

Selig, in his first public response to the revelation of the loan Tuesday, told Conyers the Brewers' "survival was in question" at the time of the loan, which followed the 232-day strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series.

"To suggest somehow that there is a conflict of interest between this and the construction decisions made by the Clubs in 2001 and 2002 is preposterous," Selig wrote.

# Stanford, Florida name new coaches

The Associated Press

**GAINESVILLE, Fla.**—One question drowned out all the others as the Florida Gator Nation and throughout the college football world Wednesday.

Who is Ron Zook? He is, of course, the new Florida football coach, a good friend of athletic director Jeremy Foley and, quite naturally, a coach who felt like the luckiest guy on Earth.

"Obviously, this is a very exciting time for me," Zook said at the news conference where he was introduced as the replacement for Steve Spurrier.

Across the country, eight days after Tyrone Willingham left for Notre Dame, Buddy Tevens was

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Ron Zook



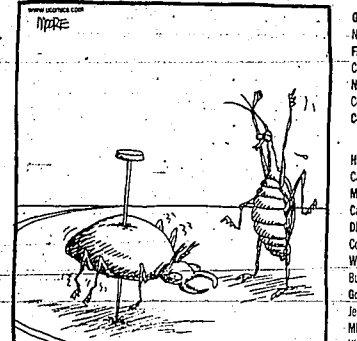
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SPORTS

No. 1 Jayhawks crush Nebraska

SPORTS IN BRIEF

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Nick Collison had 20 points and 13 rebounds and Drew Gooden notched his seventh double-double in as many games and No. 1 Kansas routed Nebraska 96-57 Wednesday-night for its 13th straight victory.

The Jayhawks (13-1, 2-0 Big 12), who replaced Duke atop the AP poll this week, hit the Huskers with a 25-4 punch to open the game and led 57-24 at halftime.

No. 3 Florida 104, Tennessee 100, OT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Brett Nelson scored 20 points, including two key free throws and a 3-pointer in overtime, to help Florida extend its winning streak to 12 games.

Florida (13-1, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) trailed by three points with 10 seconds left in regulation before Nelson's 3-pointer with 3.1 seconds to go tied it at 94 to force overtime.

Jon Higgins tied it in overtime for the Vols (6-7, 1-1), but Nelson's fourth 3-pointer of the game put Florida ahead for good at 99-96.

Vincent Yarbrough finished with 26 points for Tennessee.

No. 4 Maryland 112, North Carolina 79

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Juan Dixon had 29 points Wednesday as the Terrapins registered the most lopsided victory in the 79-year-old rivalry and scored the most points ever allowed by the Tar Heels.

Maryland (12-2, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) led by as many as 41 points and easily eclipsed its 25-point rout of North Carolina in February 1939.

Steve Blake had a career-high 11 assists for the Terrapins, who opened the second half with a 19-8 run to top by 31.

Jason Capel scored 27 points for the Tar Heels (5-7, 1-2).

Georgia 88, No. 8 Kentucky 84

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Jarvis Hayes scored a career-high 30 points and Ezra Williams added

20 as Georgia snapped a 16-game losing streak against the Wildcats.

Jules Camara had a career-high 16 points for Kentucky (9-4), which lost its second straight and dropped to .0-2 in the Southeastern Conference for the first time since 1978-79.

Hayes hit an off-balance jumper in the lane to put the Bulldogs (13-2, 2-0) up 84-82 with 1:02 remaining. Georgia blocked two Kentucky shots and went 3-of-4 from the free-throw line over the final 30 seconds to preserve the victory.

Purdue 84, No. 9 Illinois 75

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Rodney Smith had 17 points to lead six Purdue players in double figures and the Boilermakers avoided their first 0-3 start in the Big Ten in 38 years.

The Boilermakers (9-8, 1-2) were 35-for-46 from the free throw line.

Frank Williams finished with 23 points for the Illini (12-4, 1-2), who have lost two straight.

No. 13 Iowa 70, Northwestern 60

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Reggie Evans scored 21 points and Luke Recker added 20 to lead the Hawkeyes (13-4, 2-1 Big Ten) to their seventh win in eight games.

Jim Youngs had 16 points to lead Northwestern (8-5, 0-2).

No. 14 Alabama 92, Vanderbilt 79

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Erwin Dudley scored a season-high 24 points and Alabama won 31-of-36 free throws in the second half. The Crimson Tide (14-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) were 11-of-12 from the line over the final five minutes to overcome some hot 3-point shooting by the Commodores (10-5, 0-2).

No. 16 Boston College 88, Villanova 81, OT

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Tracy Bell hit a floater in the lane with 6.5 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime and finished with 36 points for



Maryland's Chris Wilcox (54) heads downcourt after stealing the ball from North Carolina's Jawad Williams Wednesday in College Park, Md.

the Eagles (13-2, 2-1 Big East). Gary Buchanan had 22 points for Villanova (9-3, 2-1), which turned the ball over five times in overtime. All its losses this season have been in overtime.

Iowa St. 71, No. 17 Missouri 67

AMES, Iowa — Tyray Pearson scored a career-high 23 points to lead the Cyclones (9-7, 1-1 Big 12), who tied a conference record

with their 19th straight league win at home.

Kareem Rush had 25 points for Missouri (11-4, 1-1), which has lost four of six reaching No. 2 in the poll.

"Almost came to tears after the game because I was so happy for this team," Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy said. "They needed a bone, if you will, and they got one. This is a good reward for them."

Red Wings rally past Canucks in overtime

DETROIT (AP) — Kris Draper's goal 2:26 into overtime completed a comeback for the Red Wings in a three-goal, three-period deficit that lifted Detroit.

The Red Wings' Luc Robitaille scored the 610th goal of his career to tie him with Bobby Hull for the NHL record for most goals by a left wing.

Draper put in the rebound of a Kirk Maltby shot for the OT winner.

Trailing 4-1 going into the third period, Detroit got three-period goals from Brendan Shanahan, rookie Pavel Datsyuk and Brett Hull, Bobby's son.

Devils 5, Flames 1

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Scott Niedermayer scored two goals and Jean-Francoise Dampousse had 23 saves in post-

ing his first NHL victory in the New Jersey Devils 5-1 win over the Calgary Flames on Wednesday night.

Petr Sykora, Sergei Nemchinov and Jason Arnott also scored and rookie Chris Berglund got an assist in his first NHL game in the Devils' biggest offensive effort since a 5-1 victory over Florida on Nov. 24.

Capitals 6, Blue Jackets 3

WASHINGTON — Sergei Gonchar scored twice as Washington ended a three-game losing streak.

Stephen Peat, Adam Oates, Jaromir Jagr and Colin Forbes also scored for the Capitals, who were 1-2-2 in their last five home games. Tyler Wright had a goal and two assists for Columbus.

David Vyborny and Jean-Luc Grand-Pierre also scored for the

Blue Jackets, who had won two of three games after a 0-4-1 slide.

Stars 3, Panthers 2

SUNRISE, Fla. — Mike Modano had two goals and Jamie Langenbrunner scored with 2:56 left in regulation for Dallas.

Langenbrunner broke a 2-2 tie with a close-range slap shot that beat Roberto Luongo high on the stick side. From behind the net, Kirk Muller found Langenbrunner wide open for the game winner.

Ed Belfour had 16 saves as he improved to 8-1 lifetime against Florida.

Thrashers 4, Senators 3, OT

ATLANTA — Ilya Kovalchuk scored from the left face-off circle with 2:02 left in overtime as Atlanta snapped a five-game los-

ing streak.

Stefan had three assists, and Bob Corkum and Yannick Tremblay also scored for Atlanta.

Martin Havlat had a goal and an assist for the Senators, who twice lost leads in less than 90 seconds.

Kings 4, Rangers 0

NEW YORK — Jamie Storr made 34 saves for his first shutout of the season as Los Angeles became the first team to sweep the three New York area teams in consecutive road games.

The Kings beat the Islanders 3-0 on Saturday and the New Jersey Devils 3-2 on Monday. Mikko Eloranta, Steven Heinze, Ziggy Palffy and Lubomir Visnovsky scored as the Kings won for the first time in Madison Square Garden since March 12, 1990.

NBA hits Mavericks owner with record fine

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban took yet another shot at the NBA and its officials Tuesday after the league hit him with a record \$500,000 fine.

"It's not the money, it's the fact that they don't do anything about the problem," Cuban said before the Mavericks played Denver on Tuesday night.

He was fined seven times last season for a total of \$505,000.

The latest fine of half a million dollars — the largest against an individual in NBA history — came in response to Cuban's comments about the officiating after the Mavericks' 105-103 loss to San Antonio on Saturday.

Cuban contends that lax officiating is leaving his star players vulnerable to serious injuries.

"The fines are the least of what is relevant of what's going on here," Cuban said. "Our players are at risk because of all the fouls."

As he has done in the past, Cuban is matching the fine with a contribution to charity. Cuban said \$375,000 of the matching fine money will go toward breast cancer research. Coach Don Nelson's wife, Joy, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

The largest team fine was the \$3.5 million NBA commissioner David Stern imposed on the Minnesota Timberwolves on Oct. 25, 2000, for a secret deal with forward Joe Smith. Stern also voided Smith's contract and stripped Minnesota of five first-round draft choices. He later restored one of the picks.

The largest fine for an individual in all sports was \$1 million. NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue fined Eddie DeBartolo, the co-owner of the San Francisco 49ers, on March 16, 1999, for being involved in a Louisiana gambling fraud case. Tagliabue also extended DeBartolo's NFL banishment until at least February 2000. DeBartolo remains out of the league.

Cuban said he became angered Saturday when he thought Spurs center Tim Duncan traveled on several occasions.

"It happened multiple times right in front of me and they didn't do a thing," said Cuban, who has been especially critical of league director of officiating Ed Rush.

"Ed Rush might have been a great ref, but I wouldn't hire him to manage a Dairy Queen," Cuban said in a story in The Dallas Morning News. "His interest is not in the integrity of the game or improving the officiating."

Last month, Cuban said he had hired a "statistics expert" to track referees during every Mavericks game.

Cuban's first fine last season was \$25,000 on Nov. 2, 2000, for criticizing officials after a game against Seattle. Within three weeks there were two more fines, one for \$5,000, the next for \$15,000.

On Jan. 1, 2001, he was fined \$100,000 for sitting on the baseline during a game against Minnesota. Three days later, Stern imposed the \$250,000 fine for criticizing officials after a game against Detroit. There was another \$10,000 fine on Feb. 15 that was accompanied by a two-game suspension for running on the court to break up a fight in a game against Cleveland. Finally, on April 15, Cuban was fined \$100,000 for making a derogatory gesture.

Cuban, who bought the Mavericks for \$280 million in January 2000, decided to track the

NBA's bad boy

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban was levied a \$500,000 fine by the NBA on Tuesday for making critical comments about the officiating following the Mavericks' loss to San Antonio on Saturday.

Table with columns: Date, Fine, Action. Lists various NBA fines from 2000 to 2002, including public criticism of officials, derogatory gestures, and running on the court.

performance of officials this season because he thought the league was calling fewer fouls.

"The players and coaches know it, so they are more aggressive," he said. "My guess is that someone is going to get hurt as a result. If we just enforced the rules as they are... we would have a much better game."

"A foul is a foul. A travel is a travel. If you see it, call it."

Pickett undergoes shoulder surgery

SEATTLE — Washington quarterback Cody Pickett is expected to be ready for spring drills after minor surgery on his separated right shoulder, coach Rick Neuheisel said Tuesday.

Pickett, who had the surgery Monday, is expected to resume throwing in 6-to-8 weeks, Neuheisel said. Washington is scheduled to begin spring practice in April.

Pickett led the Huskies to an 8-4 record and a No. 19 ranking in his first season as starter. The sophomore played most of the season with an injured right shoulder and was often in pain.

The 6-foot-4, 205-pound Pickett hurt his shoulder against Southern Cal on Oct. 6. He missed the following game at UCLA, then started the Huskies' final seven games, including a 47-43 loss to Texas in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 28.

Against the Longhorns, he was 27-of-54 for 293 yards and two touchdowns, with two interceptions. Pickett completed 169 of 301 passes last night for 2,403 yards with 10 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

Dodgers make winning bid for Ishii

LOS ANGELES — Mindful of what happened with Ichiro Suzuki, the Los Angeles Dodgers weren't about to let anyone outbid them for Kazuhisa Ishii.

The Dodgers won the rights to the Japanese pitcher on Wednesday, and believe the 28-year-old left-hander will be part of their starting rotation this season.

After watching Suzuki lead the Mariners to a record-setting season, the Dodgers won the rights to Ishii when their bid of about \$11.25 million was accepted by the Yakult Swallows, the pitcher's team in Japan's Central League.

Ward Burton fastest in Daytona testing

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR drivers got in some drafting practice Wednesday and Ward Burton wound up with the fastest lap of the three-day test session at Daytona International Speedway.

Burton, driving a Dodge, turned a lap of 184.961 mph Wednesday afternoon as a group of cars drafted for the first time in 2002 around the 2.5-mile oval.

"I didn't have anybody right in front of me, but when I exited turn two there was a small pack going into turn three," Burton said. "It could have been a little bit of help, but we had run some fast laps before then."

I ran the other car in the draft, and it felt like track position is going to be pretty important," added Burton, expected to be among the favorites to win the pole position for the season-opening Daytona 500 on Feb. 17.

The drivers stayed out of traffic through the first two days, but Wednesday was the first opportunity to try out NASCAR's latest aerodynamic rules package in the draft. The rules last year kept the cars tightly bunched at high speed, but allowed for passing throughout field almost at will.

Kenny Wallace was close behind Burton at 184.502 in a Chevrolet, followed by the Fords of Kurt Busch at 182.948, Dale Jarrett at 183.711 and Mark Martin at 183.793. Rookie Jimmie Johnson, whose Chevrolet led most of the previous sessions, was seventh in Wednesday's drafting session at 183.505, just behind Chevrolet driver Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s 183.711.

All-Americans Williams, Fonoti leave for NFL

Rivals Nebraska and Oklahoma were the latest schools to lose All-Americans a year early to the NFL.

Nebraska left guard Tonio Fonoti and Oklahoma safety Roy Williams made it official Wednesday, announcing they are passing up a final season of eligibility for the NFL draft.

Boston College's William Green, the nation's second leading rusher, also said he's leaving for the NFL. Green ran for 1,559 yards and 17 touchdowns last season, leading the Eagles to an 8-4 record, including a 20-16 win over Georgia in the Music City Bowl.

Williams, who helped the Sooners' to a national title in 2000 and an 11-2 record last season, was one of college football's most exciting stars in 2001. He had 101 tackles, 22 pass breakups, five interceptions and three fumble recoveries.

Fonoti, the anchor on an offensive line that helped the Cornhuskers lead the nation in rushing at 314.7 yards per game, said money was not the biggest factor.

"It was more of the personal challenge of playing in the pro right now," the 6-4, 340-pounder from Honolulu said. Williams and Fonoti are projected first-round picks. Green was a second-team All-American.

Several other underclassmen decided to return to school. Among them were Miami defensive tackle William Joseph, LSU linchback Brad State James, Georgia Tech defensive end Greg Gathers and Ohio State safety Mike Doss.

Today, the day before the deadline to declare for the draft, decisions are expected from Michigan State running back T.J. Duckett (1,420 yards, 12 TDs) and Tennessee wide receivers Dante Stallworth (411 catches, 821 yards, 10 TDs) and Kelley Washington (64 catches, 1,400 yards, five TDs).

Coker, Friedgen share Coach of the Year

SAN ANTONIO — Miami coach Larry Coker and Maryland's Ralph Friedgen were honored Tuesday as Division IA coaches of the year by the American Football Coaches Association.

Coker and Friedgen tied in the voting by AFCA members. The awards were presented at AFCA's convention in San Antonio.

Coker led Miami to a 12-0 record and the national championship in his first year as head coach. Friedgen's Maryland squad won the Atlantic Coast Conference title and played in the Sugar Bowl.

Furman's Bobby Johnson, North Dakota's Dale Lennon and Mount Union's Larry Kehres also were honored.

Police arrest Arkansas player

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas running back Cedric Cobbs was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, speeding and marijuana possession.

Arkansas coach Houston Nutt suspended Cobbs indefinitely Wednesday after learning about the Tuesday night arrest. Cobbs, who pleaded innocent to the marijuana possession, also was cited for lacking proof of insurance and not using a seat belt. The player was released on his own recognition Wednesday, Pulaski County Sheriff's Deputy Rochom Thompson said.

Correction In Tuesday night's Gooding-Wood River girls box score, Italy Eames scored 11 points for the Lady Senators. The Times-News regrets the error.

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## UNSTOPPABLE



The Twin Falls Morningside fifth-grade "Lady Liberty" basketball team went undefeated in the Twin Falls Recreation program for season and tournament play. Morningside defeated Southwest for the championship. The team, (l-r), includes: Front row, Coach Walt Nichols, Stephanie Clair, Emilee Nichols, Sarah Bean and Kelsey DeBorck. Back row, JoAnne Anderson, Katelyn Field, Melissa Bolton, Celerisa Adams, Devan Matkin and Emilee Williams.

## Man points out key moments in bowling his second 300 game

Ed Simler recently rolled his second career 300 game. To him it wasn't that important because he had already done it on March 11, 1977.

He said the ninth frame is the toughest. Get past that, and you just concentrate on what you are doing, and not on what you may be about to do. The hardest part about the 10th frame is staying there for three balls.

"You don't get to go back and collect yourself," he said.

He was aware of the crowd that had gathered for his final frame but here, too, he just shut them out. He said that after his first 300, he was totally wasted, but he wasn't as weak this time. He preceded it with a 184 and followed that game with a 180. He said Game 3 was every ball



LET'S GO BOWLING Thelma Tucker

in the pocket but "our friend the 10 pin" was not cooperating. Only two strikes in the third game.

Ed has bowled on the same team for approximately 10 years now. His fellow teammates are: Glen Bessire, Rocky Bennett, LaVere Bennett and Norm Petersen. After the 300, Norm said: "There wasn't any lucky strikes. Every one was in the pocket."

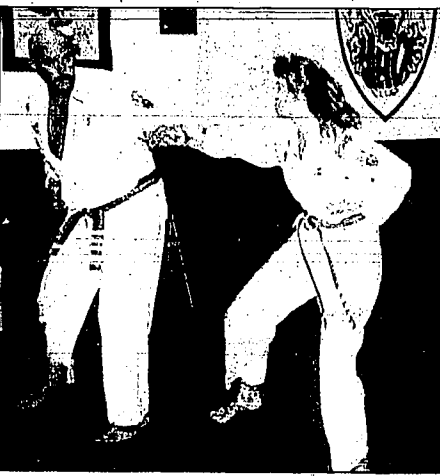
On a final note: The ball Ed used was a 15-year-old Hammitt. The same one he used when he rolled his first 300.

Our "friend" the 10 pin recently kept John Hoogendoorn from rolling another 300 as he accomplished a 299. He was a foul shot for two reasons. He's rolled one before and he's rolled many games in the 270's and 280's but never one in the 290's.

Even though Ed and John both made the statement that they didn't need the publicity, they are terrific feats of skill and deserve acknowledgement and congratulations from all.

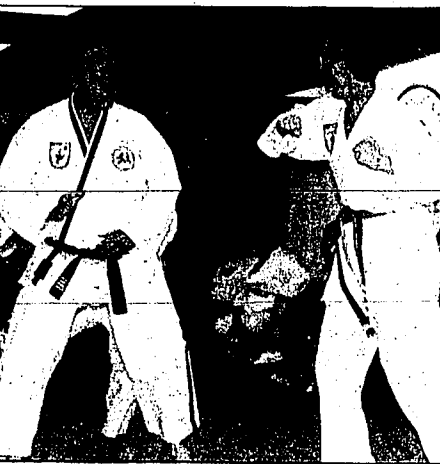
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## TAKING THE TEST



Chorry Hurd makes a kick during her test for a second-degree black belt while sparring with classmate and fellow black belt candidate Dan Finerty at Master Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts studio in Twin Falls. Hurd also demonstrated self-defense techniques during a two-on-one sparring match where the candidate is required to defend themselves against two higher-ranking black belts at the same time. Hurd completed the evening of testing by breaking boards with punching and kicking techniques. Hurd has been training at the dojo for almost five years before finally gaining eligibility to test for the black belt. Hurd watched sons, Kevin and Drew, train for almost 28 months before she began training herself.

## BLACK BELT MOVES



Julia Pollow advances toward a first-degree black belt while sparring with instructor, Don Rider. She went on to demonstrate self-defense techniques and proficiency by breaking boards with punches and kicks. Pollow has trained at Master Hartwell's Intermountain Martial Arts three mornings a week for almost three years before gaining eligibility to test for her black belt.

## BOWLING

TWIN FALLS - Scores reported from valley bowling centers for the week ending 1/9/02.

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## Barrel racers raise proceeds

Fifty barrel racers competed in the open American West 4-D event during the first Ernie Stevens Memorial Ride and Run. Marcella Heil won both the I and II-D in the senior division and Cassie Vierstra topped the 15 and under with a time of 15.756. The open breakaway roping was won by Brandi Rodig and Chris Hoagland won the average in the clif roping. The proceeds from this jackpot will go to the Ernie Stevens Memorial fund to help provide the three Ernie Stevens Memorial Jr. Timed Event Rodeos to be held in Gooding this summer. For information on how

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Simpson rep visits Magic Valley today

TWIN FALLS - A field representative for U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson will hold office hours throughout the Magic Valley today.

Simpson field representative Linda Culver will visit with constituents at Bliss City Hall from 9 to 10 a.m., then at Gooding City Hall from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the Gooding Senior Center from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Culver will wrap up the afternoon at Wendell City Hall from 2 to 3 p.m. and Hagerman City Hall from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Simpson field representatives travel to towns throughout the Second Congressional District as part of the traveling district office program. Constituents with specific problems or questions about Social Security, Department of Veterans Affairs or the Internal Revenue Service are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Simpson's Twin Falls office at 734-7215.

### Saturday session examines massage therapy proposal

TWIN FALLS - A proposal to regulate massage therapists in Idaho is the topic of meetings in Twin Falls and Sun Valley on Saturday.

The Idaho Coalition for the Regulation of Massage Therapy invites the public to the sessions at 1 p.m. at the KMVT-TV building at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls and at 6 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Sun Valley.

The American Massage Therapy Association's Idaho chapter is trying for the fifth time to get the Legislature to approve law regulating massage therapists. Thirty states already have such laws in place, while 12 others are working on legislation.

### Agency mulls plan to help special needs children

TWIN FALLS - People are invited to attend a meeting to help develop a statewide respite care plan for families with special needs children.

The two-hour meeting will be held at 10 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Adult and Child Development Center, 803 Harrison in Twin Falls. Families, social service providers, child-care providers and anyone interested in respite care are invited.

The project, supported by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Generation of the Child Initiative, focuses on families who have children with mental health diagnoses, developmental disabilities, medical conditions, or who are in other situations that might call for planned or crisis respite.

Respite is defined as a temporary relief from care-giving responsibilities. In a press release from the governor's office, Yuki Pitkin, contract manager for Idaho's Generation of the Child, said, "National studies show that respite can enhance parenting and care-giving, decrease the risk of abuse and neglect, reduce family stress, prevent out-of-home placement, contribute to marital stability, and improve the quality of life of all family members."

A series of regional meetings will gather input to address the needs and priorities of all Idaho families. For more information, call Pitkin at (208) 334-0695.

### Author to speak tonight at Twin Falls bookstore

TWIN FALLS - Best-selling author Dave Pelzer will speak tonight at Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

Pelzer, who grew up in a physical abuse from a mentally unstable, alcoholic mother, is the author of four books that have been on the New York Times non-fiction best-seller list, including "A Child Called It" and "Help Yourself."

He'll talk and sign copies of his books at 7:30 p.m.

Barnes & Noble is located at 1239-A Pole Line Road E.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	83
Salmon Falls Creek	134
Oakley Basin	148
Big and Little Wood	104
Hannys Fork	93
Big and Little Lost	85

## Governor confirms budget cuts for CSI

College also loses early retirement option to make up for reduction

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho received a double-whammy this week - confir-

mation of a 10.6 percent state funding cut and loss of a key option to help make up for the reduction.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne Wednesday released state budget figures that confirmed the woeful financial straits the state is experiencing, which translate into millions less for the state's colleges and universities next year. Adding to the financial uncertainty, Kempthorne said he

can't guarantee that there won't be further "holdbacks" this year, said CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer.

