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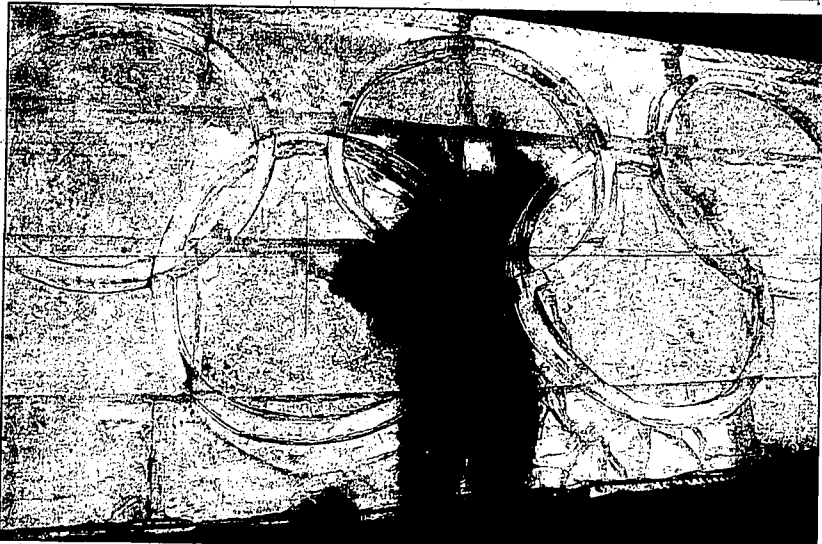
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DOWN TO THE WIRE



George Henderson carves a groove in the back of the Olympic ice sculpture in the parking lot of the Turf Club on Falls Avenue in Twin Falls. The grooves will hold lights that will illuminate the sculpture for nighttime viewing. When the torch comes to town on Saturday, the sculpture will serve as a backdrop for the runners before they enter the College of Southern Idaho.

Planners prepare for torch's arrival amid some uncertainty

By Mark Helz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Local officials are racing to complete the final details of Saturday's Olympic torch event.

Some of the area's top law enforcement brass say they feel ready for the torch's arrival, but they aren't taking anything for granted.

"Our big issue here is the unknown," said Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore. "We don't know exactly what size crowd we will attract."

Meanwhile, a local planner of the torch relay said some final details have been slow in coming

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Find our 10-page Olympic torch special section inside today's Times-News, featuring:

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from the Salt Lake Olympic Committee.

Runners were apparently being added to the list of torch bearers as late as Wednesday, according to information from SLOC.

A total of 52 runners were scheduled to take the torch on the run through Twin Falls, according to SLOC. That's seven more runners than local relay organizer Elaine Steele knew about on Wednesday. Her list showed 45 runners on her list, but she acknowledged that SLOC might have added more participants.

In a related matter, SLOC announced that it had found a replacement runner for controversial ex-Olympian Francis

"Bud" Feltman. SLOC selected Dick Fosbury — a Sun Valley resident who was a high jumper in the 1968 Summer Olympics. He is credited with inventing the "Fosbury flop" method of high jumping.

Some locals were upset by the idea of Feltman — a former Blaine County resident — getting the honor of carrying the torch in Twin Falls. His selection brought up troublesome tales of Feltman's past in Blaine County, including accusations that in 1995 he had faked his own disappearance and bilked investors in a company he ran out of about

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Bush calls for record hike in military budget

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush told a military audience Wednesday that he will ask Congress for the biggest increase in defense spending since President Ronald Reagan's first term, vowing to spend "whatever it costs" to defeat terrorism around the world.

The proposed buildup, much like the one in 2001, please see BUSH, Page A2

Departure sparks controversy

Legislator: Some tried to undercut Sando

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — The resignation of Idaho's Department of Fish and Game director Wednesday caught the chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee by surprise — partially, Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said he was surprised at the suddenness of the resignation, but not at the fact that Rod Sando resigned.



Rod Sando

Noh said, "This thing has been run driven, with very few people willing to stand up and be

counted." The Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously Wednesday to accept Sando's resignation. The resignation is effective June 30, although Deputy Director Al Van Vooren was immediately named interim director. The board unanimously accepted Sando's departure.

Not all the commissioners are content. "This is with regret," Commissioner Don Clower of

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Company wants to mine underneath wilderness area

The Associated Press

NOXON, Mont. — Mary Mitchell was hiking in the rugged Cabinet Mountains in 1995 when she came upon the last thing she expected to see in one of the nation's oldest protected wilderness areas.

It was a small metal plate attached to a rock, indicating the location of an underground mining claim.

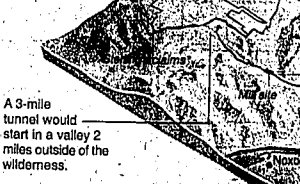
Like many people, Mitchell believed wilderness areas are off-limits to development. But she soon learned that a mining company intends to bore two three-mile tunnels underneath the Cabinets to reach a giant vein of silver and copper.

Alarmed, Mitchell joined the Rock Creek Alliance and has spent the past six years trying to stop the proposed Rock Creek Mine near the Montana-Idaho state line.

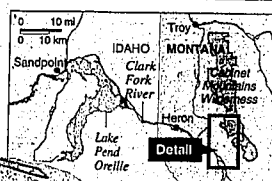
The fight is not going well for mine opponents, among them singers Bonnie Raitt and Jackson Browne, who have given concerts

Tunneling below the wild

A mining company recently won approval to build a mine underneath the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness area in western Montana. Many local residents are opposed to the plan, which they fear would negatively impact the local environment and wildlife.



A 3-mile tunnel would start in a valley 2 miles outside of the wilderness.



100 million tons of crushed rock debris would be collected in a tailings pond.

SOURCES: USGS; Rock Creek Alliance; Associated Press; U.S. Forest Service; ESRI

Vote on CAFO plans set for today

Commissioners meet with legal council

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners are set to decide first thing this morning whether to adopt proposed county laws governing confined animal feeding operations.

Commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff said commissioners met privately with their legal counsel Wednesday discussing the ordinances.

Deputy attorney Rosemary Emory, in charge of the county's civil division, said the meetings focused on legal advice regarding the ordinances.

Commissioners are moving to

toward new regulations governing animal feeding operations in the county before the moratorium on new operations expires Tuesday. Commissioners are meeting at county courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Commission vote

County commissioners are set to meet at 8:30 a.m. today to decide on the county's proposed ordinances for confined animal feeding operations. The commissioners will be meeting at county courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Commissioners have said they will consider public input, including that provided by a self-appointed citizens group that has proposed a different set of regulations.

Eventual changes could include incorporation of setbacks and variations to the ordinance that deals with a hearing officer, Grindstaff said.

Changes to the proposed county ordinances would be incorporated in amendment form, County Prosecutor Grant Loebis said. The public would have a chance to comment on the proposed changes, he said.

No changes of decisions have been made to the proposed ordinances during discussions with legal counsel, Loebis said.

Commissioners were accepting public comment through Wednesday. Commissioner Bill Brockman said they had received about 10 more pieces of comments since last week's public hearing.

Commissioners are looking at six proposed ordinances to establish zoning standards to regulate confined animal feeding operations in Twin Falls County. The six ordinances cover:

- Zoning standards for the siting of animal feeding operations from 100 to 999 animal units.
- Regulations and standards

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Mary Mitchell

exploratory work. The decision, 14 years after the project was first proposed, alarmed environmental and business interests who fear the mine will pollute the water, imperil grizzly bears and other wildlife, and drive off tourists who enjoy the region's spectacularly beautiful lakes and trout streams.

"Most people live here because it is wild and there are elk on the hillsides and very few people," said Judy Hutchins, who grows hay and trees in nearby Heron, Mont. She called the mine "an abomination."

The Cabinet Mountains are one of only four places in the Lower 48 states where grizzly bears — an endangered species — are known to live.

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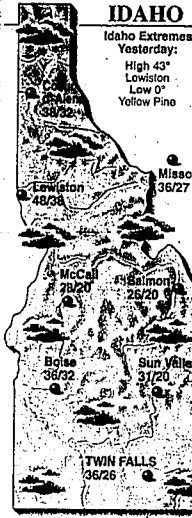
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Idaho Extremes Yesterday: High 43° Low 10° Yellow Pine

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday Temperature: High/Low 28/18° Normal high/Low 31/9° Record high 52° in 1881 Record low 6° in 1960 Precipitation 0.40" 24 hours ending 6 p.m. year to date 0.56" Month to date 0.07" Normal month to date 0.77" Water year to date (Oct. 1) 3.60" Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 4.04"

Humidity Yesterday at noon 71% Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.28 in

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls Grass N/A Weeds N/A Normal year to date N/A Source: A&M and Allergy of Idaho



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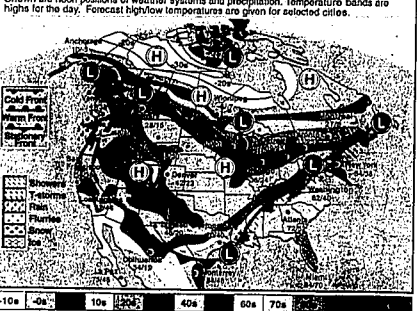
REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds will break for intervals of sunshine today; a snow shower in the mountains. Highs 32-40. Mostly cloudy tonight; some snow possible. Lows 15-30.
Boise: Clouds will break for a little sunshine today. High 36. Tonight, cloudy with some light snow possible. Low 32. Tomorrow, a bit of snow in the morning changing to rain in the afternoon. High 42.
Northern Nevada: Sunshine and patchy clouds today. Highs 29-38. Clear to partly cloudy and cold tonight. Lows 10-25. Snow will develop tomorrow. Highs in the 20s and lower 30s.

NATIONAL WEATHER

High 80° in McAllen, TX Low -20° in Big Piney, WY

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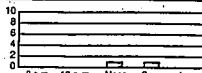
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Economic stimulus - A7

Retired Officers Association. Bringing up a sensitive issue that hangs over the 2002 midterm elections, Bush assured congressional leaders at breakfast Wednesday, "I have no ambition to use the war as a political issue."

modernization. An additional \$10 billion goes into a "war reserve" that could be tapped as needed.