And on Tuesday, Meyerhoeffer learned that a principal strategy to make up lost dollars - early retirement for some employees - has been all but eliminated as a viable option.

With the current year's 3 percent holdback and 2002-03 state budget distributing 10.6 percent

less to the college, CSI expects nearly a \$2 million shortfall. School officials were hoping that a combination of early retirement and higher tuition and student fees would help make up the difference.

But Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho officials informed Meyerhoeffer that the only way they'll allow early

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## Farmers damaged by Oust plan suit

By Lorraine Cavenier  
Times-News writer

NAMPA - Farmers whose crops were damaged by the herbicide Oust have retained an attorney and are working on a lawsuit. A coalition of growers who claim their fields were damaged by Oust when it was sprayed by the Bureau of Land Management in the fall of 2000 plan to sue the federal government, DuPont and the herbicide applicator, said Scott Stevenson, a member of the growers' coalition.

"If you don't get all three, they all point a finger at each other," he said.

Stevenson spoke during one of the sessions of the Snake-River Sugar Beet Conference in Nampa Wednesday.

"Before Christmas we interviewed law firms from Washington, D.C., to Boise," Stevenson said. "We hired Holland & Hart out of Boise."

Growers who want to join in the suit can pay 50 cents per acre to join, he said. The firm is working on a contingency basis, which is why the group chose that particular firm.

Stevenson said the group was told by the government that there was no more money for compensation. Toward the end of 2001, the Idaho congressional delegation told the growers they would receive a total of \$5 million, but the group estimated losses at \$95 million.

Don Morishita of the University of Idaho discussed the history of the situation.

"I started getting calls last summer from growers and field men,"

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## Window of opportunity



Twin Falls attorney Brent Nielson will have a unique perspective on the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. He has volunteered to drive Olympic athletes to and from their competition venues.

## Local will chauffeur Olympic athletes

By Loretta Burkhardt  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Sports enthusiast and local attorney Brent Nielson will get his chance to attend the winter Olympics in Utah next month - though not as a spectator.

Nielson will be a driver for the 2002 Olympic Games. The "opportunity of a lifetime" appointment came following an extensive security background search - a process spanning more than 1 1/2 years.

And though Nielson initially signed up for the program hoping to be a volunteer translator for Finnish contenders, he will instead spend two weeks, at no less than nine hours a day, behind the wheel of a 15-passenger van transporting athletes.

"And I couldn't be happier," said Nielson, who only recently received his volunteer assignment and has already begun a job-specific training in Salt Lake City.

Nielson will be responsible for getting athletes to and from their competition venues "on time."

But the father of six doesn't see schedule pressures as much of a problem.

"(Besides), I'm familiar with the area so I'm comfortable with that," said Nielson, who spent four years in the Salt Lake area while a student at the University of Utah.

Although the Olympic boundaries extend north to south from Ogden to Provo, and east to west from Evanston, Wyo., to Saltair, Utah - in a network of events that will employ a fleet 5,000 vans - Nielson's route will only take in ski events at the Snow Basin area near Ogden.

"And he'll be hauling around some of the best (athletes) in the world," said Susan Roy of Roy, Nielson & Barini-Garcia law firm in Twin Falls.

"It's a real life adventure and I only wish I was going with him," said Roy, who is a skier, plays tennis, and has participated in two marathons.

And his family supports him too. "I'm really excited for him," said his wife, Marcia Nielson.

"This time is so limited for creative outlets and this will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

- Marsha Nielson, wife of Brent Nielson

The athlete system driver is one of the most important posi-

tions during the games.

Not only are drivers responsible for making sure athletes arrive at their competitions safely and on time, but they are also responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness and contents of their vehicle.

Also, they must maintain strong lines of communication with dispatch, personnel, supervisors and transportation hosts. Quick-thinking, good listening skills and patience are essential.

Also, as part of the qualifications for the Team 2002, Olympic volunteers must agree to arrange their own accommodations and pay all of their travel, housing and meal expenses - except for when they are actually on the job.

"And that's not a problem either - I'll be staying with my in-laws (who live in Salt Lake)," Nielson said.

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

## Idaho ethanol plant backers step up support efforts

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - An ethanol manufacturing plant in Idaho is an idea whose time has come, say proponents of the alcohol-based alternative fuel.

Ethanol is produced by fermenting and distilling starch crops that have been converted into simple sugars. And because ethanol is made from potatoes, corn, wheat, sugar beets and other plants are used in the production of ethanol, manufacturing ethanol could give Idaho farmers a much-needed financial boost.

"It's good for agriculture in the state of Idaho," said Don Dean, a chemical engineer and member of the Magic Valley Energy Coalition, at a meeting

Wednesday with U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman agreed.

"We think this is the stability we need in our agricultural community," Brockman said.

Now ethanol supporters just need to get legislators and other state officials on their side.

"We need friends in high places if we're going to get funding," Payette County Commissioner Dennis Coad said.

Ethanol is also good for the environment, supporters say. The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 mandated the sale of oxygenated fuels in areas with unhealthy levels of carbon monoxide. Since that time, there has been strong demand for ethanol as an oxygenated blend-

with gasoline. In the United States each year, more than 1.5 billion gallons are added to gasoline to increase octane and improve the emissions quality of gasoline, according to the Alternative Fuels Data Center.

"There's no major Idaho shouldn't be a major ethanol producer - not just to meet clean air standards, but also as a way to prevent future pollution," Simpson said.

Ethanol also reduces the United States' dependence on foreign oil. The events of Sept. 11 made people begin looking more seriously at alternative fuel sources.

Where 100 percent of oil money leaves the state, dollars made from the production of ethanol would stay in the state, said Howard Dunn, chief execu-

tive officer of AmeriXol.

Dunn said another advantage for manufacturing ethanol in Idaho is that one of its byproducts can be used as feed for cattle. And in the country's second-largest dairy state, that's even more money going into the local economy.

Ethanol supporters say it's time for Idaho to jump on the ethanol manufacturing bandwagon. Members of the Magic Valley Energy Coalition and other organizations around the state have decided to form a state association to work together to make ethanol plants a reality.

"We need to consolidate our lobbying effort," Dunn said.

The group's first task will be to rally support for its idea. The Magic Valley Energy Coalition is

close to completing a feasibility study on what ethanol manufacturing plants could do for Idaho. Members of the group plan to get copies of legislation from other ethanol-producing states like Minnesota to distribute to Idaho legislators to show them that ethanol plants can be good for the economy.

Minnesota is one of the leaders in ethanol production. Its 14 ethanol plants can produce 300 million gallons of ethanol a year, and its industry contributes more than \$350 million to the state each year, according to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

People for Pets is currently raising money to build a \$500,000, 4,200-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that would

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ALMO



Barbara T. Darrington

Barbara Taylor Darrington, 79-year-old Almo resident, died Monday, January 7, 2002, at the Mindako Memorial Hospital.

She was born September 8, 1922, in Almo, Idaho, the daughter of Arthur Reynolds and Emma Marie Egbert Taylor.

She then continued her education as a Freshman at Malia High School and then graduated as valedictorian of Ralt River High School in 1940.

She and Ivan lived in Rupert, prior to Ivan being drafted into the Army during World War II.

Barbara was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served as the Stake Primary President, worked in the Sunday School and Young Women's organization.

She was an accomplished artist, and was known for her beautiful oil paintings.

She additionally was talented in sewing, quilting and crocheting. She loved to garden and took great pride in her flowers.

She is survived by her husband, Edral Ivan Darrington of Almo; her children, Ivan LaVall (Lynch) Darrington of Cedar City, Utah; Kevin Arthur (Tanney) Darrington of Clayton, California; George Konyon (Donise) Darrington of Malia, Idaho; Mary Marie (Lynn) Cooley of Orem, Utah; Donald Charles (Jackie) Darrington of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Calvin Leslie (Connie) Darrington of Pocatello, Idaho; her siblings, Markedon Arthur (Lorraine) Taylor of Oregon; Doll Kinyon (Carolyn) Taylor and Lynn (Lois) Taylor both of Ogden, Utah; 27 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Medina Wilson; one brother, Elvin Taylor; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 12, 2002, at the Almo Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with Bishop Steve R. Ward officiating. Interment will follow at the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Friday, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Saturday, from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

Barbara was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served as the Stake Primary President, worked in the Sunday School and Young Women's organization.

She was born February 10, 1919, in the small town near Eden, Idaho. She was the daughter of Judge William Bruce and Clara Elizabeth Jensen Sumner.

She was graduated from Battie Lake High School in 1942. She married Russell C. Shaud on October 20, 1945. They lived in Pennsylvania before moving to Idaho in 1949.

She continued her college education graduating from Idaho State College in 1962. She taught elementary school for 31 years before retiring.

She was a member of the Christian Science Church in Jerome and Twin Falls, a member of the Synoga Rebekah Lodge #110 and the PEO. She enjoyed bowling, golfing and bridge.

She is survived by her daughter, Toni (William) White of Boise, two grandchildren, Heather and Ian McNeve of Boise, two sisters, Violet Hinz, Heyburn, Idaho and Doris Kays of San Jose, California, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1994, three brothers and one sister.

Betty will be remembered by the sparkle in her eye, her beautiful smile and she will be missed and loved by all who knew her.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held Saturday, January 12, 2002, at 1 p.m. at Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel (3rd and Fillmore) in Jerome. Friends may call at the Chapel on Friday from 5-7 p.m.

Cremation will take place following the services. The family suggests donations to the Breast Cancer Society, c/o St. Lukes MSTI of Twin Falls, 656 Anderson Ave. W. Twin Falls, ID 83301, Christian Science Church, 160 9th Ave. East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, or the BW Chapter of PEO.

She is survived by her daughter, Toni (William) White of Boise, two grandchildren, Heather and Ian McNeve of Boise, two sisters, Violet Hinz, Heyburn, Idaho and Doris Kays of San Jose, California, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1994, three brothers and one sister.

Betty will be remembered by the sparkle in her eye, her beautiful smile and she will be missed and loved by all who knew her.

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to the Jeff Astle Scholarship Fund at District High School. Contributions may be left with Reynolds Chapel staff at the services or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

EDEN

Dean Ellison, 70 of Eden, Idaho, died Tuesday, January 8, 2002, at Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dean was born August 4, 1931, in Mt. Home, Arkansas, to Mr. and Mrs. Edna Rife Ellison. He grew up and attended schools in Mt. Home, Arkansas. He met his sweetheart, Bonnie Strain there and they were married on February 20, 1956, in Mt. Home, Arkansas.

To this union were born two children. Dean was a farmer and farmed all of his life. When he wasn't busy working, he enjoyed playing cards and fishing. Also spending time with his grandkids.

He was a man who enjoyed his family. He loved them and they adored him. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Dean is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Bonnie of Eden, ID; son, Eddie (Kate) Ellison of Eden, ID; daughter, Julie (Mark) Osterhout of Meridian, Idaho; 2 grandchildren, Ryan & Tyler Osterhout; and 2 step-grandchildren, Brandon & Kody.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Bob Ellison.

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Officiating will be Pastor Al Stone from the Rupert Church of Christ in Rupert, Idaho. Interment will be held following services in the Hazelton Cemetery.

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Pearl was born August 18, 1935, in Buhl, the daughter of Cleo and Corda Hawkins. She was a member of the Buhl Christmas Club and the Buhl Church of Christ.

She is survived by daughters - Judy Watkins of Boise and Kimberly Murphy of Nampa, Brothers - Merle Hawkins of Buhl, and Floyd Hawkins of Jacksonville, Florida; Sisters - Jessie Watson of Buhl, Adeline South of Caldwell, Idaho; Irene Hayes of Buhl, and Maxine Lohr of Boise, along with five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

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GOODING

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Elsie Faye Robinson of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St. Buhl; the family will greet friends one hour before the service at the church.

Eleanor J. Woods of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church; friends may call from 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Nellie Elsie (Lickley) Lattimer of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at Hope Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 E. Third St., Jerome; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

Jose Lenore Fisk of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Cherry Lane LDS Chapel, 1615 W. 5th St. Burley; friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Paul William McKinnon of Hagerman, celebration of life from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the American Legion Hall in Ketchum (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Verl Lyman Dixon of Gooding, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Gooding LDS Chapel; burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

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A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, 2002, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating.

Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of the service Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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U.S. Rep. Simpson pays tribute to veterans at clinic open house

By Carol Stephens Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The people who work with Idaho's veterans have a voice of sympathy in Congress.

I appreciate the people who work with veterans issues. They really are good people trying to do the right thing for the veterans. Unfortunately, we in Congress often make it hard for them by placing them in difficult positions," U.S. Representative Mike Simpson said Wednesday.

Idaho's Republican congressman was speaking to people at an open house for the new Twin Falls veterans' Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC).

The clinic has been in Twin Falls for more than a year in leased facilities. The new building was ready in November.

Simpson said he is also working on getting a veterans' cemetery in Idaho.

"I'm tired of being a representative of the only state without one," he said.

Simpson, who chairs the benefit sub-committee of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, plans to bring the sub-committee to Idaho later this year to hold a hearing on several veterans issues, including the backlog of claims and the employment of veterans.

Veteran Jack Hyder of Jerome told Simpson he was very pleased with the clinic and felt very fortunate to have it here.

"Outstanding facility to help the veterans. A lot of the veteran organizations have been pushing for years to get one here," said Dale Smith of Gooding, a state junior vice-commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Smith stopped for the open house on his way to Boise for the veterans' legislative reception.

Hansen's Bob Wayment, the state VFW chairman, said, "I'm thankful for all the people who supported having the clinic here."

"I would like to see more clinics like this because we need them," said Cleve Rice of St. Anthony, a deputy commander of the Idaho American Legion, "and we need the clinic in Pocatello expanded. They have too many people on the waiting list."

Twin Falls also has a long waiting list.

"I wish I'd signed on for a percentage instead of a flat rate. Business is booming," said physicians' assistant David Brown. "We have a nine-month waiting list, which, in a way, speaks well for the care veterans get here. But we encourage them to keep their own doctor when some suggest

going full time with the CBOC."

The clinic is open four days a week and does not do emergency care, Brown said. "This is a convenience, not a replacement for Boise. Better to err on the side of caution."

The CBOC has 10 exam rooms and a group room. "The building is so nice we can expand when the money is there for the staff needed. The demand is already here," said Wayne Tippetts, director of the VA Medical Center in Boise.

The group room is also used for tele-psychiatry sessions for veterans from the Vietnam War, Korean Conflict and World War II who have post-traumatic stress disorders. A psychiatrist in Boise sits in front of a screen and can see and hear a patient sitting in front of the screen in Twin Falls and vice versa, said Alex Tubbs, a clinical social worker.

Sharon McCracken, chief of volunteer service, is pleased with the clinic's extra space. She said a number of people are willing to do volunteer work, but the leased building did not have room for them.

"Volunteers are the heart of the VA and add that personal touch that the staff would like to give, but don't always have the time," McCracken said.

Marvel hopes decision stymies public grazing

BOISE (AP) - A critic of public lands grazing hopes a recent U.S. Bureau of Land Management decision on the sprawling Trout Springs grazing allotment in Owyhee County puts the local rancher out of the cattle business there.

On the other side, Republican U.S. Sen. Larry Craig on Wednesday called the agency's ruling on Trout Springs "an affront to the collaborative process and an unwillingness to

meet the spirit of the court decision made by Federal District Judge B. Lynn Winnill."

Craig said the proposed decision by BLM Owyhee Field Office Manager Jenna Whitlock eliminates grazing from July 16 to Sept. 30, essentially the heart of the range season.

Hailey, an environmentalist, Marvel of Hailey, head of the Western Watersheds Project, said that if the decision stands, it will effectively eliminate grazing

there due to the split-season use. It results in a 44 percent reduction in permitted use of the allotment.

Marvel said Jordan Valley, Ore.-area rancher Mike Hanley holds 96 percent of the permits at Trout Springs, which takes in 29,600 acres about 30 miles south of that town. "The proposed grazing reductions on Trout Springs allotment are on one step toward the sun setting on public lands ranching," Marvel said.

Montana mine cleanup may garner a \$33.5M bill

HELENA, Mont. (AP) - State and federal authorities say it will cost taxpayers \$33.5 million to fully clean up two defunct gold mines abandoned by a mining company in northeastern Montana.

Reggie's Gold Corp., operator of the Zortman and Landusky gold mines near the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, forfeited \$30 million in reclamation bonds when it went bankrupt, but officials say that won't come close to what is needed.

If Congress doesn't come up with the additional money, officials have drawn up a less-expensive backup plan, but say it comes with a greater risk of water pollution from the mines. A BLM official said state and federal regulators and the Fort

Belknap tribes are pushing hard to find the additional money.

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the federal Bureau of Land Management released their preferred alternative Tuesday for cleaning up the twin gold mines south of Malta. The mines operat-

ed for nearly 20 years, producing \$300 million in gold, before Pegasus went bankrupt in 1998.

Choosing the cleanup options, "we put cost second, and I'm very pleased with the results," said Scott Haight, mineral policy specialist with the BLM in Malta.

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Betty Irene Sumner Shaud

Betty Irene Sumner Shaud, 76, of Jerome, died Tuesday, January 8, 2002, in Boise.

The family will greet friends from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls and on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the services at the Shoshone Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials



# Jerome mayor wants to balance development, quality of life

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — Keeping a small-town atmosphere and way of life while controlling growth is Jerome Mayor Charles Correll's major goal for the next four years.

Correll told a group of nearly 60 people at a Jerome Chamber of Commerce luncheon Wednesday that he walks to work every morning, and on those walks he sees the city close up.

"I want Jerome to stay a nice place to live, work and do busi-

ness," he said. Correll said he hopes to continue to increase the economic vitality of the city by supporting Jerome's economic development teams.

He also wants to continue working with the regional economic development teams to assure a healthy regional economic base.

The Jerome Urban Renewal Agency has been developing infrastructure in the south end of the city in recent years. As a result, "that area has grown so fast and the property values



Mayor Charles Correll Agency within four or five years." The city is "in good financial

condition and has consistently lowered the mill levy every year for the last four years," since Correll was elected to the City Council, he said.

Correll said he will work with staff to continue to pursue block grants from the state for infrastructure development.

Questions from the floor dealt with planned construction and infrastructure projects.

Correll said the Urban Renewal Agency is considering installing a stoplight at the intersection of Lincoln Street South and H Avenue (the Ridley cor-

ner), and the city is also looking at the possibility of a stoplight on East Main and Tiger Drive near the high school.

Correll told the group that the city has no plans for additional annexations in the near future.

Several construction projects are lined up for spring:

- 14-inch water lines will be installed along Tiger Drive.
- 12-inch water lines will be run along Lincoln Avenue South.
- Water and sewer lines will be extended to the south side of Interstate 184 to be available for future development.

And a landscaping project through the Idaho Transportation Department is planned for the interstate exit on Lincoln Avenue South.

Correll told the group that the city has "plenty of capacity available at the wastewater treatment plant"; however, if "another large industrial company should move to Jerome, that capacity could change."

Correll invited citizens to get involved in local government because "public participation is needed for local government to function properly."

## New slide rule tool aids irrigation calculation Shelter

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** — Warren Weining laughs and calls himself an engineer nerd — he's into numbers in his job for the Idaho Department of Water Resources — to help him deal with irrigation variables — he designed a special slide rule.

He wanted to be able to calculate the time it takes to run a water system to keep up efficient irrigation. The slide rule also calculates the number of hours to run the system to refill the root zone.

Calculating return time, "the number of days to deplete the soil moisture from field capacity, is also a capability of the slide rule."

At the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show in Burley Tuesday, Weining showed growers how to use the tool, which he said would help farmers irrigate the right amount of water at the right time.

"It can be used for a wide selection of crops and with a wide variety of soils, he said.

"Different soils have different

holding capacities," Weining said. "Different crops have different peaks."

Not all irrigation systems are the same, he said. Soils can be sand, loam, silts, clay, silty loam or other combinations.

Evaporation and transpiration rates differ according to the season.

"How much water does that plant use?" Weining asked.

It seemed complicated at first, but before long farmers in the room were calculating keep-up, catch-up and return times like pros.

"It will help me quite a bit," said Charles Cox, who works at Beta Seed, a crop research center in Kimberly. The center uses a linear irrigation system to water all the different crops.

Beta Seed uses a satellite to track irrigation, he said. "It didn't work that well," Cox said.

Now he plans to try the slide rule method that Weining presented. "He was pretty informative," Cox said.

The slide rule is one more thing to help refine the practice of farming, Weining said. "We can give them better tools so they can better manage their water."

The slide rule can tell a farmer how quickly he needs to be at a certain point with irrigation to prevent stress on the crop, how long he needs to run the pump, among other things.

But it doesn't eliminate every aspect of irrigation.

"A good farmer still needs to be out there and feel his dirt," Weining said. "But it helps him quantify the knowledge he has now."

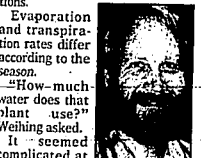
The tool helps conserve energy, which is one of the goals of the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

As one of the contractors for the scientific irrigation scheduling project, the department is working with the Northwest Energy Efficient Alliance. The alliance and the U.S. Department of Energy funded the slide rule project.

The alliance project says the scientific irrigation scheduling enables irrigators to supply the right amount of moisture to their crops at the right time according to plant growth needs and local weather data. It is based on the scientific principles of monitoring water in soil and water, and predicting irrigation schedules from a soil "water budget" that estimates water depletion in the crop's root zone.

Not only does the scientific irrigation scheduling save irrigation energy, it also cuts irrigation costs, saves water, reduces use of agricultural chemicals and potentially improves both crop yields and quality, the Web site says.

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Warren Weining

## Heyburn, Simplot look to settle out of court

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**HEYBURN** — The city of Heyburn and J.R. Simplot Co. appear to be keen on settling a year-old lawsuit outside the courtroom.

The City Council approved a provisional settlement agreement at Wednesday's council meeting. The agreement allows both sides to continue exploring settlement options and means the Feb. 12 trial will be vacated, Mayor Cleo Cheney said.

The trial may be rescheduled if efforts to settle are not successful, Chaney added. Previous attempts to reach a settlement were unsuccessful.

Other terms of the agreement are confidential, Chaney said, but the agreement was reviewed in executive session at a Monday council meeting.

Simplot filed a lawsuit in December 2000 that alleges the city has been charging the potato processing plant unfair electric rates. The city has denied that allegation.

In a business Wednesday, the council served in two council members. Dee Ray Bailey had been re-elected to his seat and Roger Denker had been elected



Roger Denker, left, and Dee Ray Bailey, middle, are sworn in at the Heyburn City Council meeting Wednesday. City clerk Trina Davis, right, administered the oath. Bailey and Denker will serve four-year terms on the council. Denker replaces councilwoman Flossie Kay.

to a seat vacated by Flossie Kay. Cheney and the council honored Kay with a plaque for her nine years of service to the city.

With new members on board, the council reelected Ruth Ann Durant as council president.

The council also heard a presentation from Earl Andrew, Heyburn's grant administrator, regarding a possible grant to develop Heyburn's nature path.

City Attorney Steven Tuft will draw up a resolution for the council to consider at its next meeting.

Funds from the ITD would not be available until fiscal year 2005, Andrew said. The grant requires matching funds, cash or in-kind, of 4 percent.

The council also heard a presentation about animal control.

Mike Wolff with the animal control board shared December's animal control report, which was high, Wolff said. Of the 141 dogs brought in to the shelter, 115 had to be euthanized.

More than 500 calls came in just on dogs alone, he added.

Animal control is making progress in Rupert, Wolff said, where the number of calls is finally dropping. Officials hope to add night patrols at this time allows.

The shelter is looking to improve its facilities and surrounding area, Wolff said. The city of Rupert donated grass and Heyburn donated trees. The Spring, area Eagle scouts will pour cement pads to create after-school drop-off pens for animals.

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## Cassia County deer numbers increase

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News Writer

**BURLEY** — While in some areas mule deer populations are fairly flat, Cassia County has had, in general, growth of its numbers.