Bush's request constitutes a 14 percent increase and would bring Pentagon spending to \$375 billion in 2003. Reagan won a 17 percent increase for the 1982 budget year.

return, they deserve every resource, every weapon needed to achieve the final and full victory."

Democratic leaders, both at the national party and on Capitol Hill, have been careful since Sept. 11 to say that they stand shoulder to shoulder with Bush on his conduct of the war.

Torch

Continued from A1. \$500,000. While Steele and other local organizers said they had no idea Felman had been picked to run, SLOC officials explained that this slot in Twin Falls was one of about 200 across the country that had been reserved for ex-Olympians.

Shuttle service

Trans V buses will offer free shuttle service during the Olympic torch celebration in Twin Falls Saturday. From 10 a.m. until noon, buses will be on the loop at the College of Southern Idaho to provide rides from distant parking spaces to the torching celebration site at CSI.

or snow, but you can't control the weather. And they can predict whatever they want, and it can still change."

DeVore and Twin Falls police detective Scott Smith said they were doing all they could to take the unpredictability out of security and traffic-control issues.

and Elko counties. Some fire departments, the Twin Falls city staff and Specialty Construction of Twin Falls were also expected to help with traffic control, DeVore said.

Traffic is not expected to be a problem, thanks to the planning of traffic division commander Sgt. Matt Hicks of the Twin Falls police and other experts, Smith said.

Firefighters return after venture

NEW YORK - When they first pedaled out through the Holland Tunnel, they had little more in mind than paying tribute to their fallen comrades.

cycled cross-country in just over a month reunited Wednesday for the first time since their return. At a luncheon at the Russian Tea Room to salute their efforts, the group presented the Uniformed Firefighters Association Widows' & Children's Fund with donations of \$29,000.

Sando

Continued from A1. Meridian said during the telephone conference. "This isn't right."

Noh said he is looking into the incident, but the staff backs Sando. "He has strong ethical principles and convictions on how to perform a job," Noh said.

Noh also pointed out that Fish and Game has gone through three directors in a short period of time, saying that kind of turnover can do serious damage to the state's wildlife management agency.

months. They surfaced in November when the commission split 4-3 to give him a pay raise; reflecting some dissatisfaction with his performance.

Sando failed to strenuously support the governor's adamant opposition to dam breaching for salmon recovery. And critics said Sando was consistently at odds with landowners and other resource users over what they considered his disregard for their concerns. They said he too often erred on the side of conservation and against multiple use in issues ranging from cougars and sage grouse to frogs and salmon.

Among the disputes was a public clash with the Idaho Cable Association over Fish and Game's decision to seek prosecution of a rancher who shot three cougars in the Mountain Home area.

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Continued from A1. for the keeping and care of livestock. Establishing the position of a hearing officer who would have the authority to grant or deny permits. Operating permit requirements and procedures. Zoning standards for the siting of animal feeding operations, 1,000 animal units and larger. Procedures for appeals of planning and zoning decisions made by the zoning administrator, hearing officer or planning and zoning commission.

NATION

Mine

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The beauty of the soaring peaks was recognized as early as 1907, when President Theodore Roosevelt made the Cabinets a forest reserve. Later, they became one of the first areas protected under the Wilderness Act of 1964.

However, the Wilderness Act also allows owners of mining claims inside protected areas to extract the minerals.

This is not the first time the government has given the OK to mine underneath protected wilderness. But this is easily among the biggest such projects ever proposed, involving one of the largest undeveloped ore deposits in the United States.

Sterling and the state contend hikers and campers in the wilderness will not even know a mine is operating hundreds of feet beneath them.

Kathleen Johnson, coordinator of the project for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, said the only sign of the mine on the surface of the wilderness area would be an 18-by-18-foot ventilation shaft, high on a hillside.

The mine's opening and surface operations would be just outside the wilderness area. Huge trucks capable of hauling 50 tons each would carry the ore through the tunnels to the surface.

The permit includes a long list of actions the company must take to protect the air, water, ground and wildlife, and Sterling must post a \$77 million bond to pay for any environmental damage.

Mine owner Frank Duval said the concessions will ensure the wilderness area is protected. "We have spent huge amounts of money and been tied up with extremist environmentalists," he said. "Some people want no development any place, but we need these metals."

Environmental groups said they will appeal the permits and take the fight to court if necessary.

"Our society, when it crafted the Wilderness Act, said there are special places where man's imprint is the last thing we want to leave," said Cesar Hernandez of the Montana Wilderness Association.

Enron Corp.'s chairman announces resignation

HOUSTON (AP) — Kenneth L. Lay, the embattled chairman and chief executive officer of Enron Corp., resigned Wednesday night from the bankrupt energy company but will remain on the company's board.

Lay, 59, transformed Enron from a regional pipeline company into one of the world's largest energy-trading firms. But in recent weeks, Lay has been blamed for much of what went wrong at Enron.

"I want to see Enron survive, and for that to happen we need someone at the helm who can focus 100 percent of his efforts on reorganizing the company and preserving value for our creditors and hard-working employees," Lay said Wednesday night in a statement released by Enron.

In other news, Enron's lead outside auditor will refuse to testify before Congress today about his role in the destruction of financial documents, his lawyer said.

With a House panel nonetheless compelling the Arthur Andersen auditor, David Duncan, to show up at its hear-

ing, Congress' public inquiry into the shredding of documents headed for a dramatic opening.

Enron's own alleged shredding, meanwhile, is being investigated by FBI agents at the company's Houston headquarters.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee served a subpoena on Duncan Wednesday. But one of Duncan's attorneys, Robert Gluffra, told the committee in a letter that "he will rely on his constitutional right not to testify" unless the panel grants him immunity.

Congress can compel witnesses to show up but cannot force them to answer potentially incriminating questions without granting them immunity from criminal prosecution.

Duncan already has talked to committee investigators.

Andersen, a Chicago-based auditing firm, fired Duncan last week for his role in the extensive destruction of Enron-related documents that took place after federal regulators began investigating possible accounting improprieties.



Kenneth Lay

Take a break Morning break today on page B8

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Buhl veteran keeps up military pride

By Mary Lou Potts
The Times-News

BUHL - Most military retirees want to kick back, enjoy families and maybe, travel.

Floyd Hernandez does all of those things and in his spare time, he is commander of the Thurston Pence Post 3604 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Buhl, a member of the VFW Color Guard, active member of Marine Corps League, member of the Citizens On Patrol police force and committee member of the Marine's Toys For Tots program.

Hernandez is raising Barbadas sheep, building an addition to his house, does woodwork and metal work and an avid reader of history, architecture and art.

"I've never been bored," he said.

Hernandez was born in Shoshone, raised in Twin Falls

and left school at an early age to join the Marine Corps. He finished his schooling and attended college in California for tool design engineering and art.

"During his military career, Hernandez was stationed in Itami Iwakuni, Japan as an aircraft maintenance worker. He also had tour of duty in Korea and Viet Nam, and was stationed at El Toro Marine Base in California and in Memphis, Tenn. He left the military in 1969 as a master sergeant with 21 years active duty. Being stationed in Japan, Hernandez gained a love for Japanese art and got interested in Chinese art and later visited the country. He

About VFW
Eligibility in VFW is for military personnel who have seen action in the wars. A campaign medal is a must but there is no age limit. Thurston Pence Post 3604 wants to recruit new members from Coeur d'Alene, Hayden and Pocatello, as well as Buhl. Members meet at Lincoln Court monthly. For more information, call Floyd Hernandez at 543-8165.

joined the VFW in California. After moving to Buhl in the early 1980s, he took up with the Buhl VFW and became junior vice commander. Hernandez has held the commander position for two years and will probably take a second term this year. The post is an active one.

Members and the color guard perform flag ceremonies at Founders Day, Veterans Day at schools, home basketball games for the College of Southern Idaho and local community activities.

The post distributes flags to businesses and replaces worn out ones. It is setting up a program for disposal of worn out flags.

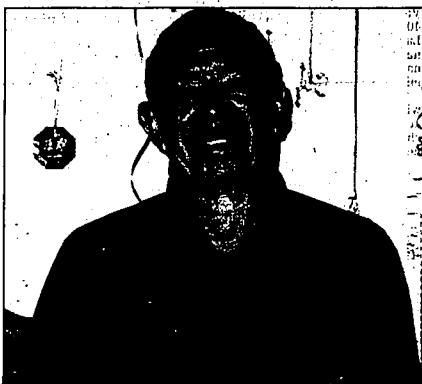
Every year, the VFW sponsors the Voice of America where students earn scholarships for writing essays on various American themes.

"This year, the students will have a new outlook on America since the Sept. 11th tragedy, and there should be some good ideas," Hernandez said.

Tuesday mornings, you can find Hernandez in a coffee klatch with VFW buddies. Ideas are exchanged, plans made for new projects and there's warm camaraderie.

Younger members are needed to carry on the traditions of the post, he said.

"We always need new leadership," Hernandez said. "It would be nice if some of the members would start returning to the meetings and maybe we could have a good chance of recruiting new members from some of their families and friends."



Floyd Hernandez is never bored. With good reason, he is commander of the active Thurston Pence Post 3604 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Buhl, among other interests and activities.

Hemingway's 'Old Man' of the sea dies at age 104

By Dennis McLellan
Los Angeles Times

Gregorio Fuentes, who skippered Ernest Hemingway's fabled fishing boat, the Pilar, for more than 20 years and is said to have been the writer's inspiration for the fisherman "The Old Man and the Sea," has died. He was 104.

Fuentes died of cancer Sunday at his home in Cojimar, the quiet Cuban fishing village about 10 miles east of Havana.

Fuentes was the character of Antonio in Hemingway's "Islands in the Stream," and he claimed to be the namesake for Hemingway's youngest son, Gregory. But most knew Fuentes as the model for the old fisherman who puts up a heroic fight with a giant marlin in Hemingway's Pulitzer Prize-winning 1952 novella.

Born on the Canary Islands in 1897, Fuentes arrived in Cuba alone at age 6 after his Spanish father died en route to Cuba. He was taken in by immigrants until he became an adolescent and began earning money cleaning fish and going out to sea with the fishermen.

He moved to Cojimar as an adult and began fishing and piloting cargo boats. In 1928, he spotted a man whose fishing boat had broken down during a storm. The man was Hemingway. Fuentes towed his boat to safety, thus beginning a friendship that lasted until Hemingway's suicide in 1961.

In 1934, using a \$3,000 advance from a magazine, Hemingway bought the Pilar and made Fuentes his captain.

Fuentes once told Hemingway about the time, in his younger days, when he single-handedly battled a 600-pound marlin in a



Photo courtesy of Don Tagliacozzo

Gregorio Fuentes, skipper of Hemingway's fishing boat, died at 104. He was said to be the inspiration for the story, "The Old Man and the Sea."

small skiff. The marlin was so big that he had to tie it to the side of the boat. And by the time he reached port the next day, the marlin had been chewed up by sharks.

Hemingway and Fuentes also came across an old man in a skiff battling a huge marlin.

"Sharks were all around the boat, and we tried to help, but he was crazy and he shouted for us to get away," Fuentes recalled. "He was far out to sea and weary, but he wanted nothing. We finally gave him some food and a few Cokes and continued on. Later, when we heard the old man had died, Papa was very sad. I know that is why he wrote the book. It was a tribute to all the fishermen of Cojimar."

Hemingway bequeathed the Pilar to Fuentes, who turned the boat over to the Cuban government, which displays it outside Hemingway's former home near Havana.

"I loved that man very much, and I didn't want to fish with anyone else," Fuentes said in 1999.



The cast of 'American Family,' which has been picked up by PBS.

PBS rescues Latino drama series

By Patricia Brennan
The Washington Post

Gregory Nava was in great spirits. PBS, having agreed to carry his series "American Family" for 13 episodes, decided to extend the contract to 22 shows - even before the first one aired.

The series, focusing on the Gonzalezes of East Los Angeles, has an ensemble cast that includes Edward James Olmos, Sonia Braga, Raquel Welch and Esal Morales.

"American Family" airs at 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Each is short of an hour, leaving a block of 10 to 15 minutes to be filled. KCET

in Los Angeles will provide behind-the-scenes footage and coordinating material to expand on issues of that episode.

For English-language U.S. broadcast, "American Family" is the first drama series to focus on a Latino family. On cable, Showtime has "Resurrection Blvd." and Nickelodeon has "The Brothers Garcia," the first English-language sitcom with a Latino cast and creative team.

"American Family" will air later on Spanish-language Telemundo and Mexico's Televisa, said Nava. Mexican actress Kate Del Castillo also will begin her first U.S. role.

NEWS FROM MEXICO

Fox asks U.S., Mexico businesses to invest in poor regions

The Associated Press

GUANAJUATO, Mexico - With the economy sluggish and the budget tight, President Vicente Fox wants entrepreneurs on both sides of the border to invest in poor communities with high migration rates to the United States.

Representatives of companies including Tyson Foods, and even NBA basketball player Eduardo Najera of the Dallas Mavericks were asked to become "godfathers" to poor communities

across Mexico.

Fox promised to create jobs and reduce poverty when he took office more than a year ago. But recessions in both countries - the destination for roughly 90 percent of Mexican exports - have cost thousands of Mexican jobs and forced Fox to scale back once-grand plans.

His government proposed the "padrino," or godfather, program in July, targeting wealthy, influential Mexican-Americans willing to invest in their homeland. But it has expanded to include

Mexican business leaders and non-Hispanic U.S.-based companies - anyone willing to help.

Officials have identified 90 "micro-regions" where poverty is rampant and many residents end up working illegally in the United States. The goal is to increase wages and keep Mexicans at home.

Juan Hernandez, who heads Fox's office of migrant affairs, said the program hopes to raise \$200 million in the next five years.

One so-called godfather taking

part, Juan Francisco Ochoa, known as the "Chicken King," who owns 45 fast food restaurants in the United States and Mexico. He has promised \$200,000 to "adopt" the town of Santiago Juxtlahuaca in the southern state of Oaxaca. The money will be used to build a school, improve the town's electrical and water systems, and construct several basketball courts.

"We believe in this program, and we don't want to be left behind," Ochoa said.

Legal groups: Abuses abound in Mexico's legal system

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY - The Mexican legal system still allows major abuses of suspects' rights, including torture and forced confessions, despite laws to prevent them, human rights groups say.

A report released by the groups said the legal system is stacked in favor of prosecutors, with some 95 percent of cases ending in convictions.

The report, called "Legalized

Injustice," was prepared by the New York-based Lawyers Committee for Human Rights and Mexico's Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez Human Rights Center affiliated with the Jesuits. It portrayed a system in which police and prosecutors are poorly trained investigators and often make arbitrary arrests, torture suspects into confessions and stifle appeals.

Public defenders usually are "extremely ineffective" because they are overworked, under-funded and often employed by the prosecutor's office, the report said.

The report urged Mexico to adopt tighter limits on arrests without warrant, noting that almost half of federal arrests and a majority of those in Mexico City in 1998 were made without judicial orders. It also called for tighter monitoring of the conditions of arrests, saying authorities often falsify evidence to hide the amount of time suspects have

been in custody.

Suspects also should have the right to immediately see a lawyer, the report said.

"In practice, suspects have no right to counsel during the period of detention for interrogation by the police, which can extend for hours or even days," the report said.

"The rules and practice of criminal procedure have been - and remain - an open invitation to abuse," the report said.

Community Library offers new Spanish encyclopedias

KETCHUM - The Community Library in Ketchum now has The Hispanic Encyclopedia available.

The 180-volume set is geared toward eighth grade and up and is available in the Reference Room.

Also new is the Enciclopedia Cumbre, a multi-volume set for middle school students. It is available in the children's section.

The library is located at 415 Spruce Ave. in Ketchum. For more information, call 726-3493 or visit its Web site at

www.thecommunitylibrary.org

Ul honors human rights activist

COEUR D'ALENE - The University of Idaho will use a \$25,000 grant from the Carr Foundation to honor Bill Wassmuth, a leading human rights activist in the Pacific Northwest, with a speakers series bearing his name.

"With the Bill Wassmuth Diversity and Human Rights Speakers Series, we honor an important human rights pioneer

and hero in this region," said Raul Snchez, special assistant to the president for diversity and human rights at UI.

Wassmuth is the former executive director of the Northwest Coalition Against Malignous Harassment where he oversaw the coalition's work against bigotry in six western



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MV students earn military academy nominations

WASHINGTON, DC - Magic Valley students are among the 40 Idaho teens that U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has nominated for appointment to our nation's military service academies for the year 2002.

I am considerably impressed with the talent, academic achievement and strength of character of these Idaho students," Craig said. "I am hon-

ored to place their names in nomination for the four service academies."

Potential nominees were selected based upon their academic record, class standing and potential for leadership. The following is a list of nominees, their hometowns and high schools:

Air Force Academy:
Benjamin Allred - Declo High

School:
Preston Goodrich - Burley High School
Naval Academy:
Josh Kantor - The Community School, Hailey
West Point:
Shawn Potter - Hagerman High School
Merchant Marine:
Aaron Schmidt - Gooding High School

BUHL FFA



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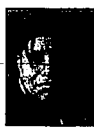
Buhl High School FFA members attended the National Convention in Louisville, Ky. in late October. In addition to attending workshops, the group took several sightseeing tours in Kentucky and Tennessee, such as the Opryland Amusement Park, Country Music Hall of Fame, Civil War Museum, Churchill Downs, Louisville Slugger Museum, National Corvette Museum and Makers Mark Distillery. Those who attended include: from left, front row: Laurie Owen, South Magic Valley District reporter and student adviser; Jayme Bohman, sentinel; and Lacey Owen, South Magic Valley District sentinel and secretary back row: Andy Cunningham, treasurer; Jared Nilper, reporter; Cortlin Runyan, president; Alan Avery; and Shane Stockman, club adviser.

Jessica, Joseph nurture each other

Personality: Holidays can be a difficult time for Jessica. At Christmas time last year she realized she and brother Joseph, could not return home. Coming from a Native-American culture where family ties are close, Jessica feels this loss deeply. Her close, nurturing relationship with Joseph sustains both of them.

Jessica's caution and reserve gives way to trust and confidence when she senses acceptance. She can also be a loyal and compassionate friend.

Thursday's Children



Jessica Age 14



Joseph Age 13

worry, establish safe boundaries and build self-esteem. Jessica needs an educational advocate to help her work within an Individual Educational Plan.

Joseph

Personality: At first glance you may think Joseph is reserved, but shyness gives way easily enough when he's talking about martial arts or drawing his two favorite hobbies.

Interests: Joseph also likes running, biking and camping. His

agility and natural grace make him an excellent athlete.

Needs: Joseph would benefit from a strong Native-American man who shows respect for women; someone who appreciates outdoor activities. He responds positively to those who notice his abilities and provide reassurance when the going is tough. Joseph needs the support of an educational ally who will help him catch up at school. He receives SSI income for a past diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, but has not exhibited behaviors expected with this syndrome.

Family Needs: Both of these youth have participated in counseling to help them deal with grief, loss and the effects of physical and emotional abuse. Traditional tribal healing therapies have also been helpful. State adoption subsidy and purchase of needed services will help one family meet their needs.

Jessica and Joseph are available for adoption through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. To find out more, call the Idaho CareLine number, 1-800-926-2588.

Wood River Bridge announces weekly winners

HAILEY - The Wood River Bridge winners were announced. Winners at the unit game on Monday in Twin Falls were: Fran Maughan, Connie McGowan, Timmi Prasca, Steve Frickey, Max Thompson, Martha and Roger Conner and Louise and Gary Cooley. Winners on Monday were: Betty Gray, Marilyn Nesbit, Timmi Prasca, Steve Frickey, Lynda and Craig Saunders, Roger Connor and Reid Lau. Winners on Wednesday were: Shirley and Ed Ugenik, Linda Edwards, Barbara Corwin, John Bush, Fran Maughan, Bee Longley and Steve Frickey. Winners on Thursday were: Fran Maughan, Vickie Currie, Lynda and Craig Saunders, Jerry Inskip, Bill Carson, Peter Gray and Sue White.

Parks takes registration for ArSmart for children

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration

for ArSmart for children ages 4 to 5.