"The area has considerably better buck to doe ratios and hunter success rates than the rest of southern Idaho," said Randy Smith, Magic Valley regional wildlife manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Varying from place to place, Cassia County has between 17 and 28 bucks for every 100 does. The majority of southern Idaho has between 8 and 15 bucks per 100 does, Smith said at the Cassia County Public Lands Committee Wednesday night.

"The hunter success rate was

around 23 percent in Cassia County last year, high compared to success rates of 12 to 10 percent in most of southern Idaho, Smith said.

The high numbers of deer have caused some problems. Deer have grouped along the highways and motorists have complained about the animals on the road. Hunters have driven the deer toward the roads in some cases, Smith said.

If the problem of deer on the road becomes too serious in any certain area, Fish and Game would consider a feeding operation to draw them away from the highways, Smith said.

"We're going to try to avoid feeding them if we can," he said. The high deer population can be expensive, rancher Carl Austin said. The deer eat a large portion

of his feed in the fields, he said.

In other public lands business Wednesday:

• Fish and Game will consider new regulations for mountain lion hunting this year, Smith said. There are three options for new regulations. The first option is to keep the rules the same, allowing a long liberal hunting season with quotas on the number of females that can be hunted. The second option would advocate wiping out mountain lions in some populated areas. The third option would be to maximize hunting everywhere and depend on core areas deep in the back country to maintain the population.

Mountain lions are an asset to ranchers because they keep the deer population down. Austin said. "In ten years I've lost as many

calves to lions as I have to ravens," he said.

"The snow and the wet weather may have been hard on the sage grouse population, Stan Lloyd said.

"I would like to call upon the Fish and Game to do everything you can to keep from rejecting the sage hen Lloyd said.

The documented harvest rates on sage grouse have been very low, around 7 percent. It would take a harvest rate of about 20 percent to have an impact on the population, Smith said. The species is more susceptible to harm because it is a long life span and a low reproductive rate, he noted.

Restricting the hunting of sage grouse would give ammunition to those who want the bird on the endangered species list, Paul Marchant said.

## Building a new animal shelter

The People for Pets Humane Society is currently raising money to build a new, bigger shelter to house a growing animal population. Donors may be sent to the People for Pets Humane Society, P.O. Box 1163, Twin Falls, 83303. People for Pets is also selling hats, T-shirts, and personalized bricks for the new shelter's walkway.

Those interested can Russ Lively's office at 724-4304. People will be able to take a virtual tour of the new shelter in a few weeks by logging on to <http://www.magicvalley.com/web/petsonline/>. A CD featuring the virtual tour will also be available.

The next meeting for the People for Pets Building Project will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 inside the community room at KMVT, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Adopting a Pet The People for Pets Humane Society always has animals in need of good homes. Those interested may stop by the shelter at 429 Sixth Ave. W. or call the shelter at 736-2299. Shelter hours are 1 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Friday. People for Pets also has mobile adoptions from 11:30 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. every other Saturday at different locations. Adoption fees are \$55 for dogs and \$35 for cats, plus tax. The fee includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and worming. Dogs get a collar with a city or county license.

Facts about animal overpopulation Each year, an estimated 4 million to 6 million dogs and cats are euthanized in America's animal shelters because homes cannot be found for them, according to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Thousands upon thousands of puppies and kittens are born each year because of the uncontrolled breeding of pets.

In just six short years one female dog and her offspring can be the source of 67,000 puppies in seven years — one cat and her young can produce 420,000 kittens, according to statistics from the HSUS.

One of the solutions to the problem of overpopulation is spaying and neutering. In cities and towns that have implemented sterilization programs, the number of companion animals that had to be euthanized declined by 30 to 60 percent, according to the HSUS.

## CSI

Continued from C1 retirement is if the college pays into the retirement fund the remaining portion of the employees' planned contributions.

Although college officials are going to explore that option, Meyerhoeffer doubted whether it will be cost effective.

Instead, the college likely is going leave empty several of the positions vacated by employees already slated to retire. Of course, that means helping more work on fewer employees, but most everyone can recognize the gravity of the situation and appears to be understanding, he said.

Another measure in response to budget cuts, a proposed 10 percent tuition and fee hike of \$60 to \$70 a semester, was presented to the student senate in December and still needs to be run by the college board.

"We can't raise them too much or we'll destroy what we're try-

ing to accomplish," he said. The final budget-trimming option is layoffs, which means not renewing some employee contracts July 1.

Meyerhoeffer said he would like to see all decisions made within the next eight to 10 weeks.

"If it starts impacting people, the earlier we let them know the better," he said.

Meyerhoeffer said there isn't any point to fight either the governor or the Legislature on the cuts, as the bottom line is that there just isn't enough money to go around. Furthermore, he said Kempthorne has been a strong proponent of higher education, so this budget cutback is difficult for him as well.

"We're doing our best to support him," he said.

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## Oust

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he said. He went out to the fields to investigate.

After looking at five fields in the Aberdeen area and several north of Paul, he was puzzled as to the cause of dead and dying crops. "It didn't look very good," he said. "Could this be a chemical drift or a misapplication?"

He asked growers many questions to try to find a common denominator. In the damaged sugar beets there was a variety of

symptoms including discolored leaves, a proliferation of roots and upright leaves.

Morishita showed aerial photos of BLM burned rangeland that had been sprayed with Oust the previous year. Fields surrounding the burned 17,000 acres showed severe damage.

"I was amazed at how the plants were completely damaged. From a production standpoint it was very heartbreaking," Morishita said. "Basically it wiped the crop

out." After that initial assessment, the growers began holding meetings on a weekly basis. Field men, BLM representatives, DuPont representatives, Idaho congressional staffers and Amalgamated Sugar Co. officials attended the meetings along with the growers.

Morishita said he gave BLM representatives a lot of credit for showing up.

"Those people really stepped up to be part of it," Morishita said.

The process of determining the extent of injury within the affected area took a long time. What made the process so challenging was that scientists had to understand the history of each field.

The Idaho Department of Agriculture is still working on a report with results of the investigation into the matter.

"The growers were not out for blood, but just wanted compensation," he said. But BLM officials told them

they did not have any money to pay for it, Morishita said. They suggested growers get some federally appropriated money, he said.

But when the group was told there was not money available, they decided to pursue the matter through the courts.

Steve Anderson, one of the group's attorneys at Holland & Hart, said he has no comment because of the pending litigation. DuPont's public affairs manag-

er, Gabrielle King, said the corporation shouldn't be held liable.

"We don't feel that we're at fault for anything that has happened," she said. "We have conducted all along. DuPont is fully prepared to defend our product. It is a very good product with a very successful history of use over the last two decades."

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# MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## Text of governor's address

BOISE (AP)—Here is the text of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's budget speech delivered Wednesday.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President. Fellow constitutional officers. Distinguished members of the Legislature. Distinguished members of the Judiciary. Fellow citizens of Idaho.

Last year, you joined me in saluting the Secretary of State, Pete Conarusia, on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of when he began his public service as a member of this body.

Because of Pete's announcement of his retirement, this will be at least the time for me to bid his last session in his capacity as an elected legislator.

Pete, congratulations on an exemplary career of serving your fellow citizens and your beloved state of Idaho.

Ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, I submit the executive budget for the fiscal year beginning in 2003 for your consideration and deliberation.

Our nation's longest economic expansion has officially ended. In March, just as we were celebrating our legislative work and preparing to go home, our 10-year economic expansion was ending. And a national recession was about to begin.

And Idaho, like 43 other states, is feeling the effects of that recession.

So I expect this Monday night, just as Idaho families are cutting back, so is their government.

### Economic slowdown

And here's why it won't cut back. We are currently projecting \$111 million in additional revenue for 2003 when the FY-2002 budget was set last session and an additional \$13 million worth of recommended supplements.

So even this revenue picture, here is how I have met my constitutional responsibility to keep the budget in balance.

The surplus that is projected at the end of this session never materialized.

At every moment that I received information that the economy was under-performing, I immediately took action. In December and November, I ordered hold-backs totaling \$55 million.

Then, in December, with further bad news requested that we not make this year's transfer of approximately \$20 million into the budget stabilization fund.

I must assure you that it is absolutely necessary for us to make these hold-backs permanent, and that the budget stabilization fund transfer not be made.

Even with these actions, it still leaves us with a very tight budget for 2003 and no extra money to carry us into 2003.

And with six months of actual revenue collections still to come, there is no guarantee we are going to be successful.

Even with anticipated revenue growth of 4.3 percent next year, our increasing inmate population and increasing public school costs are putting us in a very tight spot.

So this doesn't leave any money to recommend a salary increase for state employees.

That doesn't leave any money to provide for one-time capital outlay for state agencies.

That doesn't leave any money for inflationary increases.

And that leaves us with no option other than to reduce agencies' base budgets for 2003.

### Cutbacks

As I said in my State of the State address, "As my tax cutters and I have designed to keep government immune from experiencing the very things that the people it serves are experiencing as a result of these structures."

Six months ago, I met with agency directors and warned them of the dark economic clouds looming on the horizon.

They have been equal to the task and made difficult decisions to meet the challenges of the budget that I recommend today. I commend this team of managers for their cooperation.

In addition to the 3-percent holdback becoming permanent, I am recommending further base reductions in most agencies.

If you look at the 2003 budget minus Correction, Public Schools, Medicaid and other agencies, we are recommending to receive 10 percent less next year than what they were originally slated to receive in 2003.

That is an average. It is not across-the-board. Each department was reviewed individually.

My State of the State address on Monday, I mentioned several areas where I had to work hard to keep agencies at 100 percent of their original 2003 appropriation.

Medicaid's budget will actually increase 6 percent over what they received in FY-2002. And achieving that level requires critical reforms in runaway Medicaid spending. Without these reforms, the Medicaid budget will be much larger.

Prison correction budget is at 100 percent of what they received last year, because of the sheer size of the prison population and the costs of incarceration.

Unfortunately, this is one of our growth industries. Any further cuts here go directly into our drug and substance abuse treatment and education.

If we do that, we're back to simply warehousing individuals, and we will see them eventually end up in prison driving up the costs in the future.

cent be made permanent. I truly wish it were otherwise.

Many school districts have their own many day funds. This is a rainy day, and many districts will need to use some of their reserves, just as I am recommending the use of \$20 million from the state's reserves this year.

Last year, we announced that we maintain the 4.3 percent increase for education in this current year, and, for 2003, use one-time money from the budget stabilization fund and other sources to gain hit, \$933 million for public schools.

This requires a transfer of \$26 million from the budget stabilization fund into the Education fund, and the public schools budget for 2003 to meet the needs of our students in the coming year.

This leaves a \$20 million balance in the budget stabilization fund which, given the current economic uncertainty, is as low as I believe we should draw this funding from other sources to gain hit, \$933 million for public schools.

Included as part of that \$933 million is \$4 million for accountability and assessment Standards. The State Board of Education will continue their efforts to meet full implementation of assessment standards by 2005.

Higher education is sharing in our financial challenges and is an essential asset to the educational environment and to the entire state of Idaho.

We have great faculty and great leaders in our colleges and universities, and our greatest assets are the students.

I will continue to serve those students by commending the continuation of the Promise Scholarship program to add another \$3 million to fully support the second year of the program.

With over 5,000 students enrolled this fall, this program is essential to our education and economic development.

As you know, we set aside \$23 million in one-time funding last session to cover half of the \$44 million cost of renovation of the Prisoner Training program.

Given the fact that every state agency is being asked to step to the plate and do their part during these difficult economic times, too, must the Capitol Commission.

### Capitol renovation

My budget recommends that we take \$84 million out of the Capitol renovation money that we set aside to help school districts with critical safety needs.

Last year, House Bill 315 provided \$10 million to the School Safety Fund to help pay the interest for school districts that passed leases for new facilities.

The districts with the most critical safety needs are the most in need of this opportunity. And, in fact, the Troy and Wallace School Districts which had sued the state have now withdrawn from the program.

The \$3.1 million transferred out of the Capitol Commission project will go directly to the School Safety Fund. It is not an alternative to the program that covers the districts with the greatest immediate needs until a follow-up plan for the program is approved.

In the event additional funds are needed, I have earmarked the remaining \$3 million from the Capitol restoration program to be used to place it in the Public Schools budget.

If that \$3 million is not needed for the School Safety Fund, then at the end of fiscal year 2003, it will be transferred to the public schools under the same methodology used to distribute the remaining year-end balance.

The Capitol Commission is already working with a contractor on a top-to-bottom review of the costs of the Capitol renovation project.

If you have asked every state agency, I'd like the Capitol Commission to consider some cost savings to this important necessary project.

The project has a realistic schedule. And, the anticipated costs of moving the tenants out of this building into temporary facilities during the restoration are provided in the public work operating budget for FY-2003.

To address current year budget shortfalls, the other option is eliminating all construction projects. I have restricted that measure for several reasons.

Last year, I recommended, and you approved, that we suspend construction by college and university campus in this state. Along with building other necessary state facilities, we were investing \$60 million to help build buildings, create jobs, and infuse dollars back into local economies throughout the state.

And it's working. In fact, we're getting more bids than anticipated at lower rates.

But, like the Capitol restoration project, we also do its part in this difficult budget year.

Last year, we set aside \$11 million to build 100 additional beds for female offenders.

Since that time, the Department has advised me of unanticipated costs of the project that make the initial budget unrealistic. In addition, the Department has just completed a study of our female offender population that suggests that more than 20 percent of the offenders are from the Treasure Valley area.

Based on these developments, the Director of Corrections has recommended I revisit the original \$11 million project.

Based on his recommendation and our current budget situation, I am now proposing to reduce the appropriation for this project to \$4 million. With this funding, we will build 100 new community beds in the Treasure Valley while still providing the substance abuse, education and job training program for these women.

With my goal of keeping these women close to home and close to their families and children, I believe this is a prudent approach.

In addition, the department will use federal grant funds to renovate an existing facility to provide 100 beds for male offenders.

Also, I am proposing that the state take the next step in dealing with the issue of substance abuse.

every judicial district.

I am now proposing to use \$300,000 in federal funds to fill another gap in our substance abuse system the need for transitional or halfway house programming for those coming out of incarceration.

We also need to continue our work with juveniles.

Each year, counties receive block grant funds for juvenile probation and parole, as well as treatment programs. These funds are distributed on a population basis.

The impact of the 2000 census will cause some counties to win or lose this critical funding. In order to maintain the viability of the programs currently in place to deal with these troubled youth, I am proposing a \$300,000 block grant funding increase to basically keep the counties whole.

### Health and welfare

Families, children and senior citizens must remain the top priority for the Department of Health and Welfare and budget decisions will reflect that commitment.

In all Health and Welfare's total 2003 budget, will adequately provide essential services for those in need.

I have said that we will not cut Medicaid. But we must be vigilant in slowing its growth. Over the last two years we have seen a Medicaid growth rate of 16 and 25 percent. Today, incorporating practical solutions, we can reduce this rate of growth.

At the same time, we must improve the quality of care we provide through the system. My recommendations provide many tools to do both.

Medicaid will be used as a safety net for our most needy citizens. Its clients are the elderly, the disabled, and pregnant women. It's a system that provides care when there are no other options. We must be mindful of this as we begin to look for solutions to this difficult problem.

I propose we expand our effective Medicaid Connections program to most Medicaid recipients throughout the state. Healthy Connections helps to strengthen the doctor-patient bond. This relationship opens the line of communication and allows doctors to treat problems before they result in a costly visit to the emergency room.

For the individual on Medicaid, this will enhance their medical care.

There is a financial benefit to this program, too. On average, there is a cost savings of almost \$400 per recipient each year. With more than 20,000 new people expected to come onto Medicaid in the next 12 months, that savings will be significant.

Like many states, prescription drugs are quickly becoming our single largest Medicaid expense. Prescription drugs are expected to cost almost 40 percent more this year than they did two years ago.

It's another factor. The prescription drug benefit for those on Medicaid is absolutely unlimited.

I recommend that we tighten the prescription drug system by requiring prior authorization when there are more than four prescriptions being used at one time.

We will also require Medicaid recipients to use their prescriptions before seeking refills, exactly as the private sector has done for years.

For example, someone who has a prescription today at one pharmacy, tomorrow at another pharmacy and on Friday at a third pharmacy.

Most private health care programs require you to use all you've used 70, 80 or even 90 percent of your prescription, before seeking a refill. The state must adopt the best practices of the private sector in order to stem the growth of the system.

Let me be clear, this does not eliminate anyone's access to medically necessary drugs. Everyone on Medicaid who needs a prescription will have access, through his or her doctor, and when medically necessary, beyond the four prescriptions.

I fully realize there are senior citizens, who may, because of their conditions, have five, six or seven drugs. That's fine. We're simply saying that after the fourth one, you need to get the appropriate authorization.

What will this effect? It will affect those who abuse the system. Those who move from doctor to doctor shopping for drugs. Those who stock pile their prescriptions and then allow them to go unused. Those who seek narcotics to sell on our streets will no longer have an unlimited supply.

Another way to help contain Medicaid costs is to align our reimbursement rates with those of Medicare. In some cases, the state pays five times more than the federal government for the same procedure.

There are also areas where reimbursement rates will increase. Access to primary care for children and psychiatric care for the mentally ill will improve as rates are realigned.

We must do a better job of managing the use of Medicaid services. In partnership with hospitals, we will conduct more timely reviews of inpatient stays, including length-of-stay for our recipients.

This is not only a win for the state. It is a win for hospitals through reduced denial of claims.

As I have mentioned, there will be a 6-percent increase in the Medicaid budget. If we enact these measures now, we will reduce what would have been more than a \$30 million increase to a more manageable \$15 million increase.

If we do nothing, we will see costs continue to spiral out of control. We will see Medicaid growth that continues to outpace that of education and economic development. We will further compound budget problems for the state.

My budget is the time to be diligent. Now is the time to act.

On Monday, I talked about the vision we had even before the national recession. We put in place aggressive economic development tools. I share with you a long list of accomplishments that demonstrate these tools do work.

My budget shows this vision intact. We have included \$3.5 million in the Department of Commerce's budget to continue these innovative economic development measures which position Idaho to bounce back quickly from the national recession.

We must also be innovative and aggressive in the areas of agriculture and natural resources.

We have received over \$4 million in federal aid to help specialty crop producers in Idaho.

These onetime funds will help boost Idaho's struggling rural economy as we work to better manage the state's forests, which will result in reduced fire suppression costs in the future — while simultaneously providing for healthy watersheds.

The Department of Water Resources budget also provides \$400,000 for the third phase of updating the Eastern Snake River Compact.

Let me now turn to an invaluable resource, the people that proudly serve this state as our state employees.

These men and women are working day in and day out to ensure that we continue to provide essential services during difficult economic times.

As with so many businesses, corporations, and farms throughout the state and the nation, salary increases will not occur this year, and we will see the same with Idaho state government. This is only a reflection of the economy, not on the worth of our employees. It's at times like these that we realize that they truly exemplify public service.

I have recommended that the pay scale for employees be advanced in order to allow competitive salaries with our private sector counterparts. Agencies will not be generating savings in order to provide any new salary increases.

My budget does include funding to help cover the rising cost of health insurance for state employees.

Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you a budget that is balanced.

It is not without challenges.

There was nothing easy about assembling this budget.

It was not easy to propose Medicaid reforms.

It was not easy to find money to ensure that we are continuing to properly educate our children.

It was not easy to find base reductions in agencies and ensure that we have built up constituencies over the years.

And we are not immune from what is happening around us.

We have re-evaluated the revenue picture and adjusted our spending plan accordingly.

All without seeking tax increases or cutting the budget.

We made cutbacks where we could, made transfers from base salaries to our private sector counterparts. Agencies will not be generating savings in order to provide any new salary increases.

Winston Churchill once said, "The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity, the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

I am an optimist. I am also a realist.

The realist in me recognizes the difficulties that the current economic situation has created.

The optimist in me says that together, we can work through these difficulties to create a better Idaho.

Thank you.



Gooding City Clerk Linda Wildman swears in council members, from left to right, Sharon Seifert, Tom Stevenson and Mayor Herb Stroud.

## Gooding mayor, council members take office oath

Development presented the "last bill" for the Walker Center expansion development, until the weather gets better." The bill was for manholes put in by Boise Vault and Precast for \$1,860. Stroud signed the bill.

City superintendent Todd Bunn reported that the mayor would need to sign the joint powers agreement between the city and Gooding County so it can be included in the grant application to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation for the proposed, RV park north of Gooding.

The next City Council meeting has been changed from 7 p.m., Jan. 21 to Jan. 22 because of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Char Irish from Region IV

Kimberly gets close look at sewer project progress

Weeks, deputy clerk and zoning administrator; Bill Hollifield, legal counsel; Mike Burr, auditor; and J-U-B Engineers, city engineers.

The Times-News will be the publisher of legal notices and Magic Valley Bank, the financial depository. Members of the zoning committee will be Bonnie Stevens, Julie Reeves, Perry Dangierfield, Candice Weeth, Dan Shewmaker and Bev Shewmaker.

In her report to the council, McKinlay said there will be an adult library night at 7 p.m. on Jan. 17 with a book review given by Janet Koontz.

In the fire department report, Duncan said the department's responded to 10 incidents in December. There were seven Rock Creek Fire District calls, two in the city of Kimberly and one in the city of Hansen. For the 2001 calendar year, the fire district responded to 134 incidents.

During Tuesday's City Council meeting, Mayor Jim Sorenson also announced his appointment for the year: Darren Belin, commissioner for the streets, water and sewer departments; George Plew, police commissioner; Dave Overacre, fire and zoning; Lee McKinlay, parks, recreation and library; Rob Wright, maintenance supervisor; Pat Birmingham, police chief; Bart Duncan, fire chief; Kim Martin, clerk; Kelly

PICABO (AP) — One of the last unprotected stretches on Idaho's most famous trout stream has been preserved with a conservation easement.

The Nature Conservancy of Idaho said the easement on the property, previously owned by Robert and Kathryn Gardner and Mary Ellen Drashner and sold to John and Elaine French, will protect 510 acres, including about one mile that fronts Silver Creek.

The property borders the Idaho Department of Fish and Game access area at Point of Rocks and other private lands already protected.

The Nature Conservancy worked with Frenches, who are allowing an easement on the entire property. The deal will prohibit subdivision of the property and limit development to two homes and associated outbuildings, which must be placed well away from Silver Creek.

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# Idaho chief justice touts benefits of drug courts

BOISE (AP) — Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout accentuated the positive Wednesday in her annual address to the Legislature, avoiding any reference to recent Idaho Supreme Court decisions that have frustrated some lawmakers.

With the state facing its tightest budget in almost two decades, Trout instead touted initiatives including drug courts and expansion of Coordinated Family Services as providing long-term savings by keeping people out of prison.

"We believe our efforts reduce costs overall, but it is for you to determine what the policy priorities and funding levels should be," she told the House and Senate immediately after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's annual budget message.



Linda Copple Trout

The high court voided an initial legislative redistricting plan in late November, leaving open the increasingly urgent question of which incumbent lawmakers will face each other in re-election bids this year.

Then last month the court upheld the 1994 initiative limiting how many times state and local elected officials can appear on the ballot. Many legislators hoped the justices would agree with a district judge who

struck down the law. Now they face the politically dicey proposition of trying to repeal term limits themselves.

Rather than mentioning those potential points of conflict, the chief justice thanked Kempthorne and the Legislature for the "excellent relationship" they have with the state's judges.

"We have worked together, in partnership, to bring about innovations which are having a dramatic impact on the lives of many Idahoans, reducing the population in jails and prisons, reducing alcohol and drug abuse among adult juvenile offenders and protecting children from abuse and neglect," she said.

The chairmen of the House and

Senate judiciary committees said progressive programs and efficient operation of the courts would have far more influence on court funding than any opinions the justices issue.

"There are a lot of people who are unhappy with them for a variety of reasons," House Judiciary Chairman Celia Gould of Buhl said. "They're going to take their lumps just like everybody else. But it's not going to have anything to do with their decisions."

Trout said the court system, which was not required to respond, cut 10 percent of its operating and capital expenses in response to Kempthorne's budget holdback orders.

Many of the judiciary's expenses are

fixed by law, and she said the priority for the remaining money was placed on maintaining programs that help people most.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Denton Durrington of Declo said Kempthorne has made battling substance abuse — which includes drug courts — one of his budgetary priorities. And he said opposition to such rulings as the one on term limits has no place in budget deliberations.

"We have to be careful as legislators not to punish or reward a court because of individual decisions," Durrington said. "I cannot see the Senate acting in a retaliatory manner against the court in any way."

## I.F. schools

### seek help with funds

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Bonneville School District officials want the state to help them and other districts without the budget reserves to cover the costs of two recent state funding cuts.

District officials want the Legislature to offer a loan program or special funding for impoverished districts if the \$23 million reduction in state aid to public schools ordered by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is not restored.

"We need some help," Bonneville School Board Chairman John Avery said. "It's going to be hard for us to make it."

Bonneville has only about \$217,000 in its fund balance or savings account, not enough to cover the \$713,000 it lost with the state-ordered holdbacks.

Officials cut nearly \$600,000 from the district's budget midyear and pulled money from an insurance fund to cover the loss. They are also considering a supplemental levy to replenish the budget and rebuild savings.

If a levy passes, the district will not receive any money until next winter, too late to make up for the holdbacks. "We'll have a real cash-flow problem if those holdbacks aren't restored or something isn't done," Avery said.

According to the Department of Education, only seven districts did not have enough in their fund balances as of June 30 to cover the holdbacks.

"The governor is aware some districts are having a tougher time than others and is looking at some solutions," Kempthorne spokesman Mark Snider said. Rep. Leo Gagner, R-Idaho Falls, a member of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, said he understands it has been difficult for districts, but he does not think it would be fair help only a few districts.

## Lawmakers struggle with Utah economy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A plan for a one-day furlough for state employees and teachers appeared to move a step backward Wednesday, but legislative Republicans say they won't touch the state's rainy day fund — a subject that provoked an angry outburst in a committee meeting.

Democrats presented their plan to trim \$202 million from the state budget, and it didn't call for unpaid furloughs or layoffs.

"It's completely unnecessary," House Minority Leader Ralph Becker, D-Salt Lake City, said. GOP leaders "no longer willing to defend it — never were enthusiastic about balancing the budget on the backs of state workers or teachers. The idea was pitched to budget subcommittees as a small part of the budget solution, saving \$105 million."

But even that was in doubt Wednesday as an aide to Gov. Mike Leavitt testified it was all but impossible to furlough teachers without violating education requirements.

"This would be an administrative nightmare," said Leavitt budget analyst Chas. Harris, noting a mix of funding pays many teachers' salaries that would be difficult to untangle.

Harris briefed legislators on Leavitt's proposal to shield public education from deep cuts, and to tap into the state's rainy day fund despite furious opposition among legislative Republicans.

Leavitt's insistence "offended" Rep. Glenn Way, R-Spanish Fork, who lashed out at Harris, using strong terms to accuse the Leavitt administration of mishandling the budget and failing to consider deeper cuts.

## PHOTO FOR AN IDAHOAN



Navy aviator Hawk Ivie, from Idaho Falls, gets his picture taken with Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., aboard the USS Roosevelt Wednesday in the Arabian Sea. Lieberman and eight other senators are on a fact-finding mission about the war in Afghanistan.

## Growers back grass burning research

LEWISTON (AP) — Bluegrass growers are pleased Gov. Dirk Kempthorne plans to contribute more funding for research on cutting the smoke which blankets northern Idaho each year.

But opponents contend his State of the State message on Monday did not go far enough to protect public health when thousands of acres are torched to shock the grass into growing seed the next year.

Kempthorne suggested more funding to the University of Idaho for research.

"I thought it was pretty encouraging," said Robert Branson, president of the Nezperce Prairie Grass Growers, which represents growers on the Palouse, and Camas Prairie.

Growers are assessed very little for research to find alternatives to burning and last year contributed only about \$20,000 toward that goal. Branson said additional dollars from the state will help speed up the process.

"None of us like burning. It's something we have to do to raise bluegrass," he said. "Hopefully in a farm state such as ours we'll certainly keep it until we get a viable option."

Some had feared Kempthorne would call for an immediate halt to all grass burning. "While the status quo is unacceptable, the harsh alternative of forcing farmers out of business is also unacceptable," Kempthorne said.

Rep. Wayne Meyer of Rathdrum, a grass grower, concedes the days of burning are probably numbered.

"I think there will be so much pressure applied that eventually we're just going to say, 'We've had it. We're done and we're not going to do it any more.' But we haven't reached that point yet."

"I guess the governor wants some kind of progress made to appease the anti-burning constituency, and, of course, they want no burning at all."

Patti Gora of Safe Air For Everyone in Sandpoint said she was glad to hear Kempthorne say the current approach is unacceptable, but he stopped short of offering a solution. The group of residents is led by northern Idaho and eastern Washington physicians.

## LEGISLATIVE LOG

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#### On Tuesday Introduced in House

HB386 (Mortensen) — Encourages character-based sex education in public schools, colleges and universities.

HB387 (Brunel and Jaquet) — Provides for the governor's State of the State address to a joint session of the House and Senate on Monday.

HB388 (Brunel and Jaquet) — Provides for the governor's budget address to a joint session of the House and Senate on Wednesday.

HB389 (Newcomb) — Eliminates the responsibility of the Commission on Aging to advise the governor on appointment of an administrator.

HB389 (Newcomb) — Changes the unlawful practice of dentistry from a misdemeanor to a felony.

HB390 (Newcomb) — Updates the definition of dentistry and the practice of dental hygiene.

HB391 (Newcomb) — Renumbers a subsection reference.

HB392 (Newcomb) — Further defines Board of Pharmacy terms relating to internship and preceptors.

HB393 (Newcomb) — Increases maximum allowable nursing fees.

HB394 (Newcomb) — Authorizes the Board of Acupuncture to adopt rules requiring continuing education as a condition of continued licensure.

HB395 (Newcomb) — Extends terms on the Board of Dentistry until a replacement is appointed.

HB396 (Newcomb) — Increases to \$150 the maximum allowable fee for chiropractic licensure, endorsement, temporary practice and renewal.

HB397 (Newcomb) — Requires applicants for acupuncture certification to be a registered nurse practitioner or a licensed health-care practitioner with a doctorate degree.

HB398 (Newcomb) — Revises eligibility requirements for special education services provided to inmates between 18 and 21 in adult correctional facilities.

HB399 (Newcomb) — Requires that all kindergarten through eighth-grade teachers pass a pre-service assessment on best reading practices to qualify for certification.

HB400 (Newcomb) — Allows the Board of Pharmacy's controlled substance prescription tracking program to continue beyond July 1, 2002, expiration.

HB401 (Newcomb) — Extends authority to seek extradition to cases of felons outside Idaho who still have unexpired state prison terms.

HB402 (Newcomb) — Requires consumers to obtain blood samples from people killed in any motor vehicle or boating accident.

HB403 (Newcomb) — Clarifies the qualifications for issuing temporary certificates as stenographers.

HB404 (Newcomb) — Clarifies POST academy responsibility for standards and training of juvenile probation officers and juvenile detention officers.

HB405 (Newcomb) — Exempts Department of Juvenile Corrections vehicles from required state identification decals.

HB406 (Newcomb) — Defines social work practice and workers to conform to nationally recognized standards; updates regulations related to social track.

HB407 (Newcomb) — Renews licensure standards for master journeyman and specialty electricians.

HB408 (Newcomb) — Provides Insurance Department with rulemaking authority to implement requirements of Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act regarding financial disclosures.

HB409 (Newcomb) — Changes references in State Fire Marshal Act from Uniform Fire Code to International Fire Code.

HB410 (Newcomb) — Allows regulators to waive testing requirements for professional engineers who can show 12 years of experience. The previous limit was 25 years.

HB411 (Newcomb) — Eliminates obsolete terminology regarding land surveyors and engineers.

HB412 (Newcomb) — Returns Veterans Home administrators and Office of Veterans Advocacy program supervisors to former status as exempt state employees.

HB413 (Newcomb) — Makes technical changes to require PERI base plan contributions be remitted together with Choice Plan Contributions.

HB414 (Newcomb) — Allows purchase of PERI base plan by both active and inactive members.

HB415 (Newcomb) — Reduces the period of time for filing responses to objections in Snake River Basin Adjudication from 120 days to 60 days.

HB416 (Newcomb) — Streamlines timing requirements regarding hearings on uncontested matters in water adjudication.

HB417 (Newcomb) — Increases the assessment for Forest Practices Act from five to ten cents an acre.

HB418 (Newcomb) — Increases the landowner assessment for forest protection from 45 to 60 cents an acre.

HB419 (Newcomb) — Repeals the authorization to take live minnows from the Kootenai River.

HB420 (Newcomb) — Modernizes the Geology Practice Act.

HB421 (Newcomb) — Raises the fee cap to \$150 dollars for environmental health specialists and trainees and allows fee increases by rule.

HB422 (Newcomb) — Expands powers of the Lava Hot Springs Foundation.

HB423 (Newcomb) — Requires Le Bois Race Track in Boise and any other to generate a \$5 million annual handle to have at least eight races on each live-race day.

## Lewis and Clark funding snub surprises agency

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Historical Society was surprised on Wednesday to see that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is seeking no money from the Legislature to prepare for an expected tourism boom for Lewis and Clark bicentennial observances.

The Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee sought \$250,000 for the budget year that begins July 1 to continue preparations for Corps of Discovery events starting in 2003. The committee has a \$110,000 budget this year.

"That was an item that we thought, after hearing what he said in the State of the State, was likely to get support to do the preparation work," said Steve Guerber, executive director of the Idaho Historical Society.

Instead, the only money available to the committee is the governor's recommendation of \$25,000 earmarked for that purpose from the sale of Lewis and Clark commemorative license plates.

Kempthorne said during Monday's State of the State address that "next year, we will be a destination of choice for

those who will be commemorating the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial because of our pristine and spectacular portions of this historic trail. Thousands will be coming to our state and we will be ready."

Guerber said his agency also would feel the pinch from cuts that already have prompted three layoffs from a staff of 28 financed by state tax revenue. Three more job cuts are likely in the coming year if lawmakers approve a budget \$154,000 smaller than this year's, as the governor recommended, Guerber said.

Jeremiah Scott

Scott was 22 last fall when he settled out of court against the church for \$3 million.

"With respect to the litigation, the church absolutely denies it has any responsibility for the conduct of Franklin Curtis," said Steve English, an attorney who handles The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' legal matters in Oregon.

## Church faces lawsuit over abuse allegations

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A lawsuit filed Wednesday seeks more than \$120 million from the Mormon church for 12 victims it says were molested as children by a church elder in the 1970s and 1980s. Later damage claims could reach \$12 billion.

The lawsuit seeks \$10 million each for physical and emotional pain and disfunction plus payment for psychological treatment, and diminished earnings of at least \$850,000 each.

It announces the intent of the plaintiffs to amend the suit to seek punitive damages of \$1 billion each. The 12 are identified in the lawsuit only by initials.

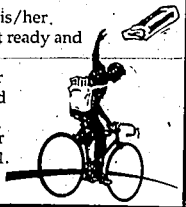
Portland attorney David Snider, who filed the lawsuit, said it involves the late Franklin Richard Curtis, who was convicted of repeatedly abusing

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- 18 Comic pianist
- 19 Victor
- 20 Get set in
- 21 Egypt
- 22 Bat wood
- 23 Hint with
- 24 Downy leaves
- 25 Make joyful
- 26 Evil spell
- 27 Conjectures
- 28 Punishment
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- 32 Fidelity award
- 33 Bread bird of
- 34 Egg
- 37 More virtuous
- 38 Young fauce
- 40 Tennis champ
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- 42 Product sticker
- 43 Newspaper
- 44 Bizarre person
- 45 Doggie dog
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- 47 Sense's author
- 48 Southern ratiocenes
- 49 Aster
- 50 Paris, since 1935
- 51 Like some
- 52 Seal
- 53 Gumbo veggie
- 54 Actor's part
- 55 Actor McQueen
- 56 Santa opened
- 57 Oklahoma city
- 60 Louisiana
- 62 Room
- 63 Board flick

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- 4 Not in working order
- 5 W.C.'s co-star
- 6 In 'My Little Chickadee'
- 7 Presents an opposing case
- 8 Get up
- 9 Wrongful act
- 10 Nervous
- 11 More subtle
- 12 Actors' lines
- 13 Zolotop
- 14 Jannings
- 15 Manufactured
- 16 Shift or Eggs
- 17 Act bravely
- 18 "Othello" villain
- 19 Fever
- 20 Coke topping
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- 22 Flou
- 23 AAA advice
- 24 Opening
- 25 remark
- 26 Balked
- 27 Telephone
- 28 girdling
- 29 Army mascot
- 30 Most trivial
- 31 Carly Simon's "You're So Good"
- 32 Brood
- 33 His gaudies
- 34 Tied (the score)
- 35 Guard at a gate
- 36 Vox
- 37 Padlock papa
- 38 Press
- 39 Surrealist painter
- 40 W. alliance
- 41 Pearson or Barrymore
- 42 Lobowitz or Drascher
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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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**Director receives milestone award**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Producer-director Robert Wise will receive the 2002 Milestone Award from the Producers Guild of America for his "historic contribution" to the entertainment industry.

Wise, 87, twice won double Academy Awards — once as best picture (producer) and co-director of "West Side Story," and again as producer and director of "The Sound of Music."

Fast winners of the Milestone Award include Kirk Douglas, Alfred Hitchcock, Jack L. Warner, Louis B. Mayer, Bob Hope and Steven Spielberg.

**Writing will provide financial boon to Scorpio; Gemini: See project through to the end**

IF JANUARY 10TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... where love is concerned, you have "paid your dues." You have tasted the bitter and sweet; nevertheless, for you, life without romance is no life at all. You are an original thinker, independent and will overcome obstacles to maintain principles. During this month you define terms and decide on direction.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Family secret will be revealed.

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 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't attempt to please everyone. Do what you enjoy, and if you please yourself, that will be just fine. Keep resolutions concerning dirt. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will gain financially as result of writing. Last article will be located. Ask questions — insist on answers, not explanations.  
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lunar cycle high; you will be at right place at special moment. Circumstances are turning in your favor.  
 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is possible that you have been deceived. Go after and grab hold of truth. Get definition of terms in writing.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your policies will be accepted. As result, you have added responsibility and pressure. You will not escape unscathed.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Individual you admire will return compliment. You have plenty to offer. Know it and proceed accordingly.

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Children left behind 30 years ago want to contact mom

**DEAR ABBY:** I am responding to the letter from "Lost Mother in the Midwest," who suddenly left her family because she was overwhelmed with personal problems and felt unneeded and alone. I know what it's like to be one of the children left behind, and I cannot be silent.

Following are some suggestions I would like to offer for "Lost Mother": First, get professional counseling so you understand what led you to do such a thing. Everyone has problems — that's part of life. However, you must have the courage to face up to what you've done so you can forgive yourself.

Second, when you're stable enough, contact your children to let them know that you're OK and that you realize you mishandled the situation. They need to know that you are seeking help and that you love them. They will be angry, but they are entitled to their feelings. It will begin the healing process. No matter how painful it may be, it is easier than



**DEAR ABBY**  
 Abigail VanBuren

carrying around a lifetime of guilt and pain.

Third, give your family time to sort out their feelings. At first, they may be reluctant to reconcile with you. It will take time and understanding, and may not produce the kind of relationship you are immediately hoping for.

Last, don't delay. Your doubts and fears might cause you to chicken out. You left your family, so it's your responsibility to make the first move.

Every day you wait causes more pain and suffering. Life is too short to prolong this separation. It will be worth it in the end. I wish you and your children well.

I speak from experience. Our

mom left us when we were very young. It has been 30 years since we've had any contact with her. We've done everything we know to find her, with no luck.

If I could somehow communicate a message to our mom, it would be this: Everyone makes mistakes, but we can try to make up for them. Love and forgiveness can go a long way. The few memories and mementos we have of you suggest that you were a very loving mother. Your children are well-adjusted, happy people, and we hope this will bring you some comfort. We have forgiven you and want you to know we love you. We still live in the same state where you left us. Life is getting shorter, and we would love to have the opportunity to spend the rest of it with you. So what do you say, Mom? It's your move.

**—THE SECOND OF THREE IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DEAR SECOND:** I pray your mother sees your letter and realizes how much a reunion would

mean to her children. Where there is life, there is hope.

**DEAR ABBY:** The reader who claimed the funny story about the drunken geese who were plucked because the owner thought they were dead plagiarized it from "Revenge of the Lawn," written and published by Richard Brautigan. The person probably meant no harm, but Mr. Brautigan deserves acknowledgment. If I'm not mistaken, his book came out in the mid-60s.

**CYNTHIA PECK, TORONTO**

**DEAR CYNTHIA:** Thank you for the information. Back in 1985 when I first printed the drunken geese story, no one wrote to inform me that it had been taken from a published book. Interestingly, this time several readers have sent me versions of the story, and each of them have claimed it is a true story from their family history.

I'm pleased that Mr. Brautigan has now received the credit he deserves.

Even the orchid has longer life than mankind

Most orchid plants live longer than most people.

Consider the average once-re-married woman: If widowed, her first marriage lasted eleven and a half years, and she married six years later at age 39. If divorced, her first marriage lasted six years, and she married four and a half years later at age 32.

Clients asks, "What's the most dangerous things in a typical household?" In descending order: bicycles, stairs and doors. At least, these turn up most often in the accident reports.

Yes, bats give birth while hanging upside down.

Five fat ladies in Sweden recently lost a lot of weight with



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out great discomfort. Balloons were inserted by catheter into their stomachs, then inflated. Thereafter, feeling well-fed, they didn't crave much food, and the pounds fell away.

The nobles of old France kept chefs. The revolutionists beheaded the nobles. The chefs were out of work. So they sold cooked food out of their own kitchens to make

enough money to stay alive. It marked the beginning of the restaurant business, an outgrowth of the French Revolution.

Which nation has the largest collection of battle flags captured by its troops in combat? Put that query to the fellow on the next stool. He'll do well to say Sweden — with more than 3,500 such flags in its archives.

Creative judges can give a little class to the law courts. Take that burglary case in Kennewick, Wash. The defendant was sentenced to pay the victim's theft insurance premiums for three years.

In the reformatory at Caserta, Italy, as guards watched a movie about five youthful prisoners who

escaped, five youthful prisoners escaped.

Experts say they estimate the value of an oriental rug by the number of knots per square inch.

Not just cells but all sorts of fish create electrical fields. Sharks possess small organs in their snouts to detect these fields. That's how a shark, it's said, can find a bottom-fish buried in the mud.

The inside of the sun — that's 99 percent of it — rotates six times faster than the outside of the sun.

Researchers commissioned by the perfume industry of France have found that French people bathe less frequently than citizens of any other country in Western Europe.

Even the orchid has longer life than mankind

profit will be expected.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Don't give up the ship! Continue project, you started three months ago. Many people remain discreet but secretly are "wishing you luck."

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Shake off emotional lethargy. Take cold plunge into your destiny and swim with gold strokes. Make fresh start, stake another chance on romance.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Favorable lunar aspect coincides with creative endeavor, challenge and variety. Focus on direction, motivation and decision relating to marriage.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will expand domestic horizons. You could add "game room" to home. Highlight versatility and diversity, and give full play to curiosity.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't attempt to please everyone. Do what you enjoy, and if you please yourself, that will be just fine. Keep

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# Idaho officials predict normal moisture, hope for better

BOISE (AP) — While the latest water predictions for the state indicate a near normal water year, officials are remaining cautiously optimistic while they wait to see what happens.

"We're off to a good start, and that's great, but we need it to continue," Jerry Neufeld, the University of Idaho's Canyon County Extension educator, said. "If we come out of this with a normal water year, the reservoirs are still pretty much empty, so it may get us through the year or not."

On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources and Conservation Service in Boise released its first forecast for the water year, which begins in October. Reports also will be issued in February, March and April.

The stream flow predictions released Tuesday were based on rainfall and snowpack measurements made at more than 100 sites in Idaho from October through December.

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— Jerry Neufeld, University of Idaho

Ron Abramovich, a water supply specialist with the agency, said snowpacks range from 85 to 160 percent of average, which is promising, but he points out that there is a lot of the season left.

"Nobody can say, 'The drought is over in Idaho,'" Abramovich said.

Although the agency is predicting stream flows that in most places will end the year at 100

percent of average or better, Abramovich said the snow on the ground now is only 35 to 65 percent of normal for the entire season, so things could change for better or worse in the next several months.

If the reservoirs do not refill, it also will mean another year that Idaho Power Co. will not be able to use its hydropower operations to their fullest potential.

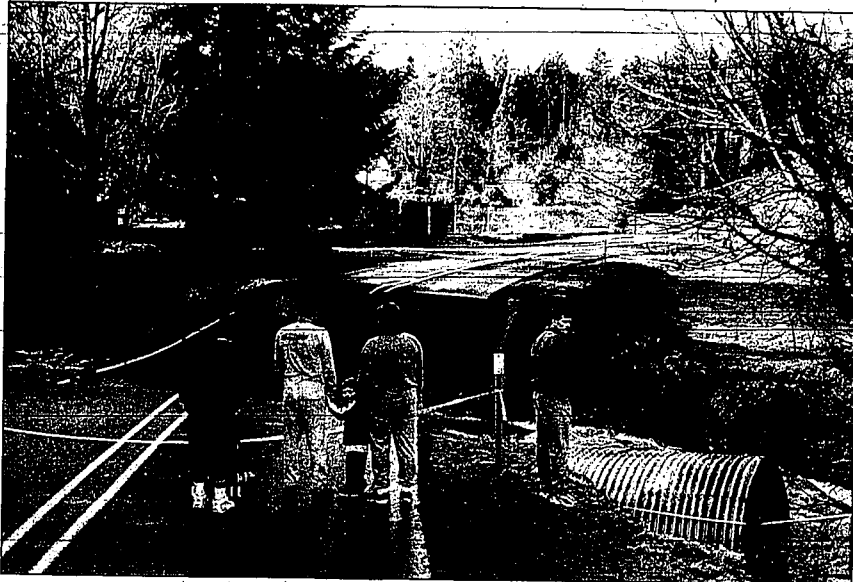
Normally, Idaho Power produces about 60 percent of its electricity from its hydropower opera-

tions, but last year's dry year dropped the company's output to 40 percent.

Idaho Power spokesman Dennis Lopez said a normal water year will not get the company back to full production because it is the water in the reservoirs behind the dams that the company uses to produce electricity.

"You have to remember that the reservoir systems are at 30 percent of capacity now," Lopez said, "which is about 50 percent of normal."

## SHALL WE TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER



Above, spectators look at the washed out Taylor Road in Brierly, Wash., Tuesday. Record-setting mild, wet weather has caused several rivers to overflow onto roads and farmland across Western Washington. Right, Val Culp looks over the remnants of her stepson and daughter-in-law's home on Kinkado Island, near Sequim on Tuesday. Flood waters from the Dungeness River undermined the home, causing it to collapse.



## Group seeks to list sage grouse as endangered

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A wildlife group wants a small population of sage grouse found along the Nevada-California line in the eastern Sierra to be listed as an endangered species.

The Institute for Wildlife Protection in Eugene, Ore., has filed a petition for an emergency listing with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The group's petition argues that the birds found in Mono County, Calif., and Lyon County, Nev., should be considered a "distinct population segment," separate from the Western grouse found in declining numbers throughout the region.

"The population requires federal protection, the petition said, because of the bird's threatened extinction from such factors as dwindling habitat, its isolation and a planned airport expansion in the winter resort town of Mammoth, Calif."

"Sage grouse would suffer not only from increased aircraft overflights and from construction, but also from increased road traffic and the increased development that additional flights would bring," the petition said.

Biologists have determined the birds targeted in the petition are "genetically unique," but have not concluded they are otherwise distinct.

Also, they are thought to be a subgroup of a larger population also found in surrounding counties, including Carson City, Mineral, Douglas and Esmeralda counties in Nevada and Inyo and

Alpine counties in California, said San Stiver, a leading sage grouse biologist with the Nevada Division of Wildlife.

Once abundant throughout the sagebrush terrain of western states, sage grouse numbers have declined by as much as 80 percent over the past 20 years.

Many states have been working on conservation plans to protect the bird and have off an Endangered Species Act listing, which would force strict land use and other regulatory restrictions.

"We're already well along in our conservation planning," said state wildlife spokesman Chris Healy.