The program will be held from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 5-28 at the Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club in Twin Falls.

Participants will work with painting, printmaking and sculpture. The cost is \$40 per child.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation office at 735-2265.

CSI offers shapdown course starting next month

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a class in Shapdown from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 1 through April 5 in Shields 103 at CSI. Shapdown is a national program geared toward helping children and teens achieve a healthy weight for their genetic body-build. The class involves children and their parents in creating an active life-style and a healthy but not depriving diet. It guides students through family-based therapies designed to solve underlying emotional issues, and teaches parents and children effective techniques that stop peer teasing, dealing with weight and

communicating effectively.

The class will be taught by certified Shapdown instructor, Jaime Tighe, who has a master's degree in health education. She is a certified personal trainer, certified fitness instructor and certified lifestyle and weight management consultant.

The cost is \$140 per family. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Button and Bows club holds dance this weekend

EDEN - The Button and Bows Square Dance Club will hold its regular dance Saturday at Anderson Camp. Pre-rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m. with squares at 8 p.m. Finger food will be served. For more information call 733-9694.

Group holds guide-dog, puppy-raising info meeting

TWIN FALLS - A guide dog puppy raising information meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Twin Falls Extension Office meeting room, 246 Third Ave. E. The presentation will include

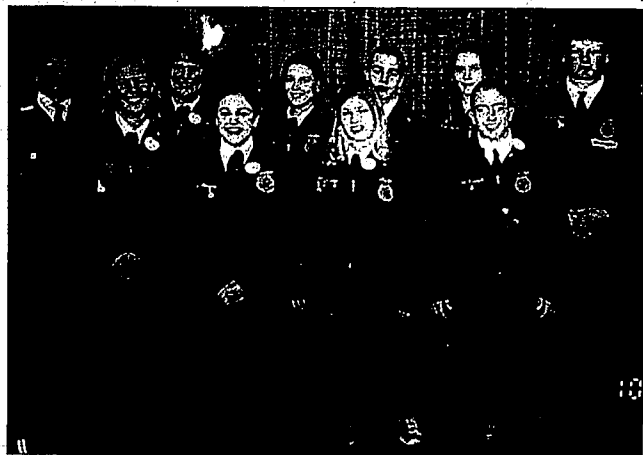


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Castleford FFA members who attended the National Convention were, from left, front: Lauren Stoltzfus, Stephanlo Querry, Larissa Bilck and Carl Kennison; back: Kobi Bower, Heidi Wiseman, Dina Dudley, Jessy Peterson, Kathy Dudley and Eric Brubaker.

Castleford FFA members earn high degrees

CASTLEFORD - Members of the Castleford FFA Chapter attended the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky.

In addition to numerous sessions, workshops and speakers, the convention hosted a career and education fair that displayed information on numerous career

and educational choices.

During the convention, Castleford FFA members Dina and Kathi Dudley received their American FFA Degree - the highest degree attainable to FFA members.

While in Louisville, the members also visited a few local sites,

including the National FFA Center, Churchill Downs, the Indy 500 racetrack, NCAA Hall of Fame and the Louisville Slugger Factory and Museum.

Their chaperones were adviser Roger Wells, adviser Justin Mink, Jodie Mink, Rae Ann Bower, Shari Darrow and Sally Wiseman.

Shoshone recognizes Accelerated Readers

SHOSHONE - Seventy Shoshone Elementary students achieved certification levels in the Accelerated Reader program for the month of December.

Students who achieved the first level, Independent Reader, are:

Michelle Aoi, Jessica Chitwood, Clive Menasse, Skye Axelson, Tyler Cenarrussa, Ashley Featherstone, Kayle Mathison, Alexis Murphy, Amanda Olsen, Joel Scarrow and Shane Walsh; fourth-graders: Rashelle Jansen, Tyler Gifford, Sigi Juarez, John Murphy and Monica Sanchez; fifth-graders: Keith Brown, Logan Peyman and Juan Villagomez; sixth-graders: Chauncey Axelson, Rodger Braun, Christopher Burnett, Jared Fitzgerald, Gerardo Flores, Christopher King, Kelsi

graders Christopher King, Brian Ross, Casey Santana and Robert McCollum II.

Students who achieved the next level, Super Reader, are: third-graders

Michelle Aoi, Jessica Chitwood, Clive Menasse, Skye Axelson, Tyler Cenarrussa, Ashley Featherstone, Kayle Mathison, Alexis Murphy, Amanda Olsen, Joel Scarrow and Shane Walsh; fourth-graders: Rashelle Jansen, Tyler Gifford, Sigi Juarez, John Murphy and Monica Sanchez; fifth-graders: Keith Brown, Logan Peyman and Juan Villagomez; sixth-graders: Chauncey Axelson, Rodger Braun, Christopher Burnett, Jared Fitzgerald, Gerardo Flores, Christopher King, Kelsi

Mason, Richie Hansen, Ramon Hernandez, Wendy Holland, Leslie Molyneux, Dalton Pymel, Joanna Ruiz and Jessica Whisenant.

Students who qualified for the Advanced level status are: third-grader Melissa Smith; fourth-graders Tess Bunker, Britney Lunte and Janni Merrick; fifth-grader Logan Pymel; sixth-graders Shaynee Guilford, Angus Merrell and Feike Rienstra.

Student who met the requirements as a Star Reader are fourth-grader Joshua Olsen; fifth-grader Lacie Simonds; and sixth-grader Rosa Lopez.

Once again qualifying as a Classic Reader is sixth-grader Valerie Pantone.

THANK YOU LETTER

Gifts of love, contributions help make a big difference

With a joyful heart, Gifts of Love thanks you! We have had a successful year.

Because of everyone's generosity, Sunbridge, Twin Falls Care Center, Mountain View in Kimberly and Bridgeview care centers had a wonderful Christmas Remaining items went to Snake River Rehab in Buhl.

Thanks to *The Times-News* for a wonderful article; all of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center employees; Canyonview and Billie; MVRMC Gift Shop and volunteers; transport team; dietary and marketing departments; Bethel 56; Rock Creek Community Church; KMV; Decca clubs at Twin Falls, Kimberly and Riler High schools; Kelly's, Moss and Kimberly garden centers; Precision Vinyl; Avon; 19 local

doctors; Elva Powers; Holland Carpographic; Louise for two quilts; Dolly Peterson; Carol Luvner and church group; Lutheran Women's Missionary League; Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies Circle; Dorothy Rosenthal.

We can make a difference - we just did. Thank you to all of the volunteers - you know who you are. KIM SOMREK Hollister

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Buhl Musical production holds 'Godspell' auditions

BUHL - An audition for the musical, "Godspell" will be held from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and Feb. 2.

Actors should prepare a one minute memorized monologue of their choice. They must also prepare a song of their choice and bring their own accompanist to the audition. A piano will be available.

To schedule an audition time, call David Blaszkiewicz at the Buhl Middle School at 543-8292.

Call back auditions will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 4. Those called back must be prepared to dance and participate in a group audition.

MV Singles Square Dance Club kicks up heels Tuesday

JEROME - The Magic Valley

Singles Square Dance Club will hold a dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome.

Members whose last names begins with Q-Z must bring finger foods.

MV Duplicate Bridge Club announces weekly winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners.

Winners for Jan. 10 were: first, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Harold and Renee Bulcher; and third, Don and Ruth Rahe. Flight B winners were: first, Darlene Wagner and Mary Tucker; and second, Joe Blackford and Norma Prestidge.

Winners for Jan. 12 were: first, Nathan and Kay Higer; second, Dick and Mary Cook; third, Joyce Astorquia and Betty Frantz; fourth, Harold and Renee Bulcher; and fifth, Herb Burgess and Riley Burton.

Winners for Jan. 14 were: first, Steve Hale and Harold Bulcher; second, Ronice Butcher and Marjorie Rainbolt; and third, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Doris Finney.

Winners for Jan. 15 were: first, Betty Grant and Jessie Lingnaw; second, Carmen Kevan and Norma Prestidge; and third, Joyce Astorquia and Betty Frantz.

Winners for Jan. 16 for north/south were: first, Mary Kienlen and Evelyn Meyer; second, Herb Burgess and Riley Burton; and third, Beverly Burns and Bobette Plankey.

Winners for east/west were: first, Wilma Driscoll and Ruth Rahe; second, Dick and Mary Cook; third, Al and Frances Anglin; and flight B, Joe and Helen Stasny.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 324-2000.

Twin Falls Public Library cancels 'Presentation Plus'

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library "Presentation Plus" scheduled for noon on Saturday has been canceled. For more information, call the library at 733-2965.

EDITORIAL

Punishment should fit the crime for fugitive

Nearly three decades have passed since the Symbionese Liberation Army radicals robbed, bombed, murdered and kidnapped their way to notoriety in California.

But when Sara Jane Olson, a former SLA fugitive turned housewife, was sentenced in Los Angeles last week for conspiring to blow up police cars in 1975, it reminded us that terrorists have no sense of remorse, and no regard for a legal system of justice.

For those short of memory, Olson and her cohorts aspired to be the American equivalent of Al Qaida during the 1970s. Largely made up of white, middle-class college students, the SLA robbed banks, murdered the Oakland schools superintendent. In the group's biggest feat, it kidnapped newspaper heiress Patty Hearst.

Olson has long been a suspect in the SLA car bombing attempts, and in the murder of a bystander in a Sacramento bank robbery. Evidence has mounted against her over the years. So, having sown a few wild oats too many, she went on the lam. She changed her name to Kathleen Soliah, married a doctor, had three kids and became a law-abiding soccer mom.

But even soccer moms who do the crime eventually have to do the time. Olson was arrested two years ago and arraigned last fall, with a trial scheduled just weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Olson then went into victimization

overdrive. She pleaded guilty in court, but then she proclaimed her innocence. She said her guilty plea had been based on a belief that she could not find justice in a U.S. court after Sept. 11.

In court, trying to persuade a judge to reverse her plea, she presented her family and her current lifestyle as evidence that she is a changed woman.

But Olson doesn't appear to have changed as much as she professes.

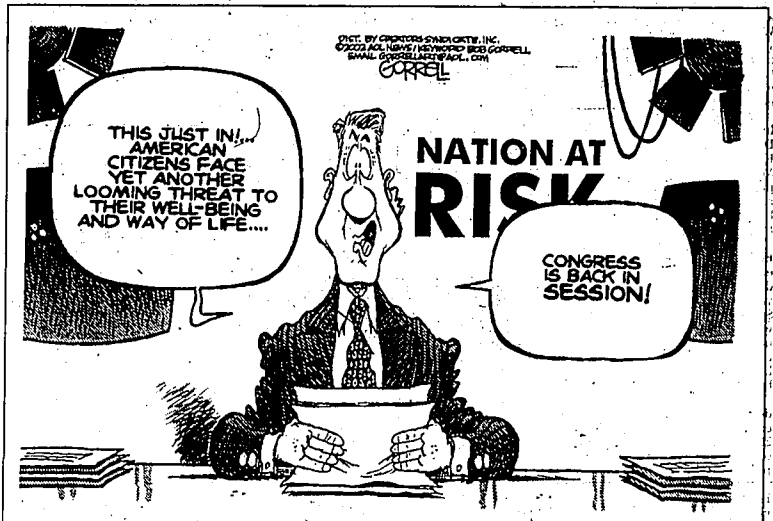
Though she apologized for "mistakes" and claimed to accept responsibility for her actions, her continued denials render her apologies hollow.

Her distrust in the justice system is revealing as well. She obviously continues to reject the legitimacy and fairness of America's democratic institutions. She and her defenders may point to her evolution from terrorist to homemaker, but her angry ideology doesn't seem to have evolved at all.

Americans of various political leanings have largely forgiven one another for the divisive turmoil of the Vietnam years. But unpunished criminal acts cannot be forgiven - or forgotten.

The principles and practices of Olson's SLA 30 years ago are little different from what Osama bin Laden and his disciples follow today. The passage of time, regardless of how many PTA meetings Olson attended, cannot erase her past. Let her punishment fit her crimes.

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Ecocut cut back 'gloom and doom' rhetoric

STEVEN HAYWARD

The greens are feeling rather blue these days. Sept. 11 depreciated the claim that the ruin of the environment is single most urgent threat facing civilization, and it deprived them of their favorite whipping boy - the Bush administration.

A few days after 9/11, the Sierra Club posted a remarkable announcement on its Web site declaring that the club had "removed any material from the Web that people could perceive as anti-Bush" and "are going to stop aggressively pushing our agenda and will cease bashing President Bush."

Even Greenpeace, the bad boy of the environmental movement, backed off their Bush-bashing. Because President Bush is off-limits for the time being, environmentalists are directing their inventive instead toward Bjorn Lomborg, a hitherto unknown Danish statistician who burst on the scene last fall with a blockbuster book titled "The Skeptical Environmentalist: Measuring the True State of the Planet" (Cambridge University Press).

Lomborg's story has captured the media's attention because he describes himself as an "old left-wing Greenpeace member" who changed his mind about the environmental prospects for planet Earth.

Far from being on the precipice of ruin, most - though not all - environmental trends are getting better in the industrialized world, and should also begin to improve in the developing world in the coming decades.

Lomborg's optimism challenges the pervasive gloom of environmentalists, which he describes as "The Litany": We are running out of resources; pollution and global warming are increasing; species are dying off at massive rates; and prospects for the planet are grim.

Environmentalists have reacted with the kind of fury the medieval church reserved for heretics, setting up anti-Lomborg Web sites and raising a ruckus in the media.

Their counter-argument is twofold. First, it is argued that Lomborg either has his facts wrong, or misinterprets the facts. In a book of Lomborg's large scope it is inevitable that there will be some arguable conclusions or omissions, and many of these criticisms have validity. But far from a calt argument, some prominent environmentalists describe Lomborg's book as a "scam," and go as far as to say the book should not have been published.

But the second argument against Lomborg is amusingly ironic, and exposes the fissures among environmentalists. Lomborg's Litany, they say, is a caricature of what environmentalists really think.

"I absolutely agree that the end of the world is not night," said David Sandalow of the World Wildlife Fund in a recent forum with Lomborg in Washington, "and I absolutely agree that many trends are getting better in the world."

Alan Hammond of the World Resources Institute added that Lomborg's Litany is attacking a "straw man." Hammond said the Litany "does not reflect what most major environmental organizations are concerned with today," while Sandalow said that Lomborg's Litany "ignores all the good news about the environment regularly put out by environmental groups."

This is disingenuous. If environmentalists have suddenly become optimistic, then why the ferocious attacks on Lomborg?

Moreover, if environmentalists have supposedly abandoned gloom and doom, then they have some explaining to do and mea culpas to offer.

Folls repeatedly show that large majorities of Americans think environmental quality in the United States is getting worse. The most startling is perhaps a Roper poll in 1998 that found that 57 percent of Americans agree with

the statement that "the next 10 years will be the last decade when humans will have a chance to save the earth from environmental catastrophe."

Why would the public think this if environmentalists have abandoned a gloom and doom view of 30 years ago and are now putting out good news? Environmentalists say, incredibly, that it is the media that are misleading the public. Well, at last environmentalists and their critics can agree on something.

The deeper answer is that the noisiest advocacy groups such as the Sierra Club, Greenpeace, and the Worldwatch Institute haven't abandoned their gloom, and doom views.

But if serious environmentalists have a more balanced view about basic trends and the world's prospects, they have a duty to deprecate the frothy activists and correct media misperceptions.

The World Resources Institute's Alan Hammond may have started doing so in a small way. Hammond dismissed one of the leading figures of modern environmentalism, who is one of Lomborg's main targets - the Worldwatch Institute's Lester Brown. Hammond said that "I would not regard (Brown) in fact as a significant figure in advancing environmental concerns."

This is akin to a conservative saying that Milton Friedman isn't a significant figure within free-market ideology. Yet it is a healthy first indication that serious environmentalists are beginning to mature, to recognize and celebrate human creativity in solving real problems, and that it is not necessary to scare the daylight out of the public to achieve progress.

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LETTERS

Term limits take away choices

I am the chairman of the Jerome County Republican Committee, and I have to think that I voted for the term limits referendum the first time it came before the voters. My objective was to get rid of the career politicians who seemed to stay in Congress because they were incumbents. I was frustrated because the Democrats had control of the Congress for most of 40 years. I had no idea my vote would come back to haunt me with only the terms of local and state legislative officeholders being limited. The Federal Supreme Court has found the Term Limits Law to be unconstitutional, and I believe the State Supreme Court has erred in its decision supporting term limits.

I want to quote the Republican Party of Idaho's platform position on term limits: "The Republican Party of Idaho, supporting the right of every citizen to seek elective office, recognizing the need for experience and institutional memory in elective office, and recognizing the difficulty of filling important offices in smaller cities and counties, supports the repeal of Idaho's term limits law."

If you think long and hard on the task of talking over the jobs of these elected officials and running against them, you want to think first about whether you can do a better job than they can and hopefully make that call from an objective point of view. The most important question to be answered is who can do the best job for the people, not disqualify a person because they have been an officeholder.

The term limits law would take that choice away from the voter in the case of those who have served the maximum terms. Leadership positions are filled by those elected officials who have represented their districts and distinguished themselves doing it for the people of the

district. When an official is re-elected, he has shown he has the confidence of the people and the experience to make the right choices.

Now on the other hand, I believe that elected officials are not infallible and the citizens should not be reluctant to criticize a particular decision. They should also be able to run or to find someone who will run and is qualified to be a candidate. This is the proper term limits.

I believe the term limits law to be an unjust law to the dedicated public officials now serving in Idaho.

DEL KOHITZ
Eden
(Editor's note: Del Kohitz is the chairman of the Jerome Republican Central Committee.)

Why the golf pass surcharge?

I would like to know why there is a \$2 surcharge on the season pass holders at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course? Why wasn't the public notified about the surcharge?

Let's be fair with the Twin Falls facilities: Are you going to charge all of the baseball players \$2 for each game? What about the tennis players - \$2 for each time they use the courts? And what about the people that use the swimming pool - \$2 for each time they swim?

I know that the sprinkler system needs to be replaced, but do you have to pay for it all in one year? Also, there is a need for a marshal to be on the course at all times. Is the surcharge going to be used to pay for a marshal?

The reason nobody objected to the \$2 surcharge is because nobody knew about it. Be fair and charge everyone \$2 and let the public know you will be raising the dues or the surcharge!

CECILIA SHARP
Twin Falls

Better toss the books, movies

Ms. McDonald tells us that "When we argue with God concerning sorcery, casting spells, etc., we will lose. God's word says it and that settles it!" This being the case, along with Harry Potter, there is an infinite number of books, movies, television shows and other medium that children should not see because "God's word says it!"

Children should not read The Chronicles of Narnia, written by renowned Christian author C.S. Lewis. Of course, the Lord of the Rings Trilogy is a definite no-no. The Left Behind series for children and adults contains sorcery as well, let's burn it. We should not allow The Holy Bible in our homes, for it speaks of spell-casting and witchery. Shi Silverstein, Maurice Sendak, Madeleine L'Engle, all heathens. Those Pokemon cards, books and

movies your kids collect, throw them in the pyre! Don't let your kids even watch reruns of Bewitched, I Dream of Jeanie, or The Flying Nun. Look at what those shows did to you! Star Wars, Star Trek, Star Search, out of the question. Dorothy should stay in Oz. Alice must remain in Wonderland, and Peter needs to go back to Never-Never Land. Down with Big Bird, the muppets and Jim Henson. No more Mother Goose, Brothers Grimm or Dr. Seuss. Superman, Spiderman, Batman, Wonder Woman and all their buddies need to fly back to their respective planets. Our children must avert their eyes from anything even resembling Walt Disney.

There are many more shows and books we must cease from viewing. Use your best judgment. It is what God wants. Don't take your kids to McDonald's, Burger King or anything of the like. They

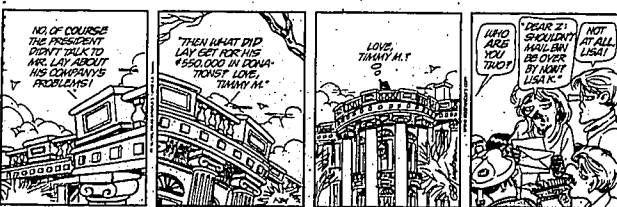
have demonic toys in their kid's meals. No more shopping at Wal-Mart, Kmart or any mart for that matter. And, don't buy your kids Lucky Charms, it's Shredded Wheat and Grahens from now on!