"We realize there's some habitat problems out there," he said. "We're already on the ground planning and getting people involved."

Randi Thompson, spokeswoman for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Reno, said the federal agency will work with wildlife biologists in Nevada and California to determine if the birds found in the Mono Basin are a distinct population segment and in imminent danger of extinction.

If not, no action will be taken. Still, she said the latest petition highlights the importance of developing plans to protect the bird.

"We can't ignore the growing concern in the environmental community about sage grouse," Thompson said. "Thus, the conservation planning process must move forward. It's not an option anymore."

## Montana officials capture errant Yellowstone bison

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP) — Six bison bulls that strayed from Yellowstone National Park and were hazed and captured along the Madison River in Montana have been sent to slaughter, state officials said.

The Department of Livestock said there had been numerous failed attempts to move the animals back into Yellowstone.

The six bison tested positive for exposure to brucellosis and will be slaughtered and donated to American Indian tribes.

Brucellosis causes cows to abort their calves. There are no cattle in the area, where snow is up to 4 feet deep.

Snowmobiles were used to help move the bison, and cracker shells were used on private property in an attempt to drive them out of an enclosure, the state agency said.

Bison specialist Rob Tierney said about 18 bison were still outside park boundaries.

The protest group Buffalo Field Campaign said state agents used the explosive shells in an area closed to all human activity from Dec. 15 to Aug. 15 to protect bald eagle nest sites.

The promised to continue their campaign to protect the bison "until they have the right to use the National Forest lands surrounding the park."

## Report recounts coroner's drug woes

SPOKANE (AP) — Investigators spent four months searching through the trash of former Spokane County Medical Examiner George Lindholm to acquire the evidence that led to felony drug charges.

Two counts of drug possession were filed Tuesday in Spokane County Superior Court against Lindholm by the state attorney general's office, which is handling the case.

The charges allege Lindholm grew marijuana in his home and stole prescription medications from corpses.

Specifically, Lindholm is accused of possessing a potent prescription pain killer called hydromorphone.

In a prepared statement, defense attorney Carl Hueber said it is too early to speculate on the outcome of the case.

"Dr. Lindholm understands that his case will be handled in the same manner as other similar cases proceeding through the criminal justice system," Hueber said. "Those alternatives include proceeding to trial, entering into plea negotiations or participating in the Drug Court program."

Lindholm, who has no prior criminal history, is scheduled to be arraigned Jan. 23.

In 2000, Lindholm's office performed a record 411 autopsies.

It is unclear whether Lindholm's legal woes will encourage legal challenges to convictions that involved autopsies he performed. So far, no appeals based on his work have been filed.

Lindholm has testified on behalf of prosecutors in numerous criminal cases over the past 16 years. He resigned Aug. 10, a day after state drug agents raided his home.

A 307-page report on Lindholm by the Washington State Patrol and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration detailed how investigators combed through Lindholm's trash from April 17 to Aug. 7.

"It may not be people's perception of what the police ought to do, but it's legal," said Assistant Attorney General Brian Morian of Seattle.

Also in the report is an interview with Lindholm conducted by a State Patrol investigator and DEA agent after they raided

his home. Lindholm confessed to investigators that he had an addiction to drugs and alcohol, according to the report.

Lindholm became a target of investigators in December 2000 when his estranged wife, Ronnie Blackwell, revealed he was illegally providing her with drugs from the Spokane County morgue, according to the report.

Lindholm has said much of his addiction had to do with the fact Blackwell left him.

Hueber did not respond to specific allegations, but questioned the validity of her claims.

"Many of the allegations made by Dr. Lindholm's ex-wife were not substantiated by the investigation," Hueber said.

The report said that on May 15, investigators discovered five empty prescription bottles not issued in Lindholm's name.

Two prescription bottles were issued to two deceased women for Norvasc, which is a blood

thinner for heart attack patients. Two more were issued to two deceased men for Vioxx, which is an anti-inflammatory for joint pain, according to the report.

A fifth bottle was issued to a deceased woman for Lorazepam, an anti-depressant used for anxiety, tension and muscle spasms, the report said.

Subsequent searches netted empty bottles for other prescription drugs, which included Albuterol, Duratuss, Hydrocodone, Tetracycline, Oxycotin, Amoxicillin and Paxil, the report said.

Lindholm told investigators he tried to be careful to not allow his addiction to the pills and alcohol affect his work.

Hueber said Lindholm has voluntarily enrolled in a five-year drug treatment program administered by the Washington Physicians Health Program, which allows doctors to undergo treatment for drug problems without losing their licenses.

"There have been no restrictions placed on Lindholm's medical license, although he isn't practicing, Hueber said. "He looks forward to returning to work and continuing to serve the community as he has done throughout his career," Hueber said.

*"It may not be people's perception of what the police ought to do, but it's legal."*

— Brian Morian, Washington's assistant attorney general

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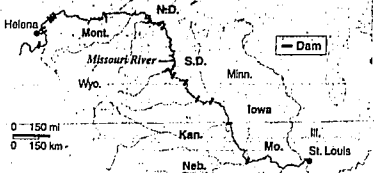
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# Study says river needs natural flow

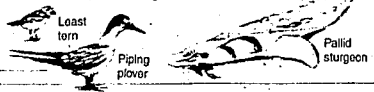
## Nature vs. commerce

Scientists say the natural habitat of the Missouri River has suffered greatly due to the dams and channels that provide flood control and better navigation. The river has lost about 200 meandering miles and three animals are on the endangered species list.



## Proposed solution

The National Research Council recommends the Missouri River return to a more natural flow and suggests possibly ending barge traffic on the lower third of the waterway. The report says that these actions could aid endangered species and improve up-river boating and fishing.



SOURCES: ESRI; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

for barge traffic at certain times" but lead to flooding of farmland and residential areas at other times. But the council said ending navigation along some segments of the lower 735 miles "where it is economically inefficient."

"Right now, the corps is limited

to considering it as all or nothing; we're recommending that Congress give the corps authority to consider it on a reach-by-reach basis," said Gerald E. Galloway Jr., a scientist who helped write the report.

Debate over changing the flow has divided upriver and down-

er lawmakers, including the two top Democrats in Congress: Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt. Daschle's home is South Dakota, where boaters, fishermen and the tourism industry want more water and would get it with a return to a more natural flow; Gephardt is from Missouri, where farmers and shipping interests would be hurt.

The council said Congress should require that improving ecological conditions hold the same importance as barge traffic, flood control and hydropower. Critics have said those interests often have superseded environmental concerns.

The council acknowledged allowing the river to meander again would require a much wider public corridor in some areas and "relocation may represent a viable option in some instances." However, the council cautioned that any displacement of residents must be conducted very carefully, "as it may entail significant monetary and psychological costs."

Scientists who helped write the report played down relocation, saying they did not intend to push that issue and that reconnecting the river to its flood plain would require close cooperation with residents.

"There are willing sellers" in the flood plain, Galloway said. "You need to look at all the trade-offs. There is no proposal that defines any sort of push toward relocation."

# Judge halts government funds to faith-based agency

MILWAUKEE - A federal judge has ordered the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development to stop funding a faith-based agency in Milwaukee that uses spirituality to help fathers recover from addictions and get jobs.

The program had been praised by former Gov. Tommy G. Thompson, now U.S. secretary of health and human service, and by then-presidential candidate George W. Bush, who stopped there during a 2000 campaign visit here.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb ruled Tuesday that the constitutional requirement of church-state separation was violated by more than \$500,000 in state grants that have been given to Faith Works.

The agency operates a residential treatment program in a former convent. It provides addiction, job and family counseling to men who have children on public assistance. Clients can remain in residence up to a year, longer than other residential treatment programs here.

## Couple will be deported 11 years after visas expired

BRECKSVILLE, Ohio - A Polish couple who overstayed their visas by more than a decade will be deported, despite a plea from their 8-year-old American-born son to President Bush.

Sylwester-Boryka, 34, will leave for Warsaw on Friday and will immediately file papers to return to this Cleveland suburb. His wife, Mariola Boryka, 35, must then return to Poland and go through the same process.

The couple arrived from Poland in 1990 on tourist visas. The Immigration and Naturalization Service began deportation proceedings in 1991 after the visa expired. The couple ignored an order to leave the country in 1999 because it was being appealed, their attorney said.

In early 2000, the INS ordered the couple deported for overstaying their visas. They were detained that December, after

## Nation in brief

Mariola Boryka was stopped during a routine traffic check.

## Ex-nuke plant worker faces charges of making threats

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. - A maintenance mechanic recently fired from a nuclear plant was arrested for allegedly threatening former co-workers. A cache of 250 weapons was found in his home and a rented storage locker, authorities said.

The 43-year-old man, whose name was not released, may have wanted revenge over losing his job at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station plant several weeks ago, authorities said.

Ray Golden, a spokesman for Southern California Edison, which runs the plant, declined to say Wednesday why the man was fired. He said the man had worked at the plant since 1984, however his access permit to the nuclear reactor area had been revoked in 1995 and never restored. Golden would not say why.

## Former labor secretary confirms candidacy

BOSTON - Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich announced Wednesday that he will run for governor of Massachusetts; his first bid for elected office.

Reich, a Democrat, said he planned to focus on the state economy and the "mess" he accused Acting Gov. Jane Swift of making at the Massachusetts Port Authority, which runs Logan Airport and other transportation agencies.

He said he planned to outline specific proposals today in Lawrence for reducing the earnings gap between rich and poor.

Reich, a native of Scranton, Pa., stepped down from President Clinton's cabinet in 1997. He is currently a professor of social and economic policy at Brandeis University.

- compiled from wire reports

# Bush's choice for GOP chairman tries to duck criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) - Marc Racicot, President Bush's choice to head the Republican Party, said Wednesday he will cease being a lobbyist in hopes of quelling criticism surrounding his selection.

Critics had said his dual role, approved by Bush in December, would give Racicot's clients special access to congressional and White House officials. The former Montana governor said in a telephone interview that he paid heed to the criticism.

"To be very candid, as I reviewed the situation, thought



Marc Racicot

I'm elected to serve as chairman of the RNC, although I'll continue to practice law in other forms,

about it and listened to discussions both public and private, it appeared to me that the boundaries had to be further defined.

"As a result of that, I've decided that if

I will not represent the interests of clients before the Congress or the administration."

Racicot, chosen by Bush on Dec. 5, said at the time he would continue lobbying for a Washington law firm while serving the Republican National Committee for free. Bush's choice must be approved by RNC members later this month.

Racicot's election was never in doubt, but senior Republicans, including some Bush advisers, worried that questions were being raised about the ethics of

the arrangement.

Racicot said the job offer came from Bush with little notice so he didn't have much time to consider the impact of lobbying while serving as GOP chairman.

"No one asked or required or suggested" that he stop lobbying in light of the criticism, Racicot said. "I just know his expectations in terms of ethical behavior and performance of duty and I wanted him ... to know that there was just not going to be any possibility of compromising those beliefs that he holds."

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## Winter's gift to men

I earned my first ice-covered beard over Christmas. I spent much of my youth pouring over climbing and outdoor magazines, seeing pictures of rugged men with full, ice-caked beards.

My dad also kept old slides of his climbing excursions with his buddies. I loved looking at their misty breath from in the air. I loved the ice caves. The images stirred me: wool balaclavas, crampons, sunglasses, ice axes.



ROADS LESS TRAVELED  
Christian Draper

But most intriguing and wonderful was the full crust of ice on hairy faces. That was the image of a perfect man.

I love winter. I enjoy camping in the snow. I love the crispness you feel when you step out from a warm house into a sub-freezing day.

One winter while camping in the White Mountains of northern Arizona, my dad and I hopped on some cross-country skis and skated into the woods at midnight. The moon was full and glowed against the snow. The air was still, the lighting surreal.

Our panting breath hung in swirls as we swooshed our way forward through the night. I can still hear the sound of our poles creaking in the snow.

But, at that time, a beard was not an option for me; puberty was still in the works.

Frankly, my beard has been slow in coming. In high school, I could still go a week without shaving. There are some (mostly my sisters) who would argue that the once-a-week shave was only nominal anyway.

So, when my brother, Jacob, and I set off on a hike in the mountains of Chignik Bay, Alaska, the winter of my junior year, I still couldn't hope for an icy beard.

It was cold that day. Days of 15-degree weather following a warm spell had given the four feet of snow on the ground a shell about two inches thick. It easily supported my weight.

We usually had to plow our way through the underbrush of salmon berry bush and alder tree when we hiked in Chignik, but this day we were able to walk on top of the snow through the skeletal tips of the winter-dead trees. We crossed over the hills, crossed a frozen lake and tromped into the mountains. We slid back down the hills on our boots, hunkering down to maintain our balance. My coat iced up around my mouth, but it was no beard.

Now, however, my beard comes and goes as I please.

This Christmas, after 26 and a half years of waiting, I finally achieved an icy beard.

The day after Christmas, my wife, Valerie, and I went cross-country skiing with her family at Harriman State Park in eastern Idaho. The temperature was around 15 degrees, the coldest I had been in a long time. It felt great.

The weather was calm and the sun was bright.

We spent all afternoon on the trails skirting Harriman Lake - up and down hills, turning to watch each other try to keep balance on the slopes in our narrow skis.

As dusk approached, we picked up our pace to get back before darkness set in. When we reached the van, I felt the ice on my face.

"How's the ice on my beard?" I asked Valerie.

Hardly waiting for an answer I ran inside the lodge to look at my face in the bathroom mirror.

The frost on my beard had melted leaving a series of tiny beads of water on the whiskers.

I smiled. I hadn't seen it, but I knew it had been there - an icy beard. My journey to manhood was complete.

Christian Draper is a copy editor for the Times-News, and can be reached at cdraper@magicalvalley.com.

# A different kind of hunt



A fawn sprints away after receiving its new collar as part of a four-year fawn mortality study being conducted by the Department of Fish and Game. The collar will fall off as the fawn outgrows it.

LISA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

## Trappings help monitor deer growth in southern Idaho

By Stu Murrell  
Times-News correspondent

Down! The cry was heard by 39 people helping to trap mule deer earlier this month in the South Hills. This was part of a four-year monitoring program being conducted by the Department of Fish and Game on 10 study areas in southern Idaho.

How do you trap these critters that can evade man so easily on foot in the winter time? Nets are used that are loosely held up by poles. The trapping site is hidden so when a deer tops the ridge, followed by the helicopter, they run into the nets, collapsing them, allowing the people hidden nearby to capture the entangled deer.

*The study in the South Hills has shown coyotes and mountain lions are some of the mortality factors on fawns. However, one of the main reasons for hunters finding fewer deer in the South Hills has been the extensive wild and man-caused fires that have burned much of the winter range from Nat-Soo-Pah to Oakley.*

Small groups of deer are herded slowly into the net site to allow the "muggers" time to weigh the deer, take body measurements and place radio collars on the fawns. These fawn collars send out signals when they are moving and can be tracked by radio monitoring equipment in their travels.

If they die and are still for about four hours, the signal changes and biologists check to determine how or why they died. Malnutrition is still one of the main factors in fawn deaths and can lead to increased effects of predation. The collars are attached loosely by rubber tubing and, as the fawn grows, are normally dropped in late spring. This

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Deer are herded toward the nets (bottom right) by a helicopter which tries to separate the fawns from the adults.

LISA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

# Avalanche busters try to keep the slopes safe



Gary Murphy, head avalanche forecaster at Alpine Meadows ski resort in Alpine Meadows, Calif., looks over the cornice at T-Bar Ridge and tries to decide whether to set off a charge for avalanche control Dec. 21.

## Job is not yet down to an exact science

By Mary Thompson  
Reno Gazette-Journal

TAHOE CITY, Calif. - It's 6:45 a.m. and darker than normal on the Friday before Christmas, as a thick, moist fog squeezes around the top of Alpine Meadows Ski Resort's Wolverine Bowl. "I've got fire," patroller Rick Hart says as teams of patrollers leaping by each other at the crest of the prominent ridge that crowns the area's western boundary.

They've been tossing 2-pound sticks of dynamite onto the 15-foot-high cornice that looms over the milky white bowl, hoping to awaken any sleepy avalanches that might be hiding unnoticed.

With 10 feet of snow already packed in at the top of the mountain, December has ranked as Alpine Meadows' fourth heaviest in 31 years. The patrollers, who normally don't have to come to work until 8 a.m., have already logged nine days of pre-dawn snow safety sessions this season.

On maximum snow days, more than 350 hand charges are exploded to make the resort safe. On this day, only about half that amount is needed as snow

conditions stabilized except for a few pockets of moderate slide activity on the outskirts of the areas boundary.

Dan Whittaker, 48, quizzes his three younger co-workers on the intricacies of the Wolverine route in preparation for what could be a record year of snowfall and, subsequently, avalanche work if the storm pattern persists.

"What do you need to know about this slope?" Whittaker barks from a rocky outcrop on the crest.

"The route below," second-year patroller Ryan Erickson replies. "Watch out for the route below."

"Go," Whittaker says, satisfied with the answer.

They move to a break in the cornice and cross the steep slope one-by-one to a safe haven under a craggy face.

Moving down a lateral ridge, more bombs are tossed. More questions are asked. There is little to no slide activity.

"I'm going to put fire here but not over there. Do you agree with that?" Whittaker says. "I'm only asking because this is what you're going to ask you when they bring you out here

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OUTDOORS

Bird can't be kept, regardless of circumstances

Question: I found a beautiful great horned owl killed by a car along the roadway. How do I get a permit to have it mounted so I can display it at my residence?

Answer: Unfortunately, you will not be able to obtain a permit to keep this owl.

State and federal laws protect all hawks, owls, falcons, and eagles known as raptors. You are prohibited from possessing any whole animals or their parts. Some individuals and businesses possess mounted birds that were obtained prior to passage of the laws protecting them. Those indi-



ASK THE OFFICER Gary Hompland

viduals are allowed to retain their mounted specimens but are not allowed to replace them.

Except for species listed as threatened or endangered, only accredited educational institutions and museums are allowed a permit to possess protected species. Native Americans are

also allowed to possess them as part of their Native American heritage, culture and religion.

To obtain protected species or their parts Native Americans must apply through their tribe to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Eagle and Wildlife Service Repository in Commerce City, Colo.

As winter snow covers the ground, cleared roadways are where birds of prey successfully locate and capture much of their food. The black asphalt absorbs heat from the sun and contains small amounts of food available for many rodents and small birds.

When birds of prey hunt along roadways they are vulnerable to collisions with automobiles.

Individuals that pick up protected species may turn them into their nearest Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional office. If motorists take a little extra care to avoid hitting these birds of prey we can all enjoy them in their wild setting.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Submit your questions to him at www.2.state.id.us/fishgame.

Cross country club offers free lessons

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

Magic Mountain Ski resort is located south of Hansen on Road Creek Road. Participants will be furnished skis, poles, and boots. They also will be given lessons on skiing techniques, safety and will be able to use the equipment for an hour.

For information contact Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

Pebble Creek Ski Area offers telemark lessons

INCOM - If you've always wanted to learn to Telemark, now is your chance. Pebble Creek Ski Area is offering introductory Telemark lessons on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Lesson check in is at 9:30 a.m. Lessons are for persons from age 10 and up. The program includes a morning and afternoon lesson and a beginner area lift ticket. The cost is \$20.

Outdoors in brief

Participants need to rent equipment on their own. Rentals are available from the Outdoor Program at Idaho State University.

Reservations are recommended but not required. To reserve call Pebble Creek at 775-4452 or 775-4453.

National Elk Refuge starts supplemental feeding

JACKSON, Wyo. - The National Elk Refuge will start its supplemental feeding for elk on Thursday.

Last year's extremely dry weather has drastically reduced natural forage, refuge manager Barry Reising said.

The program provides about a third of the food the elk need to survive in the winter. It usually lasts about two months.

Elk graze on the 24,700-acre refuge from November to May. About 4,000 elk are grazing on the southern end of the refuge. - compiled from staff and wire reports

Professor works to stop decline of sage grouse

MOSCOW (AP) - Wildlife Professor Kerry Reese wants to know how to stop the high death rate among young sage grouse.

Initial estimates indicate that 75 percent of sage grouse chicks die in their first ten weeks.

The University of Idaho professor and graduate student Nathan Burkepile are conducting a four-year study to determine the survival and habitat use of sage grouse chicks in their first ten weeks of life.

They are working in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Bureau of Land Management.

After looking at discouraging statistics that show sage grouse declines-of-up-to-80-percent-in

some areas of the United States, Reese said he feels a sense of urgency to protect the young birds.

"Sage grouse, like sagebrush, are symbols of the West. There were two million before white settlers came here, now these birds occur in only 11 states."

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Burkepile will investigate the causes of mortality in newborn to ten-day-old chicks by attaching a

radio tag that weighs a single gram to each chicks back. The tags work for thirty days and track the chicks movements within a 400 meter range.

"We compare the habitat of chicks that die to the habitat of chicks that live to predict what habitat factors might help survival," Reese said.

Reese and other wildlife experts point to several reasons for the dramatic decline in sage grouse. Among them is loss of habitat due to farming, wildfire, drought, invasion of exotic plant species and an increase in the number of power poles that attract hawks and other birds that prey on the grouse. "It's a package of changes in rangeland systems that have caused the number of birds to decline," Reese said. "They are all tied together."

- Kerry Reese, University of Idaho

Proposed rule aims to save burbot population

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - In the early 1970s anglers on the Kootenai River used minnows to haul in burbot. Some people reported catching 40 fish a night.

But the burbot population collapsed in just a few years under the pressure of heavy fishing and changing river flows from an upstream dam in Montana.

Now state wildlife officials are trying to remove one of the last remnants of those burbot sport fishing days, preparing legislation to ban the use of live minnows as bait on the Kootenai River.

"We've been panning up haystacks since the first snow after Thanksgiving," Pitman said. "It's impossible to feed every deer in the area, and not every deer needs to be fed."

The department received 30 tons of feed on Thursday and expected to double that next week.

species to rivers and lakes. Introduction of new species are pretty risky, especially when you have no idea what's in the bait bucket," Corsi said.

The proposed ban is expected to have little impact along the river, where burbot fishing has been banned for a decade and state biologists have struggled to find remaining fish.

Burbot, a sleek-swimming freshwater cod, showed a decline as early as the 1930s, but their numbers dropped further when the Libby Dam was built in Montana in 1975. The dam creates increased flows in the winter and higher water temperatures, changes that biologists think helped bring about the burbot's crash.

The population, which once numbered in the tens of thousands, has been estimated at less than 1,000. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is reviewing whether to place the burbot on the endangered species list.

Wildlife officials say banning minnows also will benefit other struggling fish, including endangered sturgeon and bull trout.

Fish and Game tries to keep hungry animals from homes

"We have seen in several of our survey areas that the deer are leaving the valleys where the mountainside snow is thinning and moving to higher elevations to get away from the cold that the valleys hold."

- Dexter Pitman, Fish and Game regional supervisor

POCATELLO (AP) - Deep snow and cold temperatures have forced big game into the valleys of southern Idaho and game officers are establishing feeding stations to direct their activities.

Feeding and fencing wildlife keeps the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and dozens of volunteers running. Twenty-one deer feeding stations have been established from Pocatello to Montpelier.

Antelope and elk feeding areas have also been established to move them away from larger ranches and dairies they have been frequenting.

"This winter started out horribly for wildlife and drove them into the valleys early," Fish and

Game regional supervisor Dexter Pitman said. As the big game animals move into the lower elevations, they start running into humans, with bad results.

The department is meeting the feeding needs in most areas, except for the Pocatello suburbs.

Pitman asked residents there to encourage deer to leave their backyards.

"People need to remove feed sources from their yards by wrapping their shrubs with burlap and panning any hay they have," he said.

"We have seen in several of

our survey areas that the deer are leaving the valleys where the mountainside snow is thinning and moving to higher elevations to get away from the cold that the valleys hold."

Fish and Game is feeding 300 head of antelope in the Big Desert northwest of town and panning haystacks throughout the region to keep elk out.

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Avalanche

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The final charge booms from the Sisters knoll. By now, the sun has poked over the ridge and the team radios dispatch that the route is complete. They reap the rewards of dawn patrol and make their marks in the 10 inches of fresh, unwrinkled snow on their way to the base.

"Peanut butter and jelly" is what avalanche forecaster Gary Murphy calls it after a closer look at its structure.