Most importantly, do not, I repeat, do not let your kids participate in Halloween, Easter or Christmas. If you catch them playing make-believe, punish them accordingly.

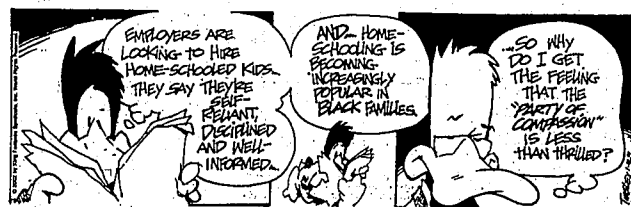
Finally, as responsible adults, we must not read newspapers and magazines or write letters to the editor that contain references to witchcraft and sorcery. We cannot watch CNN, ABC, CBS, NBC or even TBN. We must show our children by illustrious example. Like the Taliban, we are holy warriors who must seek purity by following God's will. "God's word says it and that settles it!"

TIFFANY HARTGEN
Twin Falls

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley



NATION/WORLD

Congress resurrects stimulus plan

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats struggled Wednesday to resurrect economic stimulus legislation at the dawn of an election-year session of Congress, their efforts given urgency by evidence of rapidly eroding budget surpluses.

"We need some type of a stimulus package," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, and top Republicans said they welcomed Majority Leader Tom Daschle's proposal to rework work on a recession relief bill that was blocked in the Democratic-controlled Senate last year.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office lowered its projected budget surpluses for the next decade by 71 percent from last year's estimates — a reduction of \$4 trillion — and said the country will run a deficit for each of the next two years. The agency put the 10-year surplus at \$1.6 trillion, down from \$5.6 trillion in last year's forecast.

For the current fiscal year, a deficit of \$21 billion was estimated, dropping to \$14 billion for the 2003 fiscal year — heralding an end to a short, happy era of surpluses.

Republicans and the White House have criticized Daschle vigorously in recent weeks for refusing to allow a vote on a House-passed stimulus bill on the final day of the session in 2001, even though it apparently had the support to pass. Daschle, D-S.D., proposed on Tuesday that the Senate move quickly to pass relatively non-controversial items — including an extension in jobless benefits, tax rebates for low-income workers and tax breaks to encourage business to invest in new equipment.

That would leave the thornier issues for later, including Republican calls for a larger tax cuts for business and individuals, and Democratic proposals for better health benefits for the unemployed.

Feds double anthrax probe reward to \$2.5 million

EWING, N.J. — After four months without an arrest in the case, federal authorities Wednesday doubled the reward to \$2.5 million for information leading to the capture of whoever sent four letters tainted with anthrax.

Officials also said they will send fliers to more than 500,000 people in New Jersey and Pennsylvania asking for their help.

The fliers, which include pictures of the tainted envelopes, will be sent to residents in Bucks County, Pa., and in central New Jersey, where the letters were processed at the Hamilton post installation. The FBI hopes someone will recognize the handwriting or the type of embossed, 34-cent envelope used. Officials believe the culprit has a scientific background and is familiar with the Trenton area.

Voters approved most local land conservation plans

WASHINGTON — Voters in the 2001 off-year elections approved spending \$1.7 billion for more parks and open spaces, according to a tally by two land conservation groups.

Seventy percent of 196 local ballot measures in two dozen states — 68 of them in Massachusetts alone — won voter approval, said the Trust for Public Land and the Land Trust Alliance. The two groups' tally was being released today.

Republican polster, Neil Newhouse of Alexandria, Va., said support for measures to preserve farmland and parks and protect wildlife habitats and drinking water may be a reaction to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "It addresses a concern that American voters have about overdevelopment, about growth

Nation/World in brief

and congestion, about quality of life," Newhouse said. "But my gut is that after 9-11, people were slow to vote no on anything. The nationalistic pulling together may have had an impact on this."

First relief food arrives in stricken Congo city

GOMA, Congo — Thousands of people ran cheering into Unity Stadium on Wednesday to collect the first food aid delivered to

Goma since a devastating volcanic eruption a week ago.

The World Food Program, assisted by other aid agencies, distributed 22.5 tons of food — enough to feed 70,000 people for a week — agency spokeswoman Laura Melo said.

Josephine Vomeliere, 30, was waiting at Unity Stadium to collect food for her family of seven. "Since the volcano erupted, I've had nothing to eat. We need help to get food, to rebuild our homes, to solve the problems of our country."

—compiled from wire reports

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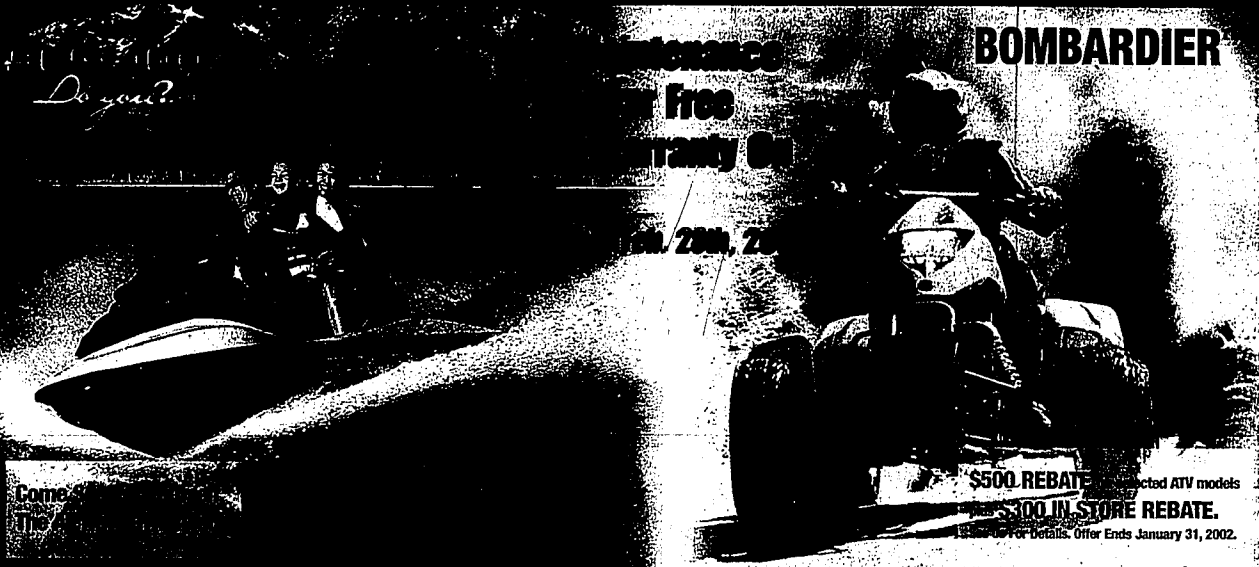
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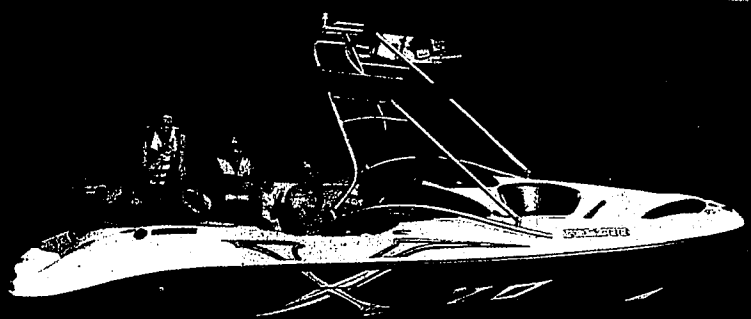
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Jerome couple has triplets - three girls

JEROME - The best things come in threes.
Laura Fitzgerald gave birth to triplets, all girls, Jan. 17 at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise. Madison, 6 pounds; Kennedy, 5 pounds, 8 ounces; and Lauren, 6 pounds, 9 ounces.
"I feel great; we're thrilled," she said.
She said she and her husband, John, knew nearly from the beginning of the pregnancy that their three little ones were on their way.
"We're having fun; they're healthy, happy kids," she said. "They gave you for the worst and we get the best. We feel very blessed."

Because newborns from a multiple birth have a greater chance of being born premature or needing intensive care, many pregnant mothers choose to give birth in a larger, better-equipped hospital, said Beth Toal, hospital spokeswoman.

The Fitzgeralds are part of a growing number of families producing triplets. Increases in fertilization technology have also resulted in multiple births, Toal said.

In 2001, out of roughly 5,500 babies, the hospital delivered 109 sets of twins and 13 sets of triplets, Toal said.

The Fitzgeralds have since stocked up in threes: They've bought three cribs, three swings, three car seats, three high chairs, and so on. All that's left is a large college fund, which they will be starting this year, Laura Fitzgerald said.

Habitat for Humanity group meets today

TWIN FALLS - The Habitat for Humanity of Magic Valley will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. today at Ascension Episcopal Church, 210 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

Dr. Howard Scharf and his wife, Rhonda, will present a program on the International Habitat Build in Guatemala. The couple will show slides of the build, which they participated in.

Local Habitat officers will be elected following the program. All donors and those who have assisted in Habitat work are encouraged to attend the meeting.

CSI officials talk budget to committee in Boise

BOISE - College of Southern Idaho officials head to Boise today to present budget figures to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

CSI President Jerry Meyer-Hoeffler has said he's particularly concerned that the community colleges are taking a bigger cut in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's proposed budget than the universities and the four-year college.

Because of the state's economic downturn, Meyer-Hoeffler faces asking for a long time to retire. He is also anticipating raising tuition and fees for fall 2002.

Cold weather doesn't stall Kimberly sewer project

KIMBERLY - The winter weather hasn't stopped the installation of new sewer improvements on the north side of Kimberly.

It was reported during Tuesday night's City Council meeting that the Boise-based Bedford Construction would start the process of pipe-bursting installation Wednesday.

This second phase of the city's sewer improvement project is expected to be completed in April. The council accepted the towing proposition submitted by Diamond Drilling. All licensed vehicles will be towed by Diamond instead of several different companies, making it easier to locate impounded vehicles and making the costs more consistent.

Ag affairs committee holds field burning hearing today

BOISE - The public will speak out field burning today at the Joint House Senate Agriculture Affairs Committee.

The Idaho Department of Agriculture has a set of proposed "voluntary" rules that include definitions, how to dispose of crop residue and when individuals can burn areas of more than five acres.

The department is also proposing field registration as well as time frames for burning.

The hearing will take place at 1 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Capitol Building in the Gold Room.

Compiled from staff reports

When the torch came before

Runners remember '84 relay through Twin Falls as a highlight

By Carol Stephens
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - It was a sunny, beautiful day in Twin Falls on June 30, 1984, with patriotic decorations up for the Fourth of July.

People lined the streets looking for Olympic torch relay runners passing the flame before its final touchdown for the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

"Every foot of the Olympic torch relay route was run,

through the cities and between them," said Mary Lee Roberts, one of the Twin Falls runners that year.

With the Olympic torch for the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City set to arrive in Twin Falls on Saturday, people who took part in the 1984 torch run are remembering the event with fondness.

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"It gave me more of an appreciation for the Olympics. It was an outstanding experience. It will always be the high spot in my life."

- Rick Haberman,
1984 torch relay runner

chairwoman that year of the Pioneers - an organization of retired AT&T workers - was kept pretty busy.

"I had several other runners go to ride in the caravan behind the torch runners from Murtaugh to Mountain Home," Devers said. "It was a good memory and a lot of fun."

Although she didn't run in the relay, she did have a picture taken with her holding the torch

in front of the AT&T van. Roberts was 26 at the time and enjoyed running, and she still does.

"I ran a lot of 10-kilometer races and won a lot," she said. "I read about it (torch relay) in the paper and decided I was going to do it. Each runner had to raise \$3,000 to run a kilometer in the relay, and I had my first thousand in two weeks with two

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SOMETHING SPECIAL



Burley residents Chris Fonk and Suzanne Bell embrace after receiving their awards at the regional winter Special Olympics at Pomorelle Mountain Resort Wednesday. Fonk competed in the winter World Special Olympics in Anchorage, Alaska, last year.

Athletes shine at Special Olympics

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

ALBION - The stars came out at Pomerelle Mountain Resort Wednesday, though snow fell heavily and clouds blocked the sky.

To uproarious cheers and the clanging of a cowbell, the stars of the regional Special Olympics teams received their ribbons for downhill skiing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

"This is just the most fun in the world," said Delyn Porter, Special Olympics area director.

People tend to stereotype disabled people and see what they can't do, rather than what they can, but Special Olympics gives the competitors a chance to prove their abilities, Porter said.

The athletes had different reasons for competing. Mary Pedersen, a junior at Burley High School, just loves to ski. The competition is not much different than any other day of practice, she said.

"Others love the competition. Joaquin 'The Fish' Johns, a Burley junior, and Christopher Hughes, a BHS sophomore, who both competed in the novice

giant slalom division, were there not only to have fun, but to strive for their best. Johns went to the state games last year and someday hopes to make the world Special Olympics.

Athletes who compete at regional games are eligible to also compete at the state level. The top three finishers at the state games can advance to the world games, Porter said.

Competing in Special Olympics is different than being anyone else because "you don't have to

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Mini-Cassia water extension project stalls

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A project to extend water from the city of Rupert to Minico High School will not take place.

Discussions about the project have been ongoing between city and school district officials for roughly four months; they concluded Wednesday.

The city might not be able to provide the fire flow needed to meet state requirements.

"We have wasted four months of our time," School Board Chairman Rande Martin told

Rupert officials. "You've just pushed us back four months and I, for one, am upset about this."

A well currently provides fire protection for the school. But the construction of a new multipurpose room over that well would disrupt fire protection. So the school needs to have another source in place before construction can begin.

Not moving forward with the water extension project will push construction at Minico High School back, said Superintendent Nick Hallert.

Hallett said district officials thought in September there was a

guarantee that Rupert could provide water to the school. If it had been known in September there wasn't, construction could have moved forward with a different system.

Taxpayer money was wasted for four months, Martin said. Mayor Audrey Neirwerth said there hadn't been a guarantee and that the district knew that.

Councilman Layne Rutschke said it was better to have wasted four months talking than \$50,000 on a water line that doesn't work.

"I think we all want this to

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P&Z member runs for T.F. commissioner

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Another Republican candidate will seek the Twin Falls County Commission seat of retiring Commissioner Marvin Hempleman.

Gary Custer, 63, lives in Twin Falls County and will run in District 2, the seat held by Marvin Hempleman for 22 years. So far Custer and Marvin Hempleman's wife, Marilyn Hempleman, have emerged as candidates for the commission seat.

"I like solving problems, and I believe I can make a difference," Custer told *The Times-News* Wednesday.

Custer is a Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission member. He was appointed by county commissioners about a year ago.

"I feel like I'd like to make a difference," Custer said.

He has deep ties to Twin Falls County and says his grandchildren are growing up here. Custer says his great-grandfather was a probate judge in Hailey in the 1890s and his great-grandmother settled in Rock Creek in 1896.

Custer holds a bachelor's



Gary Custer

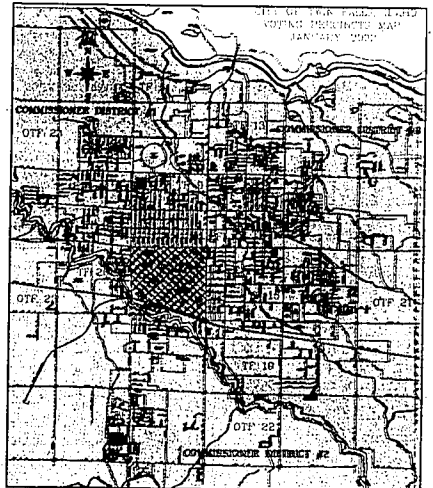
degree in agriculture from the University of Idaho. He retired last year after 24 years working in sales for Sears Roebuck in Twin Falls. Custer says he also has raised row

crows, sheep and Holsteins, and that he raises Salers beef cattle breeding stock.

County issues of concern to Custer include pay for sheriff's deputies. Deputies are underpaid and can't make a living to support a family, Custer said. He would also like to see the county tax base grow. He supports the dairy matrix plan, agreed to by both sides on the dairy issue, as an amendment to the existing county dairy ordinance.

Marilyn Hempleman, president of the Twin Falls Republican Women, also is a Twin Falls native.

Candidates won't file to run for election until March for the May primary. The general election will be in November.



This new map identifies the three districts from which Twin Falls County commission candidates may run.

County commissioners redraw election boundaries

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Growth on the east side of Twin Falls pushed Twin Falls County commissioner election boundaries slightly west.

County commissioners approved Tuesday new districts for commission elections. Commissioner Mary Hempleman said the new boundaries don't change polling places or displace current commissioners.

The new districts also don't change which commissioners Twin Falls County voters can vote for at the polls. Voters from all districts vote in all commissioner elections.

To be eligible to run for office, commission candidates must live

within the district they wish to represent. So, the new districts hypothetically could change future candidate matchups.

Engineer Scott Bybee, who drafted the new districts adopted by the county, said the new districts each include a population of about 21,400. That divides the county's total population of 64,284 by equal parts. Changes to the districts occurred within and around the city of Twin Falls, mainly on the east side of town.

Governments are required to use Census results to balance voting districts every 10 years.

The county is waiting for resolution on the state redistricting plan before it can redraw precincts.

MAGIC VALLEY WEST

Blaine County mayors consider widening Highway 75

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Blaine County's five mayors hammered at the need for a four-lane highway running through the Wood River Valley at Wednesday's annual Community Issues breakfast. The breakfast, sponsored by the Hailey and Sun Valley/Ketchum chambers of commerce, was held at Elkhorn Resort. The insistence that Idaho Highway 75 needs to expand marked a shift from previous community discussions where there was some support for maintaining a two-lane highway in places to preserve scenic views, promote safety by holding speed down and prevent traffic bottlenecks at Ketchum's entrance.

"Priority-wise we need to build the highway," said Halley's new mayor Al Lindley. "Ridesharing and bus service works, but we have four lanes for a high-occupancy vehicle lane. We have to have these lanes so people will save time when they're on a bus or in a carpool."

There are a lot of solutions to the traffic congestion, echoed Sun Valley Mayor Dave Wilson. "But they've got to start with the highway."

If we don't solve our transportation problems, we're probably going to lose tourists to other resorts like Vail and Aspen "that make it easy to get there," he added.

Carrey Mayor Rick Baird, who also man-

ages Friedman Memorial Airport, said his staff has decided to do its part to relieve traffic congestion along the narrow highway corridor by paying employees to car-pool out of their cars. A person who bicycles to work three times a week, for instance, would get a small monetary reward.

Blaine County Commission Chairwoman Mary Ann Mix said requiring developers to contribute to such things as bicycle and pedestrian pathways could also help get people out of their cars.

Baird and Mix encouraged Wood River Valley residents to write letters in support of Republican Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson's efforts to introduce legislation to phase out noisy Stage 2 aircraft. The aircraft noise reverberates from Baird's porch 17 miles south of Hailey in Carey to Wilson's backyard in Elkhorn 13 miles to the north.

Stage 2 aircraft, primarily relegated to corporate jets, is old technology and ear-bleeding loud, Baird said. A new precision guidance system slated to be installed this spring and other airport modifications should pave the way for more of the sleek, more environmentally friendly regional jets that are just coming on board, Baird said.

Mix suggested Blaine County needs to look at subsidizing the commercial airplanes that fly tourists in and out of Sun Valley. One of the reasons air service is so successful in Steamboat Springs and Aspen is because it's subsidized there, she said. The number of passengers flying in on SkyWest and Horizon - the two commercial airlines that serve the Valley - declined 9.1 percent between January and August 2001. It nosedived 31.1 percent between September and December. Wilson said Sun Valley has favored subsidies for a long time. But talk of establishing a regional airport south of Bellevue to replace Idaho's second busiest airport will likely remain just that for the next 15 to 20 years due to money constraints and the demand for open space, Baird said. "Clearly, if it hadn't been the regional jet era, something would have had to be done," he added.