"There's a heavier, windblown layer on top of this really dry powder," Murphy says.

He's been awake since 4 a.m., checking on-site weather stations from his home computer. An hour later he's fumbling around in the dark at the National Weather Service on-mountain station, checking water densities and temperature readings that varied throughout the night.

Conditions are threatening enough to call the crew in early and by 6:15 a.m., a pack of golden retriever rescue dogs and their ski patrol owners crowd into a small meeting room.

Murphy illustrates his analysis of the newly fallen snow on a board hanging beneath a collage of bent skis, knee braces and a ski area boundary sign that has been chewed through by mammals. Also intertwined in the items are the skis of Bernie Kingery, Murphy's boss who died in Alpine's 1982 avalanche that plowed from the top of the resort and into the lodge also killing six others.

Given the job of forecaster the year after the big slide, Murphy gets paid to predict what he calls the unpredictable.

At 53, his white mustache matches the snow. "The famous saying is that the avalanche doesn't know you're an expert," Murphy says. "Just when you think you've got it figured out something happens."

This year, that "something" was a natural avalanche that ripped loose Dec. 2 from the top of Beaver Bowl and rumbled over a knoll to the Kangaroo lift, near the base of the mountain. A snow groomer in his machine was near the lift. Two lift attendants were swept away, but pit out to the surface as the avalanche



Alpine Meadows Ski Patrol members Nicholas Maspeyrrat, front, and Ryan Erickson make a steep traverse in Wolverine bowl to check the results of their avalanche control blasting Dec. 21 at Alpine Meadows, Calif.

On the Net

U.S. Forest Service avalanche Web site: http://www.avalanche.org

The safety of skier compacted slopes or the sense of a seasoned ski patrol staff to sniff out dangers.

Three snowmobilers and a snowshoer in Alaska and a back-country skier in Colorado died in the current ski season.

About the only outside assessment is a U.S. Forest Service rating of Sierra conditions that should be used only as a reference, says Forest Service snow ranger Bob Moore, of the Tahoe National Forest.

"It's to be used as a general guideline, so that people can make their own decision on what they want to do or where they

want to go," Moore says.

Novice backcountry travelers should take the time to learn about avalanches through a class and invest in proper safety gear, Murphy advises.

"They need a probe, a good shovel and transceivers," Murphy adds. "And they need to know how to use them. A transceiver won't prevent you from getting caught. It will only help your partner find you if you get buried. So they only work as good as your partner knows how to use them."

"Transceivers are something we practice daily at the resort."

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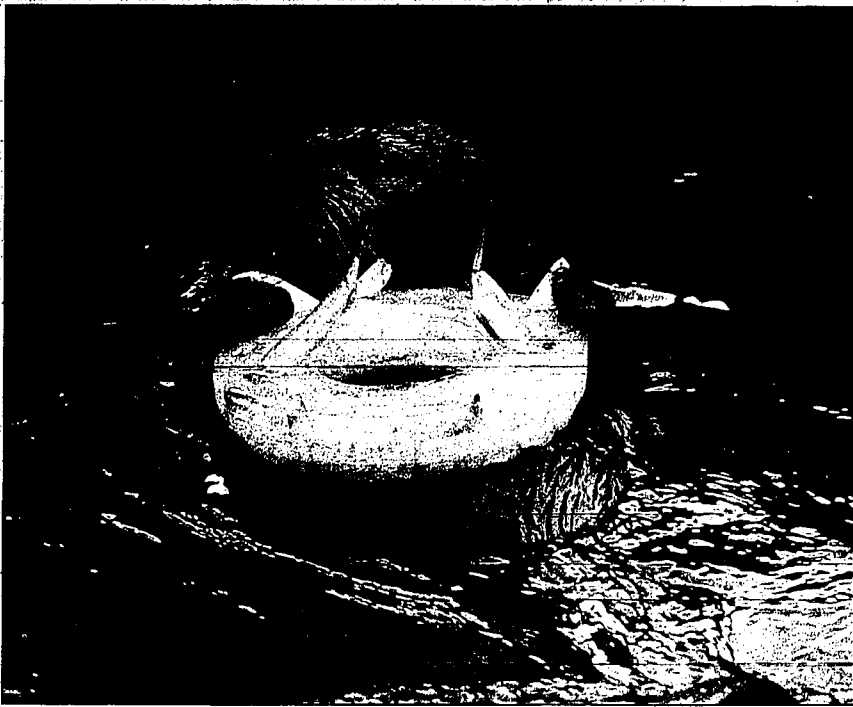
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, OZZIE



Ozzie the otter celebrates his first birthday with a treat of fish and crab at the Oregon Zoo in Portland Jan. 3. Weighing nearly 50 pounds, Ozzie is the first Southern sea otter to be conceived, born and raised by his mother at a zoo or aquarium. In the past year Ozzie has spent his time in the company of his mother, Thelma, learning to forage on his own and groom himself. He is still separated from his father, Eddio, because of Eddio's potential to do the pup harm. Ozzie's arrival a year ago caught zoo officials off guard, because his mother was not yet three years old and sea otters usually don't reach sexual maturity until age four.

Deer

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allows the expensive collar (\$220 each) to be reused if found again. They are good for about 42 months of signals.

The captured adult bucks and does are ear-tagged and released. The returns of these ear tags provide information on areas the deer have moved into during the deer season.

Some of the main objectives for the monitoring study include fawn survival, estimating the annual increase in a deer herd, and relating the type of habitat to deer populations.

For example, it was found the fawns weighed more in southeastern Idaho and Hells Canyon due to better soils and habitat. The Twin Falls (South Hills) and Challis areas had some of the smallest fawns. All of the study areas showed effects of the drought with fawn weights dipping in 1999 and 2000 from 1998.

Randy Smith, Region 4 wildlife manager, said the worst combination was low fawn weights (drought caused), followed by a severe winter. This was the situation in 1992-93 when southern Idaho mule deer herds crashed.

The study in the South Hills has shown coyotes and mountain lions are some of the mortality factors on fawns. However, one of the main reasons for huppers

finding fewer deer in the South Hills has been the extensive wild and man-caused fires that have burned much of the winter range from Nat-Soo-Pah to Oakley. This area used to have extensive stands of bitterbrush and sagebrush that provided both food and protection from winter storms. This will be a long-term loss since it takes 20 to 30 years for these stands to grow back.

Smith started the deer herd from North Cottonwood Canyon east to Rock Creek has dropped from about 2,500 animals to 1,000, or less than half. This is the area on which the deer trap was situated for the study.

The trapping operation this month netted 23 fawns, 10 adult does and two adult bucks. There were "muggers" from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and many civilian volunteers and Fish and Game reservists.

It is amazing how powerful a 100-pound deer can be, and several people are needed to handle each animal. The weather was perfect for the day's operation (three other attempts had been scrubbed because of bad weather for flying) and the number of animals captured was sufficient to meet the needs of the study.



Fish and Game employees and volunteers weigh each fawn, a key element in the study as malnutrition is one of the main factors in fawn mortality.

Antarctica presents serious skiing

By Matt Hansen  
Jackson Hole Guide

JACKSON, Wyo. — Climbing up an icy face on the Nordenskjold Peak — a 7,500-foot peak on South Georgia Island near Antarctica — Jackson residents John Gribber and Rick Armstrong were presented with one of those soul-searching moments that hits every climber if he stays with the sport long enough — to continue or turn around.

The wind had been intense up until that point, at times the previous night gusting up to 130 mph and destroying their bulky, expedition-strength tents.

Nordenskjold Peak has one of the most sustained steep faces that the two alpinists had ever seen. Having climbed and skied in some of the most formidable mountain ranges on earth, Armstrong and Gribber know mountainous terrain well.

In their estimation, the peak had more than 4,000 feet of vertical on a 50- to 55-degree slope nearly the entire way. The face consisted of blue ice that was covered with perhaps a half inch of new snow.

Climbing up the face to try to make its first descent, Gribber and Armstrong were definitely in the mental zone.

Then Armstrong was hit with a powerful, 45-mph gust, and he made the decision to climb down.

Gribber, who was climbing 800 feet below Armstrong, decided to keep going despite the dangers.

The weather broke in his favor until he reached a ridge perhaps 800 feet from the summit. There he clipped into his snowboard, and an hour later, after side-slipping, edging and scoring a few nice turns, he was rejoicing with his pals at the base of the mountain.

"I'm never too proud to say I side-slipped it," Gribber said this week after he and Armstrong returned to Jackson. "I always want to go home."

Gribber and Armstrong were members of the B e e n d E n d u r a n c e Expedition: South Georgia Island. The crew of six consists of some of America's best big mountain

skiers, snowboarders and filmmakers — Doug Stoup, a snowboarder from California; Hilaree Nelson, a skier from Telluride and Tom Day and John Teaford, cinematographers from Warren Miller Films.

The expedition, sponsored by The North Face, Outdoor Life Network, and Warren Miller Films, spanned 40 days and took its members to one of the most remote, rugged and wild places on earth. South Georgia Island is only accessible by a four-day ship ride through the rough Scotia Sea, located off the southern tip of South America.

Gribber was the only member of the crew to snowboard or ski Nordenskjold, but everybody was

able to get some turns during the expedition.

Nordenskjold Peak is the second highest peak on South Georgia Island. Mount Faget, the peak the expedition initially intended to ski, is the highest peak on the island.

Paget could not be skied because it was entombed in blue ice. But from the 60-foot schooner out on the sea, the team could see that Nordenskjold was white.

"It was one of the most beautiful peaks I've ever seen in my life," Gribber said of Nordenskjold. "It looked whiter than all of the rest. So we focused on it."

Because it looked whiter?

The island is so far away and so hard to get to that not that many humans have climbed or skied there. Therefore, the maps are vague, which tested the expedition members' route-finding skills over glaciers, crevasses and ice falls.

The lack of detail on the maps allowed the team to select which peaks they wanted to ski simply by looking to the horizon from the ship. They had very little to go by, so they went with color.

"It's pretty unique to be on a ship on a bluebird day and to be able to look up and pick the peak you want to climb," Gribber said.

More than anything else, the violent wind was the theme of

the trip. Once camping at the base of Nordenskjold on Oct. 31, the expedition had to wait for nearly three days for the weather to moderate. But the mountain was covered in ice and wasn't skiable and the wind was furious.

Then it snowed and the team charged for the peak the morning of Nov. 2. Gribber was the only one to make it close to the summit.

Armstrong, in retrospect, believes he still made the right decision to climb down.

"There's a matter of thinking that if we get hit by these winds, we are going to die. We could've had every piece of protection and we still would've been blown off," Armstrong said. "Looking back on it, I still think it was the right decision. It's the good decisions that give you the opportunity to go up into these mountains."

The night before they climbed Nordenskjold, wind gusting up to 130 mph destroyed two of the crew's three tents. Fortunately, their ship, the Golden Fleece, was waiting nearby for them after the Nordenskjold attempt.

From Nordenskjold, they sailed around the island and had several chances to find good snow on big mountains.

"We were forced to change our game plan because we didn't have any tents," Armstrong said. "We went to the southern end of the island where we were able to ski several peaks that came straight out of the water."

*"It was one of the most beautiful peaks I've ever seen in my life."*

— John Gribber

Officials seek volunteers for game feeding efforts

BOISE (AP) — With big game feeding efforts continuing in the Garden Valley and Lowman areas, officials are looking for volunteers to help.

"We want to invite anyone who would like to help out with the effort to give us a call," John Nagel, the landowner/sportsman coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said. "Any length of service would be appreciated, from one day to several days or weeks."

The winter feeding. The effort began in mid-December with more than 30 feed sites. Nagel said the department will continue to feed as long as needed.

"The feed sites have been divided into three feed routes to reduce the work load," Nagel said. "It will take a volunteer anywhere from three to five hours to drive a feed route and refill feed bunkers if needed."

Anyone who is interested in volunteering is asked to call the department's southwest region office.

Hardy souls brave cold in search of walleye

ASHLAND, Wis. (AP) — A frigid northwest wind beat against the backs of a handful of hardy souls braving the cold and thin ice for the chance to wet a line.

The current post-Christmas cold snap has laid enough ice on Chequamegon Bay that a few ice fishermen have felt compelled to go in search of Lake Superior walleye. To at least two of the anglers, though, the chase was more important than the outcome.

"I get out here as often as I can," said Mason's John Brilla while keeping an eye on his line through the ice near Ashland's ore dock. "This is the only place to fish to heck with those other lakes."

Brilla said he was hoping for walleye, but in the three-and-a-half hours he had been on the line, the only fish that took his bait was a 27 1/2-inch brown trout. The afternoon's slow pace didn't faze Brilla at all, though.

"It's nice and peaceful out here," he said, looking across the frozen bay toward the setting

sun. "I came out during the (Packers-Vikings) game because I figured there wouldn't be as many people then."

Brilla also said the thin ice — he was fishing on about 2 1/2 inches — keeps the crowds down.

"A lot of my friends don't like going on thin ice," he explained. "When it gets thicker, we get a big crew."

The thin ice provided most of the evening's excitement for another ice fisherman, too.

It took Joel Glickman only a few turns of his hand auger to get through the 3 1/2 inches of ice he was on.

"It's just a little alarming to drill through that fast," Glickman said with a grin. "It's like 'Oh boy! Oh heck!'"

Glickman was on the bay for just about an hour, looking for walleye, but willing to take perch, before he called it quits as the sun sank below Ino.

"I prefer going to inland lakes," Glickman explained. "But I come out here when time is short."

and the other anglers were braving the thin ice for some line time.

"The best ice fishing is at the ends of the season, early and late," he said. "The whole middle of the season is just exercise and a nice communion with nature. Any fish that come your way is just an added bonus."

Not everyone on the lake came with a fishing rod. Steve Maderich braved the wind to take his dog Sadie for a walk to visit the ice fishermen. Even he was not without fishing-related plans, though.

"I'm lazy and like to take my machines ice fishing," he said. "There's not quite enough ice yet, but maybe I'll try Tuesday."

Though the wind was cold, it didn't seem to bother the anglers.

"The wind has a little bite to

it," Glickman said, "but it's always cold until you get a bite. Then you warm up."

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Ameristar promotes woman to VP post

**JACKPOT, Nev.**—Las Vegas-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. — a major Magic Valley employer at its Jackpot operations — promoted Angie Baker to senior vice president of operations.



"She will continue to be responsible for gaming and hotel operations, along with overseeing operational aspects of the company's construction projects. Priorities for the year include the new facility in St. Charles, Mo., and a parking garage in Kansas City, Mo."

Baker, who has been with Ameristar since 1984, previously was general manager of The Reserve Hotel Casino in Henderson, Nev. Earlier, she was general manager of Cactus Pines, a Jackpot resort casino owned and operated by Ameristar.

### Workshop aims to help fruit-growing families

**PARMA** — Orchard families can get free lunch and training.

USDA's Risk Management Agency, Idaho Department of Agriculture, University of Idaho, Washington State University Cooperative Extension and USDA's Farm Service Agency will present a 1 1/2-day workshop to help Idaho's orchard families survive today's tree fruit industry.

The workshop, titled "Survival Strategies for Idaho Orchard Families," is scheduled for Jan. 25-26 at the Parma Research and Extension Center in Parma. The workshop is free and includes lunch on Jan. 25, sponsored by the state Agriculture Department.

"The situation most family orchardists are facing today is extremely stressful — with the changes taking place in agriculture," said Dave Paul, director of Risk Management Agency's regional office serving Idaho.

"Because of the current economic situation, being successful 20 years ago doesn't mean automatic success today. This workshop is designed to give today's orchardists today's tools for success."

Topics include creating a vision for the future of a family and orchard; marketing strategies; improving communication skills with agriculture professionals; developing management skills; using replant analysis; and managing production risks, including use of USDA's whole farm crop insurance pilot program.

For information and to register, call Maurine Baucum of the U of I at 722-6701, Ext. 228, or Jo Lynne Seuffer of the Risk Management Agency at (509) 353-2147.

### Regulators expedite Osko drug store purchase

**BOISE** — Federal regulators are expediting the sale of 80 Osko Drug stores in New England to the corporate parent of the region's Brooks Pharmacy.

The Federal Trade Commission announced this week it was waiving the remainder of the waiting period for the sale by Albertson's Inc. of Boise to Maxd Drug Inc. for \$240 million.

Executives at Albertson's, the nation's No. 2 food and drug retailer, and Brooks Pharmacy, the region's oldest drug store chain, said the waiver will permit the sale of stores in Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire to close this month.

"Brooks is an exceptional company with a proven track record," Albertson's Chairman Larry Johnston said. "Albertson's looks forward to a seamless transition for our customers and associates."

Brooks Pharmacy has annual revenues of more than \$1 billion. Based in Warwick, R.I., the company has more than 5,000 employees and operates 250 stores in six states.

Albertson's has projected annual revenue at about \$36 billion this year. It has more than 2,500 stores and 232,000 employees in 36 states, including Magic Valley stores.

Compiled from wire and staff reports.

# SURVIVING A SLOWDOWN

## Speakers give small business owners strategies

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Collect what customers owe — Treat employees well, whether you lay them off or not. And don't stop advertising when the economy takes a turn down, speakers told small-business owners Wednesday.

The Idaho Small Business Development Center drew a

crowd that filled a College of Southern Idaho lecture room Wednesday for a workshop on staying up in a down economy.

It's important that Idaho small businesses do survive the economic slowdown.

In Idaho, 55 percent of employees work for small businesses, headline speaker U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson told workshop attendees, praising small employers as

the engine of economic strength and growth.

"Most innovation comes from small businesses," he said. But it's hard to be a small business.

In 2000, more than 74,000 pages of rules and regulations were added to the federal registry, Simpson said.

"And you have to know these," he told workshop attendees.

Another complication for small businesses is the difficulty of finding out what government resources — grants and the like — are available to small businesses. Simpson invited small-business owners to call his staff member Linda Culver, who specializes in tracking those resources.

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# Crushing cost of education



Jessica Lopez, 24, stands on the campus of Florida International University in Miami. Lopez considers her lucky because all she has is about \$2,000 in credit card debt after graduating from college — a "tiny" amount compared to other people she knows, she said.

## Young college grads face large debts — and a recession

The Associated Press

Christian Miller can't get a car loan and, at age 27, has returned to his parents' New Jersey home, forced back by the double load of credit card debt and student loans.

Like other twentysomethings across America, he's found that graduating from college means having to face tens of thousands

of dollars in debt. Some even drop out before they finish school, while a growing number are declaring bankruptcy.

"It stinks," says Miller, who arrived on his parents' Livingston, N.J., doorstep on New Year's Eve two years ago.

Financial experts predict this year's graduates will have an even tougher time. Never has a generation entered a recession-

weakened job market so dejected.

"I have a negative net worth of \$14,000 — it's great!" Jessica Lopez says sarcastically.

In some ways, the 24-year-old Lopez considers herself lucky. A senior at Florida International University in Miami, she's saved money by living with her parents and has about \$2,000 in credit card debt — "tiny compared to

some people I know."

Still, she's already been turned down for a small business loan to start a clothing company, even though she works a part-time job and actually owes less than the average college grad.

The federal General Accounting Office says students are graduating with an average

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## Idaho farmers see new opportunities in barley

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — Eastern Idaho grain farmers plan to switch from low-paying winter wheat and potato crops to a cash crop of barley needed by major North American beer brewers.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's announcement Monday that Grupo Modelo, a Mexican brewing company, will build a \$64 million malting plant in Idaho Falls has the farmers hopping to meet the new demand.

It follows an announcement last month that Anheuser-Busch will double the capacity of its Idaho Falls malting plant. Modelo's new operation will double local growers' opportunity to contract a high-value crop.

"We're really excited about this opportunity to do business with another world-class malting company," said Duane Grant, past president of the Idaho Grain Growers Association. Modelo brews several beers, including Corona Extra, the most popular brand from Mexico.

Once completed during the winter of 2004-2005, the Modelo plant will be able to accommodate 60,000 to 80,000

acres of barley, or \$18 million to \$24 million in annual barley sales, Grant said. It can process nearly 6.4 million bushels.

Grant already has started making plans to increase his contract with Anheuser-Busch and said he also will seek a contract with Modelo.

Although the new plant will be highly automated and will provide only about 25 new jobs in Idaho Falls, hundreds of other jobs are expected to be created peripherally, state Commerce Director Gary Mahns said.

Negotiations to bring Modelo to Idaho began last May during Kempthorne's trade mission to Mexico.

The malting plant will be constructed with \$600,000 in state support from Kempthorne's Rural Idaho Initiative and the economic development settlement fund that came with then-Gov. Phil Batt's nuclear waste removal agreement with the Department of Energy in the early 1990s.

Modelo and Anheuser-Busch also will ship and receive products by using \$600,000 worth of railroad facilities to be constructed and funded by the Rural Idaho Initiative.

## Qwest plans to release financial figures on Jan. 29

**TWIN FALLS** — Denver-based Qwest Communications International Inc. will release fourth quarter and full-year 2001 results at about 5 a.m. Jan. 29.

Qwest — which sells local phone service in much of the Magic Valley — will host a conference call with financial analysts at 7 a.m. Jan. 29 to discuss the results and 2002 outlook. The call will feature Joseph P. Nacchio, chairman and chief executive, and Robin Szeliga, executive vice president of finance and chief financial officer.

Anyone may access a live audio Web cast of the call at [www.qwest.com/about/investor/meetings](http://www.qwest.com/about/investor/meetings). Windows Media Player or RealPlayer software is needed.

A replay will be available about an hour after the call ends.

### Zions Bancorporation's 4Q results go out Jan. 24

**TWIN FALLS** — Salt Lake City-based Zions Bancorporation — which has bank branches in the Magic Valley — plans to release its fourth quarter 2001 earnings results after the Nasdaq market closes Jan. 24.

The company will discuss the results on a conference call at 3:30 p.m. that day.

The public is invited to listen to the discussion by calling 1-800-399-DIGS or via on-demand Web cast. A link to the Web cast will be available on the Zions site at [www.zions-bancorporation.com](http://www.zions-bancorporation.com).

### Business in brief

A replay will be available starting about 6 p.m. Jan. 24; dial 1-800-642-1687; and enter code 2854934.

### Horizon Air plans daily flight from Boise to Denver

**TWIN FALLS** — Horizon Air said Wednesday it will begin new non-stop jet service from Boise to Denver once daily, starting April 28.

Magic Valley travelers sometimes choose to start their air trips by driving to Boise, rather than flying out of Twin Falls' airport to Salt Lake City. Horizon said its new service will also provide connections to Denver from Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Lewiston — Idaho cities also served by Horizon with flights to Boise.

"We're delighted to add Denver to our growing route system," said Patrick Zachwieja, Horizon Air vice president of marketing and planning. Scheduled flight times: Boise to Denver departs at 1:55 p.m. and arrives at 10:35 a.m. and arrives at 12:25 p.m. All Horizon flights to Denver will be operated with the airline's new 70-seat CRJ-700 regional jets.

Horizon recently announced new twice-daily nonstop service between Boise and Sacramento, Calif., starting Feb. 3.

—compiled from staff reports

# BID moves office

By Carol Stephens  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — Look here, where for leaders of Historic Old Towne's business improvement district.

The BID office is moving from 115 Shoshone St. N. to 132 Main Ave. S. in Main Street Plaza, which is in the same block as Wells Fargo.

Karla Williams, BID administrative assistant, said the staff expects to be in the new office, which has a conference room, by March 1. The cost is the same as for the present location, she said.

The new space is being leased from Ron Thompson "for a minimum of six years at \$300 (a month) with a nominal increase of no more than \$15 a month, per year, starting after two years," Williams said.

Certain members of the district are going to need to know where the new office is.

If a member is three months late in making an assessment payment, a reminder notice goes. BID Executive Director Richard Crowley said some accounts have not been paid for several years, but he declined to say how much money is owed in delinquent assessments.

"Assessments are not a donation. These are ordinances that were passed by multiple City Councils over the last 30 years. There is a cost of doing business in any part of Twin Falls," he said, adding that cost in Historic Old Towne is one of the lowest in the city.

"Some of the assessments are" as low as \$15 dollars a quarter; some are \$200, but it is a fraction of the cost they would pay in other malls," he said.

The BID assessments, however, are not lease or mortgage payments on property.

The district is asking those with delinquent accounts to contact any director on the board or the Historic Old Towne BID office.

"We're on their side. The money that is generated comes back to this area. We can work out a practical, feasible payment program. We have no desire to take any business to small claims court," he would rather not, Crowley said.

Here's a roundup of other news from the district:

• Although the Twin Falls route of the Olympic Torch relay runners has not been made public yet, downtown leaders expect the relay to go into the downtown area.

Steve Soran, BID president and several other investors are planning a huge ice sculpture with an Olympic theme. Soran said 23 280- to 300-pound blocks of ice will be shipped in from Meridian to arrive in Twin Falls Jan. 21. His business's corporate chef, George Henderson, a professional ice sculptor, will be assisted by a novice in turning the ice into a work of art by Jan. 25, just in time for the Olympic Torch Relay the next day.

Soran hopes the sculpture will last through the Olympics.

"First," Soran said, "we've got to get the ice put together. I'm looking for some strong people who don't mind the cold."

The present sponsors are First Federal Bank of Twin Falls, oral surgeon Vince Williams, Lyle Signs, TitleFact Inc. and Soran Restaurants and Catering.

"I'm looking for more investors," Soran said.

• The BID currently works from two sets of bylaws, and Crowley wants them tweaked and combined. Crowley said consultant Tom Henson put together bylaws — one set for Old Towne and one for downtown.

"By the end of January, we would like each board member to have one solid document called the Bylaws of Historic Old Towne," he said.

• The BID split its promotion committee into three units.

Crowley said one will focus on retail sales and ways to keep the cash registers ringing. One will focus on the image of Historic Old Towne, such as buses, colors and streetscapes, while the third organizes events to bring people downtown, such as Twin Falls Tonight and Octoberfest.

"This came directly out of the Main Street Journal," he said.

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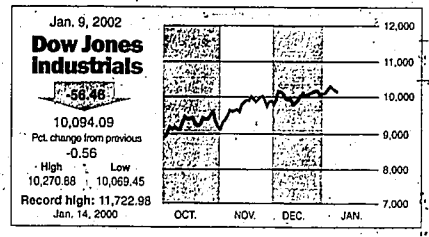
Merrill Lynch cuts another 9,000 jobs

NEW YORK (AP) - Merrill Lynch & Co., the nation's biggest brokerage firm, said Wednesday it has cut 9,000 additional jobs, or nearly 14 percent of its work force, as part of a plan to cut costs by \$1.4 billion a year and boost profitability.

and chief executive, said the cuts would make the company "leaner, more competitive, more focused than ever on serving clients in our chosen markets around the world."

The cuts and other changes would result in a pre-tax charge of \$2.2 billion against earnings in the recently completed fourth quarter, the company said.

About half of the job eliminations are from overseas and came after Merrill Lynch decided to scale back operations in Japan and Canada, said company spokesman James Wiggins.



Newspaper's rival seeks to move legal fight from Colorado

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The battle over ownership of The Salt Lake Tribune has moved to a new front - a state court in Denver.

to kick the fight out of Colorado. A federal court in Utah has been dealing with a dispute between Tribune managers and the paper's new owners, MediaNews Group Inc., of Denver.

The paper's managers say their contract gives them the option to buy Utah's largest-circulation daily in August. MediaNews and the Deseret News own the managers' buyout.

The Deseret News got involved because the two Salt Lake City dailies share printing, advertising and circulation through a joint operating agreement.

Economic uncertainties trigger 56-point Dow drop

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors dogged by lingering worries about the economy backtracked from a solid rally on Wall Street Wednesday and sold stocks sharply lower in late trading.

Poor's 500 index declined 5.57, or 0.5 percent, to 1,155.14, giving up an earlier lead of 13.

College

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of \$19,400 in student loans. Average student credit card debt rose from \$1,879 in 1998 to \$2,748 in 2000, according to the student loan agency Nellie Mae.

percentage point of interest earned on the cards going to the schools. The company stresses that it targets alumni and upperclassmen, keeps its lines of credit at \$1,000 or less and offers regular campus seminars about responsible credit card use.

But some financial experts are wary. "It's like someone who's not educated about sugar walking into a candy store and buying everything," says Juliette Fairley, author of the book "Money Rules," a financial guide for people in their 20s and 30s.

and personal financial specialist from St. Petersburg, Fla. Those already in debt and graduating into a recession may have to learn some tough lessons.

Analysts said investors were concerned about the economy, which had healthy gains the first three trading days of the new year, are now priced too high given the uncertainty about when a recovery will begin.

"The last thing we want to do is give college students a credit card and they can't handle it," says MBNA spokesman Brian Dalphong. Officials at Capital One, another major credit card provider, offer a "high school credit card" to teens, 16-to-18, who get the card guaranteed by a parent or guardian.

Diana Dow, a spokeswoman for the Virginia-based company, says parents use the cards to teach their children how to be responsible before they go to college.

He advises parents to loan money to their teen-children, and then make them find a way to pay it back. Too often, he says, parents forgive loans or continually bail out their children.

"That is doing more harm than good," says Doyle, a CPA.

The Dow Jones industrial average recorded its third straight loss, falling 56.46, or 0.6 percent, to 10,094.09, after soaring as high as 120 in early in the session.

Like the Dow, the broader market dropped in the last hour of trading. The Nasdaq composite index fell 10.85, or 0.5 percent, to 2,044.89, having climbed as much as 43 earlier. The Standard & Poors 500 index declined 5.57, or 0.5 percent, to 1,155.14, giving up an earlier lead of 13.

For most of Wednesday, the market was boosted by a seasonal occurrence called the January effect, when investors and money managers load up on stocks after having sold off shares for year-end tax purposes. But analysts warned that the market might not be able to sustain its early-upturn without concrete evidence that the economy is improving.

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Slowdown

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Culver can be reached in Simpson's Twin Falls office, 734-7215.

"I can give advice Wednesday's speakers gave to 'small-business owners'.

"Track the cash flow and manage your accounts receivable, Twin Falls certified public accountant Dennis Tilly said. Especially when times are tight.

Set a policy for collecting accounts receivable, he said. Communicate that policy with customers. Speed up billing.

Tighten your credit policy, and become more aggressive about collecting accounts receivable.

"We don't want to beat up on people," Tilly said. But if a small-business owner doesn't, the delinquent customer will be annoyed to come back and will not let go to business with a competitor.

"And we let go of a client because we're too easy on them," he said.

Challenge every expenditure, Tilly said, and negotiate terms with vendors.

"Consider offering additional services, and diversify your business, he said.

"Prepare before going to a bank for financing. Banks' downsizing means fewer loan officers are available, said Ray Parrish, Region IV Development's loan officer.

To show you're credible, assemble your business plan, personal and business financial statements, your business's history and profile, descriptions of your products and markets and proof that you're tracking business finances properly.

"Be communicative with the bank, Parrish said. "Do not be adversarial with the bank - they've got the big hammer," he said.

"Look out for worker morale in tough economic times, said Rosemary Fornsell, a CSI business professor.

"Some employees respond to a business's difficulties by blaming the company. Some blame the boss. Some 'doomsday the whole issue.' Some withdraw, she said.

"These things cause lower productivity and actually can fuel further downturn," Fornsell said.

"If considering layoffs, question whether layoffs would damage the company's future more than they would help.

"It's a quick fix. But it really may not be right for that company," she said.

When business returns, you might not have the expertise you need, she added. And layoffs might embitter people so you

can't get them back.

"Consider alternatives to layoffs, Fornsell said.

"For example, reduce work weeks and pay; reduce pay for management; offer voluntary leave of absence without pay; share or loan employees to other companies; encourage workers to use vacation time; encourage to delay or suspend raises; ask employees for money-saving ideas; freeze hiring; or review performance to get rid of the low performers.

"If you must lay off, lay off well," she said.

Give severance packages, she said. Perhaps offer bonuses upon workers' return.

"Make yourself available to employees who survive cutbacks, Fornsell said. When people are demoralized or uncertain about their future, they need to hear from the top.

"Don't cut back on advertising, marketing professional Debbie Currier said.

"Advertising during a recession can help you maintain sales and cash flow through the tough times while preparing for future growth," she said.

"Companies that continue ad campaigns achieve better sales results both during and after recessions."

To back up her advice, Currier cited the American Business Council's findings of six recession studies to date, presenting formidable evidence that cutting advertising appropriations in times of economic downturns can result in both immediate and long-term negative effects on sales and profit levels. Moreover, these studies have repeatedly shown that maintaining or increasing advertising budget levels during recessionary periods may, in fact, be necessary in terms of protecting market position.

"Be sure you know your business' structure exposes you personally to debt and tort liability," said Tom Kershaw Jr., a Twin Falls attorney.

"If you're not a partner, and you don't know it," he said. If you're in business with someone else, the law probably considers you partners, which makes you personally liable for business debts.

"That's the reason people incorporate or do something else," Kershaw said.

"In a down economy, help your clients. Buy and sell locally, ISB's Director Bryan Matsuka said.

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## Hispanic network meets, discusses plans

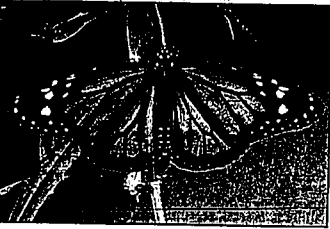
**TWIN FALLS** - A Hispanic networking group of business people and professionals and anyone else who is interested will meet at noon Monday at the Royal at 645 Filer Ave.

The lunch is no host. The group will discuss plans for upcoming meetings.

For more information, call Pat Marcanonio at 735-3288.



## Noticias



The monarch butterfly is otherwise known as Danaus plexippus. Mexico's president has started a program to protect butterflies migrating to Mexico.

Photo courtesy of U.S. Customs/Financiera Mex.

## Mexico president announces program to protect butterfly

By Lisa J. Adams  
Associated Press writer

**MEXICO CITY** - Calling the monarch butterfly the heritage of humanity, President Vicente Fox announced a program to protect the forests that serve as winter havens to hundreds of millions of butterflies.

Through the Monarch Trust, a \$6.1 million fund created by the government and private foundations, the government will pay local residents to stop cutting trees and preserve and grow additional forests.

"With this program, there will no longer be any justification for cutting down one single tree that serves as a refuge for the butterflies," Fox said.

Each year, between 100 to 140 million of the butterflies complete a journey of as many as 3,000 miles from the United States and Canada to five different sanctuaries nestled in the fir forests of the central states of Mexico and Michoacan. The butterflies leave again in February and March to return to the north

in a process scientists still do not yet fully understand.

The national sanctuaries, which receive support from America and Canada, occupy about 138,376 acres, an area. But in the past 28 years, more than 40 percent of the forests in the area have been lost to illegal logging operations and peasants cutting the trees for firewood. Mexico has one of the highest deforestation rates in the world, losing about 1.5 percent of its forests and jungles - 1.7 million acres - each year.

Fox created the National Forestry Commission in April to bring an end to the practices.

But much of the problem stems from necessity. In the past, poor peasants living on communal farms in life areas close to the sanctuaries had few alternative ways to make a living besides cutting down trees.

Under the program, the trust will pay 12,500 farm residents for their so-called "cutting rights" and to help preserve and expand the forest.

## Patriotism spans myriad of U.S. cultures

By Sam Fellman  
Times-News correspondent

**JACKPOT, Nev.** - The events of Sept. 11 bonded a nation, and its people of many cultures are feeling a new patriotism. Among them is eighth-grader Dean Bartlett of Jackpot, Nev. His mother, Marcella, is a native of Mexico City.

Before the horrific terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., Dean admits he took American rights for granted. His parents have always told him how lucky he is to be living in this country, but he never really even thought about it before Sept. 11.

Since that time, the student said America is doing the right thing by pursuing terrorists. "No one should live in the shadows of fear," he said.

Bryan Messmer, Jackpot Combined School principal, said he is pleased with the patriotism shown at the school, where the student body is between 70 to 80 percent Latino.

Although the feeling of patriotism is always been strong, he said. "I think there is a huge increase, and I think it is really nice to see."

Homecoming money raisers and class projects show the "Americanism in our youth," Messmer added.

For a class project of writing an essay on, "What America means to me," Bartlett wrote, "We don't know about the immigrants who die trying to come to this country just to have a good job to support their family. Still this country has always stood up to anything that dare threatens democracy whether it be dictatorship, Communism, or Nazism. This country is always the first to help other countries in distress or despair. Sadly, these are the very reasons we were attacked by radicals who do not want our light of freedom and democracy



to shine."

An article on Hispanic Online, an arm of Hispanic Magazine, reported on a new wave of patriotism among Hispanics in the aftermath of Sept. 11. In those attacks, almost 1,200 Hispanics died. One survey among Hispanics in California shows that more than 85 percent indicated pride in the



SAAM FELLMAN/The Times-News

Above, Jackpot student Dean Bartlett, whose mother is a native of Mexico, says he is better appreciating American rights after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Left, Paco Morales, a Jackpot High School senior, says one way to show patriotism and make a difference is to get involved at school and in the community.

displays of support. Art teacher Nancy Tucker's students made banners they sent to the Pentagon and New York's Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Tucker said several students have relatives in the military.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said they feel

Senior Paco Morales said his parents were born in Montrey, Mexico and have become American citizens. He said it is the little things you do can make a difference and show patriotism.

"Taking pride in your school is also part of patriotism," he said. That could include picking up paper from the floor. Paco has organized a penny drive to raise funds for playground equipment for the grade school children.

The student also empathizes with Islamics who live in this country. If the conflict was between the United States and Mexico, he would be torn, Paco said.

"Mexico hasn't left our hearts," he said.

The student said the attacks backfired on the terrorists. "Because it pulled everybody together," Paco said.



## Hispanic workers abandon dream as economy slumps

By Ofelia Casillas  
Chicago Tribune

**CHICAGO** - Alma Rosa Andrade left her infant daughter in Mexico to find work in Chicago, dreaming of saving enough money to return home and open a clothing store.

After more than a year of temporary jobs, she landed a waitressing job making \$40 a day in tips - until Sept. 11. Her tips dropped to about \$12 daily. Disillusioned and unwilling to sacrifice more time away from her daughter for so little money, Andrade returned to Mexico.

"Now I feel so happy. I'm enjoying her and my family and my friends. With the economic aspect, it's the same, but I can work selling clothes," she said. Community advocates say more undocumented Hispanic

workers are departing the Chicago area rather than struggling to find jobs in the service and manufacturing industries hurt by the stagnating economy and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

No one can quantify how many have left, but Ric Estrada of the Erie Neighborhood House in West Town, which serves thousands of Mexicans a year, estimates that immigrants are twice as likely now to make that choice because of the economy.

The more who leave, the longer it will take for those industries to rebound when the economy recovers, job specialists say.

"Foreign workers were critical in the past decade to the growth and success of our industry," said John Coy, vice president of the government affairs for the American Hotel and Lodging

Association, representing 13,000 hotels nationwide. "Once the economy picks up again, they'll be critical to the future success of the industry."

Alicia Hernandez won't be here when things turn around. She tried to return to the paint factory where her husband works and where she worked before she gave birth to a daughter more than two months ago, but the promise of a job had evaporated. With it went her

what in this country. "I stay in the country. My family says it's better I return to Mexico than be here spending all that I make on rent," said Hernandez, who already has sent some of her belongings and plans to follow when her daughter is a little older. "Here from the beginning my goal was to make a house for

my children, but if we can't reach that dream, we'll go back."

Still, most Hispanics seem to be hanging on, unwilling to give up, especially in light of the sacrifices many of them made to get here, community leaders say. They hope to ride out unemployment or inconsistent work by moving in with relatives or acquaintances and not sending money to their families.

Silvia Nunez, 31, is supporting her child on the overtime she earned in the summer because the days she could find work dropped significantly after the terrorist attacks. But she isn't going anywhere.

"I can't explain it, but even though I see hard times I don't want to leave. I don't know what this country has, but I don't want to leave it," she said.

## Salsa queen Cruz dances on

By Lydia Martin  
Knight Ridder News Service

**MIAMI** - At last year's Latin Grammy awards, Celia Cruz wowed audiences with her getup: an electric blue dress with electric blue wig to match.

The paparazzi went flash-busy, fans cheered and Antonio Banderas, who sat next to her, immediately gave her props.

"Nobody has the nerve you have," he told me as he was getting into his seat," Cruz said days before nabbing her second Latin Grammy, for Best Traditional Tropical Album, at a pared-down ceremony last month in Los Angeles.

But it wasn't the blue hair that proved her nerve last year. It was all the dancing she did with Ricky, Gloria and Company in a tribute to the late Tito Puente.

Cruz refuses to slow down. In her mid-70s, she works more than 300 days a year, traveling the globe with her trademark



Celia Cruz

"Azucal" yell.

You'd think after a career that spanned six decades and produced more than 100 albums, Cruz might be ready to chill. But she's just finished a new

CD, titled "La Negra Tiene Tumbao," released Nov. 6. Two tracks were produced by Johnny Pacheco, the bandleader with whom she recorded some of her biggest hits in her 1970s New York heyday. They still play together, but they hadn't met in the studio for more than 20 years.

She's psyched about recording with Pacheco again. And she's riding high on her newest Latin Grammy win, for the CD "Siempre Vivire" (I Will Survive), on which Emilio Estefan produced three tracks.

## Mexico fights corruption in customs administration

**CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico** - Three months ago, Jorge E. Pasaret sold shoe leather and taught college business classes. Now he is a government corruption-buster.

As the new head of the notoriously corrupt Customs Administration office in this tough border city, Pasaret spends his days ordering lie detector tests, firing corrupt workers, taking citizens' tips on his three cell phones and showing up with bribe money to sting his own agents.

**Enormous exodus clouds future in South America**

**LIMA, Peru** - As the sun crests above the dusty hillsides in Peru's capital, hordes of the nation's economic refugees line



## Vida Latina

up outside the U.S. Embassy. A record number of visa applications have overwhelmed embassy officials.

The story is not that different in Argentina. South America's richest nation is straining under the weight of its worst economic recession, and its educated young adults are leaving in droves.

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## CASTLEFORD FFA

Greenhand Degree recipients are, from left, front: Kobi Bowers; second row: Larissa Blick, Drake Strickler, Stephanie Querry, Alycia Parks, Kelly Tabet and Holly Haley; third row: Andrea Frey, Justin Moore, Cory Gontelman, Jessy Peterson, Travis Henson, Maribeth Watson, Jason Lovrich, Rachel Bulkeley and Kevin Bemler.



Photo courtesy of CASTLEFORD FFA

Chapter Degree recipients are, from left, front: Tessa Burkhalter, Carl Kennison, Jessica Hill and Janet Hurley; second row: Jordan Kunkel and Jorie Schorzman; back row: Cory Tverdy, Tim Hill, Wesley Rodgers, Heidi Wiseman and Matt Reinhold.



Photo courtesy of CASTLEFORD FFA

Opening Ceremonies contest participants were Castleford FFA officers, from left, Danielle Hoogland, secretary; Lauren Stoltzfus, advisor; Katie Atkinson, vice president; Brent Hatch, reporter; Ben Rodgers, sentinel; Brandon Tverdy, president; and Jill Brubaker, treasurer.



Photo courtesy of CASTLEFORD FFA

## Future Farmers of America compete

CASTLEFORD - The Castleford Future Farmers of America Chapter participated in the greenhand, creed, and opening ceremonies contests at the district level on Nov. 7 on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls.

In the greenhand contest, Castleford participants - which included some eighth-graders - took a test about their FFA knowledge and placed fourth in the contest.

For the creed contest, Larissa Blick presented the FFA Creed by E.M. Tiffany from memory, and placed second, reported Brent Hatch, Castleford FFA chapter reporter.

The opening ceremonies contest tested chapter officers on their ability to perform the opening ceremony part of their meetings, and they received a certificate of achievement.

The Castleford FFA Chapter also held its yearly meeting for presenting Chapter and Greenhand FFA Degrees on Oct. 31, Hatch reported.

In order to achieve the Chapter



Larissa Blick

degree, the recipients must have met the following qualifications: received the Greenhand FFA Degree, completed 180 hours of schooling, earn and invest at least \$150 by their own efforts; and led a group discussion. They must also have demonstrated five procedures of parliamentary law.

To earn the Greenhand Degree, recipients must be enrolled in agricultural education, and learned and be able to explain the FFA creed, motto, salute and mission statement. They also must describe the FFA colors and emblem, the proper use of the FFA jacket and show knowledge of the history of the FFA organization.

Free parking is available. The series, which started Jan. 5, is sponsored by the Twin Falls Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Hilltop Seventh-day Adventist School. For more information, call Pastor Steve McCandless at 733-0799.

### Christian motorcyclists hold monthly breakfast

JEROME - The Calvary Riders Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association will hold its monthly breakfast meeting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome Cafe, 628 South Lincoln, Jerome. All riders are welcome.

For more information, call Rene Burkhalter at 537-6666

### People for Pets sponsors mobile pet adoption

TWIN FALLS - A mobile pet adoption is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Petsmart in Twin Falls.

The event is sponsored by the People for Pets animal shelter. Call Beverly Ward at 733-8637 for more information.

### Wood River Bridge announces weekly winners

HAILEY - The Wood River

Bridge winners were announced. Winners for Wednesday at the Harker Center were: first, Craig and Lynda Saunders; second, Mary Louise McConigal and Pat Morris; third, John Bush and Peter Gray; and fourth, Gary and Louise Cooley.

Winners for Thursday for north/south were: first in Flight A, Vicki Currie and John Bush; second in Flight A and first in flight B, Monique Nelson and Margaret Traylor; second in Flight B, Holly Lawson and Mary Carnevale; first in Flight C, Warren Nesbit and Gillian Mursell; and second in Flight C, Margaret Walkef and Rick Berby. Winners for east/west were: first, Jackie Inskip and Connie McGowan; first in Flight B, Shirley Tallaackson and Inge Hub; second in Flight B, Anne and Fred Zauner; first in Flight C, Jeanne and Roger Foreman; and second in Flight C, June Carson and Jill Hitchin.

### XI chapter DKGSI hears about counseling changes

TWIN FALLS - The XI chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at WestCoast Hotel in Twin Falls.

A program on changes in coun-

## THANK YOU LETTERS

### Two people make difference by helping co-worker

REACH (Reaching Every Ability, Communication, Hope) would like to acknowledge and thank the thoughtful McDonald's employees, Connie and Jeremy. On one of their days off from work, they donated much-needed muscle to assisting a disabled co-worker in moving to his new home. What a statement in pulling together, teamwork and supporting individuals with different abilities in our community. Thanks again, you truly make a difference!

J. ROM HERNANDEZ  
REACH  
Twin Falls

### Generosity makes the holidays brighter

The parents and staff of Rupert Head Start want to thank the Mini-Cassia community for their support of our Angel Tree.

The generosity of the community makes the holidays brighter for our children. We also especially want to thank Ridey's for allowing us to put our tree up in its store and collecting the gifts.

Thank you all.  
JOSE ORTEGA  
Parents and Staff  
Rupert Head Start  
Rupert

### Thank you letters

The Letters of Thanks column will publish letters of up to 150 words from organizations thanking contributors or supporters.

\* Individuals thanking public agencies and businesses for extraordinary service.

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### East End Providers Kimberly

**Donations of turkeys are blessing to families**

Calvary Chapel of Buhl would like to thank Lamb Weston Inc. for their generous donation of Christmas turkeys in this year's food drive. They were indeed a blessing to all who received one.

Thank you once again.  
PASTOR BRENT HUETHER  
Calvary Chapel Buhl

### Hansen community helps East End Providers

The MJD Action Committee would like to thank all those who made the Hansen Christmas Tree Lighting and the Pool Tournament and Silent Auction benefiting the East End Providers a wonderful success. We appreciate each and every one of you and, unfortunately, we cannot list you all by name.

The East End Providers greatly appreciate all your time, money and donations. Please know you made a difference this holiday season.

Thank you again.  
JONI STANGER  
LINDA MORRILL  
TAWNII WOOTEN  
MJD Action Committee  
Cecil Griffith

### Valley committee assembles Christmas baskets

Valley Community Helper would like to thank all the businesses, churches, organizations and individuals who donated items or time to this year's Christmas baskets. They were more than Christmas baskets assembled, and they were a blessing to all who received them. Many hours were put in to make it a very big success.

Thank you for blessing those Christmas in the Valley community.  
KENT SULLIVAN  
Committee Member  
Valley Community Helper  
Hazelton

## Christopher hopes to map path to new family

"My name is Christopher and I'm 1 1/2 years old. I would like a family that belongs to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I enjoy Cub Scouts, climbing trees, riding bikes and scooters and reading books. I'm good in math and with computers. I like to study maps and memorize them. They say I have a photographic memory. I can get you anywhere you want to go once I've studied the map.

Needs: Christopher needs help reaching a destination that isn't on any map in his collection. He says he's ready for a family and wants to know that he's going to be with them for always. A placement with relatives never materialized and he's feeling discouraged. He needs parents who understand and are willing to learn about Asperger's Syndrome, a mild form of autism.

### Thursday's Child



### Christopher Age 11

He needs a single parent or couple with either no children or mature

children who want to be mentors. It's important that he finds the approval, fun and one-on-one attention missed in earlier years. Christopher can be single-minded in some of his interests. He needs parents who will allow him to make many choices for himself and teach him that he has control over his own life. He also needs an educational advocate who will help him work on areas of challenge through considerable strengths. He is a delightful boy who has a lot to offer the right family. Adoption assistance and purchase of services will help his family with therapeutic parenting.

"Thursday's Child" profiles children awaiting adoption. For more information about this child or others, call the Idaho CareLine at 1-800-926-2588.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Writers earn recognition in forest essay contest

Magic Valley students earned recognition from the Idaho Forest Products Commission sixth annual Forest and Products Week Essay Contest.

6th-8th grade division  
Honorable mentions went to Megan Lammers from Jerome Middle School and Elizabeth Phillips from Valley Middle School in Hazelton.

Semi-finalists from the Magic Valley include Toni Bailey from Jerome Middle School, Jordan Bruning from Valley Middle School, Andrea Carr from Oregon Trail Elementary and Stanley Graham

from Jerome Middle School.

9th-12th grade division  
Semi-finalists included Stephanie Allison of Jerome High School and Candance Farnworth of Richfield School.

Students wrote about how forest products touch their lives and what they would do if they were in charge of ensuring healthy productive forests.

### High schoolers win scholarships to Albertson

CALDWELL - Regional high school seniors were among those offered scholarships of up to \$21,000 at Albertson College of Idaho as part of the Kathryn Albertson Scholar

Day at the college.

Students competed for scholarships within their academic areas of interest.

The Kathryn Albertson Scholar Day is designed to provide high school seniors who have applied to Albertson College a glimpse of the academic opportunities available at Albertson, and to compete for scholarships.

Students who received scholarships include:  
Norman - Jodi Zollinger from Hagerman High School  
Rupert - Heidi Clayville from Minico High School  
Sun Valley - Casey Werth from Wood River High School  
Twin Falls - Liz Stuart from Twin Falls High School

### AARP schedules 55 and Alive driving course next week

BURLEY - The American Association of Retired Persons 55 and Alive driving course will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-2 p.m. Jan. 17 and Jan. 18 at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley.

Cost is \$10. To register, call Chuck Meyer at 677-4000.

### West End Fire and Rescue, City of Paul holds open house

PAUL - West End Fire and Rescue and the city of Paul will hold an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the new City Hall/fire department, 152 S. 600 W. in Paul.

The public is invited.

### Church sponsors series on hope and future

KIMBERLY - A series on "Revelation of Hope: How to Know the Future" presented by Von Bodkin continues this week with a session at 7 p.m. Friday at the Seminar Auditorium, 310 Main Ave. N. in Kimberly.

Friday's topic is "By Chance or Design?" A children's program for infants through age 9 is included.

### Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces its winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the winners for Jan. 4.

Winners for north/south were: first, Beverly and Lonnie Burns; second, Riley and Max Thompson; and third, Bev Clark and Doris Watts.

### Winners for east/west were:

first, Edith Cook and Sam Smutney; second, Cecil and Carma Davidson; and third, Ruby Garmes and Jeanne McCombs.

Max Thompson will offer bridge lessons at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Magic Valley Bridge Center. To sign up for classes, call Max Thompson at 735-8308.

The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall.

### MV Astronomical Society holds telescope workshop

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Astronomical Society will hold a public telescope workshop at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Frost classroom at the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

The workshop is open to the public. Participants may also bring their own telescopes to learn how

to better use them. Telescopes will be available for demonstration.

After the workshop, a public star party will be held. For more information, call 736-2447.

### Kimberly student presents piano recital at CSI Fine Arts

TWIN FALLS - Kara Soderquist, daughter of Keith and Christie Soderquist of Kimberly, will present a piano recital at 7 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.

The public is invited.

Soderquist is a student of Sue Miller.

### Club hosts annual chill feed, white elephant auction

JEROME - The High Desert Back Country Horsemen will host its annual chill feed and white elephant auction at 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Sawtooth Inn south of Jerome. The public is invited to attend.

Those attending should bring a porkchop dish to share and an item for the auction. The chill will be furnished.

The club clears trails for horse and mule use and rides in the back country.

For more information, call 324-4754 or 324-3022.

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The following application has been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho, Gooding County: 136-15961 US DEPT OF INTERIOR FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE 911 N 17TH AVE PO BOX 1000 RD 973234181 Point of Beginning: 56 T08S R14E Source: BICKEL SPRING W/TSNAKE RIVER Point of Direction: SENWSE 56 T08S R14E Source: RILEY CREEK Tributary To SNAKE RIVER Use: 05/06 To 06/19 FISH PROPAGATION (20.55 CFS) Date Filed: 1/10/2001

The following applications have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho, Twin Falls County: 45-13412 CITY OF MURTAUGH PO BOX 157 MURTAUGH ID 83344 Point of Division: L1 (NWSW) S7; L6 (NWSW) S6 T1S R20E Source: GROUND WATER Use: 12/20/2001 Municipal (20 CFS) Date Filed: 1/20/2001 Remark: Application proposes diverting 0.0 cfs from an existing well and/or a new well to be drilled for municipal use within the City of Murtaugh water service area.

On the 30th day of April, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, in and for the County of Twin Falls, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., as Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all and sundry of the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Township 9 South, Range 14 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. A parcel of land in Lot 2, and being more specifically described as follows: COMMENCING at the West Quarter Corner of Section 10, a distance of 993.33 feet on a bearing of North along the West boundary of said Section 10; THENCE a distance of 218.00 feet on a bearing of East, to the Real Point of Beginning; THENCE a distance of 227.22 feet on a bearing of North 61°36'37" East; THENCE a distance of 124.90 feet on a bearing of South 50°31'37" West; THENCE a distance of 204.57 feet on a bearing of North 50°31'37" West; THENCE a distance of 59.25 feet on a bearing of South 41°42' West; THENCE a distance of 95.09 feet on a bearing of North 57°29'51" West; THENCE a distance of 184.56 feet on a bearing of North 61°35' West to the True Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 2: Township 9 South, Range 14 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. A parcel of land in Lot 2, and being more specifically described as follows: COMMENCING at the West Quarter corner of Section 10, a distance of 993.33 feet on a bearing of North along the West boundary of said Section 10; THENCE a distance of 218.00 feet on a bearing of East; THENCE a distance of 184.56 feet on a bearing of North 61°35' West; THENCE from this Real Point of Beginning a distance of 95.09 feet on a bearing of South 41°42' West to a point which is 122.19 feet on a bearing of South 61°35' East from the Point of Beginning; THENCE a distance of 122.19 feet on a bearing of North 61°35' West; THENCE a distance of 227.22 feet on a bearing of North 61°36'37" East; THENCE a distance of 124.90 feet on a bearing of South 50°31'37" West; THENCE a distance of 204.57 feet on a bearing of North 50°31'37" West; THENCE a distance of 59.25 feet on a bearing of South 41°42' West; THENCE a distance of 95.09 feet on a bearing of North 57°29'51" East, to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE a distance of 107.28 feet on a bearing of South 72°51' West; THENCE a distance of 15.00 feet on a bearing of North 61°35' West; THENCE in a Northeastly direction to the POINT OF BEGINNING AND TOGETHER WITH SUBJECT TO.

On the 10th day of May, 2002, at the hour of 10:15 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., as Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all and sundry of the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

specifically described as follows: COMMENCING at the Quarter Corner common to Sections 9 and 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 EBM, South of and East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, to the Meander Corner common to said Sections 9 and 10; THENCE a distance of 561.56 feet on a bearing of North 51°02'01" West to the centerline of a county road and the point of beginning of the centerline of said 30 foot wide strip of land; THENCE from this point of beginning and along said centerline a distance of 251.43 feet on a bearing of North 80°35'53" East; THENCE a distance of 344.59 feet on a bearing of North 66°35'54" East; THENCE a distance of 295.63 feet on a bearing of North 35°46'25" East to the point of ending of said centerline and said 30 foot wide easement.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 4592-B River Road, Buhl, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by HJACK BELK, JR., an unmarried person, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., as Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of Republic Mortgage Corp., as beneficiary, recorded November 21, 1996, as Instrument No. 199601085, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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PARCEL NO. 1: Township 9 South, Range 15 East, Boise Meridian, Gooding County, Idaho. Section 3: 3 described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of Lot 3; THENCE East along the South line of Lot 3, 725.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE East along the South line of Lot 3, 369.43 feet more or less to a point 250.00 feet West of the Southeast corner of Lot 3; THENCE North parallel with the West line of Lot 3, 576.00 feet to the Point of Beginning on the South line of the Oregon Short Line Railroad right-of-way; THENCE West along the South line of Oregon Short Line Railroad right-of-way to a point due North of the Point of Beginning; THENCE South parallel with the West line of Lot 3, 576.00 feet more or less to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

On the 10th day of April, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., as Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all and sundry of the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL NO. 1: Township 9 South, Range 15 East, Boise Meridian, Gooding County, Idaho. Section 31: That part of the Lot 4 lying North of 4th Avenue North, Idaho, EXCEPTING therefrom the West 725 feet of the same. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust from BUDDY L. BRUNSON AND CAMILLE L. BRUNSON, husband and wife, to Lund Title and Escrow, Inc., an Idaho corporation, as beneficiary, recorded April 23, 1999, as Instrument No. 199904233, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

On the 10th day of April, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., as Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all and sundry of the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 1 in Block 1 of CHARRWOOD-BAILEY-GIBSON SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 7 of Plats, page 37, in the office of the County Assessor of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 966 Morningside Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by TERESA B BENTON, an unmarried woman, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., as Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., as beneficiary, recorded April 23, 1999, as Instrument No. 199904233, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

October, 2001 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$28.92, with interest accruing at 7.75% per annum, beginning on 1/1/2001. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$30,897.07, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Date: December 20, 2001. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. /Marionne Coia, Trust Officer

On April 30, 2002, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m., of said day, in the first steps of the Gooding County Courthouse, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Successor Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all and sundry of the following described real property, situated in the County of Gooding, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit: PARCEL NO. 1: Township 9 South, Range 15 East, Boise Meridian, Gooding County, Idaho. Section 31: A tract of land situated in Lot 3, described as BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of said Lot 3; THENCE West along the South boundary line of said Lot 3, a distance of 250.00 feet; THENCE East along the South boundary line of the Oregon Short Line Railroad right-of-way; THENCE Northeastly along the South boundary line of said right-of-way, approximately 250.00 feet to the point where said right-of-way intersects the East boundary line of said Lot 3; THENCE South along the East boundary line of said Lot 3 a distance of 576.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

On April 24th, 2002, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., of said day, in the Office of First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., as Idaho Corporation, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all and sundry of the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit: PARCEL NO. 1: Township 7 of Kingsgate Subdivision No. 2, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 10 of Plats, page 16. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 2339 Highway 200, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by WALTER R. RUDOLPH AND BETTY L. RUDOLPH, husband and wife, as Grantors, with Fremont Investment Bank, as beneficiary, recorded March 22, 1999, as Instrument No. 199903023. The beneficial interest in said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc. as Successor Trustee, recorded May 23, 2001, as Instrument No. 200100894, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

On the 10th day of April, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., as Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all and sundry of the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 1 in Block 1 of O'HARROW-BAILEY-GIBSON SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 7 of Plats, page 37, in the office of the County Assessor of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 966 Morningside Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by TERESA B BENTON, an unmarried woman, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., as Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., as beneficiary, recorded April 23, 1999, as Instrument No. 199904233, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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recorded in Book 17 of Plats, page 13, in the office of the County Recorder of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 3847 Andrea Lane, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by CLEMENCIA LUERO, an unmarried woman and JOSE DANNY LUERO, an unmarried man, as grantors, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., as Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of CONSTRUCTION FUNDING CORPORATION, as beneficiary, recorded September 11, 2000, as Instrument No. 200014004, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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Twin Falls. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Department at 1312 East 321 Second Avenue East, 735-7287. Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. /LAWMAN N. O'ROURKE, City Planning Director

PUBLISHED: Thursday, January 10, 2002. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS. Case No. SP-00-298 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION ON TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THE CHILDREN OF CANDIDO RODRIGUEZ, SR., Respondent. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that interested parties having claims against the above-entitled Court of the termination of the parental rights of CANDIDO RODRIGUEZ, SR., the natural father of Esodyno Rodriguez, born 2/14/97, Candice Rodriguez, Jr., born 5/11/98, and Any Rodriguez, born 1/30/90, and that a hearing on the termination of parental rights of the above-entitled children is to be held in a courtroom located at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 200 West Main Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, at which time and place persons having an interest therein may appear and be heard, if any they have, in said court. Said Respondent is a needy person, and cannot afford an attorney, an affidavit of the appointed representative of Respondent is on file with the court.

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RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 13th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day, (recognition local time), in the Office of First American, 2603 East Broadway, Twin Falls, Idaho, in the County of TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Inc., an Idaho corporation, the undersigned, Trustee, do hereby give notice to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

The East 37.2 feet of Lot 20 and the West 7.8 feet of Lot 21, SENIOR ADDITION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, and more specifically in the tract as described in the Plat, Page 21, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

By reason of the automatic stay provisions of U.S. Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 362, the original sale was discontinued, and pursuant to provisions of Idaho Code 45-1506(a) this sale is rescheduled and will be conducted as allowed by the expiration or termination of the effect of the stay of the automatic stay provisions of that section.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been authorized to accept bids from the County Assessors office, the address of 4307 5th Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

This sale is to be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the promissory note secured by the deed executed by RICHARD A. MUNNING, an unmarried person and SOCORRO VALLADOLID, an unmarried person, as grantors, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Idaho, as beneficiary, trustee, for the benefit and security of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., successor by merger to Crestmont Mortgage Corporation, successor by merger to First American Title Company of Idaho, recorded May 1, 1992, as Instrument No. 92060677, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

SALE OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY IS TO BE COMPLY SECTION 1156(a)(1)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of said note due per the terms of said note, through December, 2000 and January, 2001 and subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with interest accruing at 9% per annum, and continuing to accrue on August 1, 2001, and thereafter, until the advances in the amount of \$89.32 and beneficial advances of \$35.00; also delinquent and unpaid taxes due for 2000. The principal balance owing as of 12/31/00 is \$37,352.08, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accrued interest and late charges, and all other taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or carry the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Date: December 6, 2001  
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC.  
S/Elizabeth M. Rieky, Trust Officer

PUBLISH: January 3, 10 and 17, 2002

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, in the office of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., located at 83301, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, check, cashiers check, or cashier's check, from a bank which is a branch of a commercial bank at the site of the sale, money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

mont, Supply Services Section, at 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho 83703. Contact the Purchasing Section at (208) 334-8872 for copies of plans or by contacting the Purchasing Section at (208) 334-8872.  
DATED this 26th day of December 2001.  
ROD BECKER, PURCHASING AGENT  
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
SUPPLY SERVICES  
PUBLISH: January 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS  
Case No. CV-01-4380  
THOMAS W. PHARSUK SUBPHERSANT  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
BENJAPHON INPAHAI  
Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF(S). THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: BENJAPHON INPAHAI  
You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to respond to this Summons, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff(s).

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek relief or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

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

4. A proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to the court, as designated above.

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M. LYNN DUNLAP  
Attorney for Patricia Representative  
PAMELA SMITH  
PUBLISH: January 10, 17 and 24, 2002

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MAGISTRATE DIVISION  
Case No. SP-01-1378  
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IN THE MATTER OF: ERIN MICHAEL JENSEN, Plaintiff,  
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FOUND set of car keys in N-Hart parking lot. Appear to be foreign make car key & house key. 200-827-6352 500 RHW near parking lot. Short hair, white/black markings. Found Shepherd/Rusky X, green collar. answers to "Winder, Howard". Call 734-4474 or 734-2196.

FOUND black Lab in Bliss/Hagman river area. Answer to Mosco, Fred. Call 734-4474.

FOUND black Lab, answers to Casey, wearing a red collar. "Victory of Harmon Park". 736-1039 or 731-9623.

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FOUND white male tabby cat w/ large white patch on back. Located at Lakewood Dr. 735-5552.

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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"There may be responsible persons, but there are no guilty ones."

—Albert Camus

"We couldn't do anything about that one," offered West. "Let's pick up better cards on the next deal!"

Look over the play to see if West casually dismissed any responsibility for not defeating the game.

West led his heart king and continued with his queen to win the first two tricks, when East discarded, West cashed his heart ace and led his heart jack, forcing South to ruff.

South ruffed low, took a winning trump finesse, and claimed 10 winners when trumps split 3-2. Was there any way to defeat the game? Yes. East and West each had a chance. When West leads his fourth high heart, East can promote a trump trick for West if he ruffs West's jack. South must overruff with his 10, and West's K-9 of trumps produces a trump winner behind South's Q-J-4-2.

Does this mean East should bear all the guilt for allowing the game to make? No. West should accept the major part of the blame. West knows that East has a Yarborough and can't wait to get on to the next deal. So, instead of leading his heart jack at trick four, he should lead his low heart.

When dummy's heart 10 covers West's five, even a sleepy East will ruff the trick. And after South is forced to overruff with his 10, the uppercut ensures a trump winner for West and one down for South.

**NORTH** 1-10-A  
 ♠ A 6 5  
 ♥ 10 4 3  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ K Q 8

**WEST**  
 ♠ K 9 3  
 ♥ A K Q J 5  
 ♦ 5 4  
 ♣ J 10 9

**EAST**  
 ♠ 8 7  
 ♥ 9 6 2  
 ♦ K Q 6  
 ♣ A 7

Vulnerable: North-South  
 Dealer: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1 ♠	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: Heart king

**BID WITH THE ACES** 1-10-B

South holds:  
 ♠ K 9 3  
 ♥ A K Q J 5  
 ♦ 5 4  
 ♣ J 10 9

South North  
 1♥ 2♦

**ANSWER:** Two no-trump. Rubber bridge players might rebel hearts for the honors. Duplicate players aim at the most likely game.

Send bridge queries to The Aces, P.O. Box 81821, Richard TX 75083, enclosing a No. 10 self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply.  
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**MEDICAL**  
 Medical Billing/Coding Specialist. Must be able to work in a fast paced office. Send resume to: Attn: Denise PO Box 5762 Twin Falls, ID 83303.

**MEDICAL**  
 RN Management - opening for our Twin Falls Office. As a result of our growth, this is a brand new position! Send resume to: Linda Home Hays & Hospice, Nancy Strand, 826 Eastland Drive, TF 83301. Come and be a part of our team! EOE.

**MEDICAL**  
 RN or positions assistance needed to do resident monthly assessments under state regulations for assisted living facility in Burley or Twin Falls area. Send resume to: 1590 Donald Way, Pocatello, ID 83201.

**MISCELLANEOUS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS**  
 \* Fork Light Heavy  
 \* Factory A Shift  
 \* Greenhouse labor  
 \* Construction/Forklift  
 \* Sanitation/Janitor  
 \* Fish Processor  
 \* Mechanic/Welder  
 \* CDL Drivers

No fee, same day pay

**MISC PAPER CIRCULATION**  
 The Times-News is accepting applications for a Full-time District Manager. The successful candidate must be able to work weekdays from 8:00am to 5:00pm. An outgoing personality is a plus. This entry level management position involves responsibilities in managing youth and adult carriers, sales promotions, and providing excellent customer service. If you are interested, fill out an application by Jan 14, 2002. Attn: Dan Walock P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303. WORKPLACE

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 Hourly wage DOE, includes housing, PPE, includes hauling, repairing balers, swathers, loaders & tractors. Working and servicing equipment. Need own tools. English skills required. Must have references. Call 645-2381.

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 Psychiatric Services is seeking a licensed Counselor. Must have LC certification. Please contact Julie at 732-0995. EOE

**MEDICAL**  
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**MANNY**  
 80-100 manny, room and board plus salary, references required. Call 324-0113 or 320-2457. 1700 Blue Mesa Blvd.

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 PIZZA HUT Accepting applications for a part time pizza server/trainer. Must have previous mgmt experience. Apply in person at any Magic Valley location.

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**SALES**  
 Due to a retirement, Spudnik, a leading manufacturer of potato handling equipment is seeking applicants for a full-time Sales Representative. Qualified applicants will possess the following skills:

**TEMP & PERMANENT POSITIONS**  
 APPLY IN PERSON TODAY!  
 870 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Ste. 4 (Next to Hastings on Falls Ave.) Twin Falls 735-5999

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 Mechanical and welding skills general repair knowledge and ability to troubleshoot on farm equip. Drivers license with favorable record req. Competitive wages. Please submit resumes to Spudnik Equip. Company Craig Kantack P.O. Box 1045 Blackfoot, ID 83321 ccran@spudnik.com

**SALES**  
 Napa Auto Parts is looking for an aggressive, motivated, professional service oriented inside sales person in Twin Falls, who wants an opportunity for growth and recognition in a mid-size company.

**COMPETITIVE wage**  
 \* Plus bonus  
 \* Medical benefits  
 \* 401k plan  
 \* Paid vacation  
 The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

\* Outstanding communication and customer service skills.  
 \* Desire for growth within the organization.  
 Apply in person 1800 Kimberly Rd. TF

**RESTAURANT**  
 All positions avail. PT, evenings & weekends a must. Apply in person at Maxias 1700 Blue Mesa Blvd.

**RESTAURANT**  
 Now hiring breakfast cook. 736-3710. Located at Air Port in Twin Falls, Idaho.

**RESTAURANT**  
 Tired of waiting tables. Make great change and increase your earning potential. Will train the right person for outside sales with young dynamic company. Call Julie at 208-313-2900

**RESTAURANT**  
 Wallpaper needed for flexible hours. Apply in person 428 2nd Ave. E. TF

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 We want career minded people who want to work hard in a professional environment. No experience necessary. We will train the right applicants to sell advertising for our market leading stations. Apply at: KEZJ, KOOL, QLDIES, KJLX, 415 Park Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho or call 733-7512. EOE

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 WAREHOUSE GENERAL LABOR HOUSEKEEPING CLERICAL COLLECTION (SKILLED & SEMI-SKILLED) PRODUCTION

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**ROUTE 553**  
 100 Bik Davis St. 300-600 North St. 100 Bik Ramsey

If you live in the area and are interested in being a newspaper carrier... Please call District Manager, 733-0931 ext. 347

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**TWIN FALLS (6)**  
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**ROUTE 809**  
 300-700 Bik 2nd Ave. W. 300-400 Bik 3rd Ave. W.

**ROUTE 821**  
 100-700 2nd Ave. E.

**ROUTE 883**  
 400-600 Ridgeway 500-1200 Wendell

**ROUTE 887**  
 1000-1100 Park Meadows 1000-1100 Twin Parks Dr.

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**OPEN HOUSES**  
 We are working to make our classified section free of any errors. Please check your ads the first day it runs. After that time The Times-News will not be responsible for any mistakes.

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 Federal employment information is free. Remember, no one can promise you a federal job or free information about federal jobs, call Career America Counseling at 478-757-3000

**ATTENTION**  
 Work from home. \$1200 to \$5800 per month. Call 866-433-HOME

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 Selling property? Don't pay any less until it's sold. For free information about the new, Our homes are hereby informed that all dwellings covered by the new rules and real estate scams, write to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20588. Call the National Fraud Information Center, 1-800-876-7600.

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 EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY  
 If you are advertising in the newspaper, you are subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or age. To be in compliance with the law, you must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or age. If you are a landlord, you must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or age. If you are a tenant, you must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or age. If you are a real estate agent, you must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or age. If you are a mortgage lender, you must not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, or age. 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