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TWIN FALLS



John Max Cazier

John Max Cazier, 86, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was born July 26, 1915, in Wapello, Idaho, the son of William David and Luna Tanner Cazier. John was raised in Filer and attended schools there. On July 19, 1938, he married Odessa Wike at Twin Falls and she preceded him in death in 1957. He farmed for a number of years, first with his uncle in Montana, later on a farm here and his wife bought in Jerome. He later worked at Parisian Laundry and Troy Laundry, and spent many years managing the Laundry Department at Magic Valley Hospital, from which he retired in 1982. John enjoyed many hobbies, including scuba diving, golfing, raising beautiful flowers, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by three children, Sheila (Ed) McKinley of Gardnerville, Nev., Dee (Rod) Landi of Seattle, Wash., and Kenneth (Verna) Cazier of Twin Falls; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. In addition to his wife he was preceded in death by six brothers. A gathering of family and friends will be held at White Mortuary at a later time, which will be announced.

WENDELL



Gordon Ray 'Spud' Grammer

Gordon Ray "Spud" Grammer, 66, of Wendell passed away January 19, 2002, at the home of Mike and Barbara Lafferty. He was born May 27, 1935, in Benton, Illinois, to Al and Myrtle Landry Grammer. Spud loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing and was one of the best "Mustangers" ever. He enjoyed his family and friends and will be missed by all.

He is survived by his children: Bobby Grammer, Sheila Grammer, Carolanne Grammer, Paula Mowery and Richard Lehmann. Also surviving him are his brother, Jack Grammer; his twin sister, Faye Ceropa; sisters Leah Rogers and Linda White; and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

At Spud's request, no formal services will be held, but an outdoor memorial celebration is being planned for a July weekend this summer. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

JEROME

Della Mae Wilson Della Mae Wilson, 73, of Jerome, died January 22, 2002, in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born June 11, 1928, in

Cowala, Oklahoma, to Claude and Corrie Lambertson Jones. In 1944, she moved to Twin Falls with her mother and she worked for several years at Troy National Laundry. She married Robert Wilson in 1956. They were later divorced. She moved to Jerome in 1957 and worked for many years as a waitress at Magic Valley Cafe, Wood's Cafe and Cindy's Cafe. She worked at St. Benedict's Hospital until retiring in 1979.

Della is survived by her son, Tom (Karlena) Wilson; grandsons James Wilson, U.S.N., and Dan Wilson of Pocatello; step-grandchildren Jason and Rachel, nephews Wayne Benson of Helena, Montana; nieces Kay Cramer of Las Vegas and Donna Spencer and Jackie Benson, both of Jerome. Special nieces, Toni and Belasquez, and Jeanne Gibson also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jack Benson.

Funeral services for Della will be held Friday, January 25, 2002, at 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 513 South Buchanan in Jerome, with Bronson Osie officiating. A visitation will be held this evening at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, where family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m., and on Friday one hour prior to the services at the church. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Lynette (Justin) Carpenter of Henderson, Nevada. Eight granddaughters; one grandson; one sister, Ann (Gary) Tomlinson, Lakewood, Washington; one brother, Byron (Kay) Johnson, Manteca, California; and many nieces and nephews also survive her.

Her parents, three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 26, 2002, at 1 p.m., in the Twin Falls LDS First Ward Chapel, 847 Eastland Dr., North, U.S.N., Twin Falls. A visitation will be held Friday, January 25, 2002, at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, from 6-8 p.m. and again at the church one hour prior to the services. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

TWIN FALLS



Rex C. Wells

Rex C. Wells, 79, a longtime Twin Falls resident, passed into eternity on January 20, 2002, of natural causes, in Basin City, Washington, at the home of his son, Brock, with his family around him. Rex was born February 12, 1922, in Paul, Idaho, the youngest son of Edith and Alma Wells.

After graduating from Twin Falls High School, Rex attended Idaho State and the University of Michigan. During World War II he was a Marine Corps officer serving his last Pacific duty in Okinawa. He returned for the Korean conflict as Fox Company Commander.

In 1946 Rex married Shirley Walker. They had two children, they divorced in 1957. Rex was an owner-operator, along with his brothers Ray, John, and Russ, of Wells Brothers Trucking. He also drove for Montana Express and Warner's. His Alaskan years were spent with Veco and Frontier. Rex loved to work hard, starting at age 5 as a water boy for construction crews on the Jerome highway with his brother Ray. He worked over 45 years, a 70-year history. Rex participated in high school, college, and adult sport competitions into his 60s. He enjoyed inventing and engineering projects, tool modeling, plus mechanical operations.

Rex lived several years in Alaska with his daughter Kacey. They spent long hours observing wildlife and creating art projects. Rex was fascinated with the lure of the north. Rex, a High Priest, was active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He had a joyous spirit, always sharing and concerned for others. Spending time with his family was Rex's greatest pleasure, as a brother, uncle, and grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Rex is survived by his sister, Olive Hulbert Burd of Boise, Idaho; daughter, Kacey Wells of Kenai, Alaska; son, Brock Wells (Tyrta) of Basin City, Washington; grandchildren, Shadrach Parker and Troy Franklin of Fairbanks, Alaska; Makala Wells Hates (Aames) of Santaquin, Utah; Tere Wells Specht (Dave) of Rexburg, Idaho, Haley Wells of Provo, Utah, Dan Wells (currently serving as a LDS Missionary in the Synodous South Australia mission), Kasey Vard, Blaire and Laryn Wells of Basin City, Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Crayter Wells, and siblings Hazel Stevens, Bertha Fulmer, Russ Wells, John Wells, Alva Whitehead and Ray Wells. Graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Park.

SERVICES

Verna Marie Maier of Boise, service at 1 p.m. today at Grace Community Church in Rupert; private burial will follow at Minidoka County Cemetery (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Laura Gabetas Chorn Gough of Salmon and formerly of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center in Salmon (Jones and Casey Funeral Home, Salmon).

Ella W. Moyie of Twin Falls, service at 12:30 p.m. today at Star, Idaho, LDS Church, 484 South Main St.; friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at the church. (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Edna Ida Gier of Filer, service at 2 p.m. today at Clover Trary Lutheran Church at Clover; burial will follow at the Clover Cemetery (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Allen 'B' Crosser of Eden, service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Hazelton Cemetery, military rites by the Lee Flore Post #62 American Legion of Eden; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Jean Carlson-Staley of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Twin Falls LDS Stake Center, 667 Harrison St.; burial will follow in the Sunset Memorial

SERVICES

Park friends may call from 5-7 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Grace Second and Tenth Ward building, 229 Park Ave., Twin Falls and from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Friday at the Harrison building (Hove-Roberson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Elmer Wayne Henslee of Wendell, service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel; interment will be in the Hagerman Cemetery.

Sandra K. Arbogast of Heyburn, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at Paul First Baptist Church, 102 N. Third St., Paul (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Corban Preston Carson of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the View First and Second Ward Chapel of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 S. 500 E., Burley; burial will follow at the View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Robert Eugene Barigor of Buhl, memorial service with a potluck dinner to follow at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 Eighth Ave. N., Buhl.

Elsie P. Allen of Burley, service at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Twin Falls Methodist Church, 27th and Almo; burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 1-145 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

DEATH NOTICES

Stephen Richard Adair SHOSHONE - Stephen Richard Adair, 50, of Shoshone, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002, while on a cruise near New Orleans, La. Memorial services pending. Arrangements by Demarays Shoshone Chapel.

The memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at the Buhl LDS Chapel located on Fair Avenue.

Robert Raymond Micek FILER - Robert Raymond Micek, 74, of Filer died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2002, at his home.

Louise C. Nuttle TWIN FALLS - Louise C. Nuttle, 84, of Twin Falls died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002, at Twin Falls Care Center. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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SHOSHONE - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

- Joshua L. Meyer, 19, P.O. Box 591, Shoshone; driving under the influence; failure to purchase driver's license; sentencing Feb. 6, Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. James Huett, no date of birth listed, P.O. Box 828, Twin Falls; insufficient funds; purchase driver's license; sentencing Feb. 6, Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Healeigh Brewer, 21, 202 E. Second, Shoshone; failure to purchase driver's license; sentencing Jan. 23, Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Jeremy C. Smith, no date of birth listed, 2767 Sugar Creek Drive, Meridian; not sufficient funds; preliminary hearing Jan. 23.

FOR THE RECORD

- Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Norma E. Williams, 35, 386 Idaho Highway 74, Twin Falls; failure to purchase driver's license; pre-trial conference Jan. 30. Separate case: operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance; pre-trial conference Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. James Huett, no date of birth listed, P.O. Box 828, Twin Falls; insufficient funds; purchase driver's license; sentencing Feb. 6, Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Deborah Hall, no date of birth listed, no street address listed, Shoshone; insufficient funds; hearing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Leiford D. Johnson, 21, P.O. Box 4071, Filer; driving without privileges; hearing Feb. 13; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Charles Lester Ward, 37, 303 N. Rall St., Apt. B, Shoshone; receipt/possession of stolen property; hearing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

- Gilbert D. Blake, 35, 570 W. 620 N., Shoshone; driving without privileges; hearing Feb. 20; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Brandon T. Hollenbeck, 22, P.O. Box 952, Hagar; driving without privileges; open container; hearing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Kent W. Graham, 48, 316 N. Carmen, Shoshone; domestic battery; pre-trial conference Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Traci L. Burgess, 34, 316 N. Carmen, Shoshone; domestic battery; pre-trial conference Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Manuel Ignacio Curjel-Pena, 27, 514 17th St., Rupert; driving without privileges; hearing Feb. 20; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Midgeal L. Leppworth, 39, 300 First Ave. W., Jerome; driving without privileges; hearing Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Kootenai docs cite health threat of grass burning

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A group of Kootenai County doctors is calling for an end to burning stubble off northern Idaho blue-grass fields, joining a movement within the medical community to end the farming practice.

More than 75 physicians joined the cause of Sandpoint physicians and state medical associations trying to ban field burning. The Idaho House and Senate agriculture committees scheduled a joint public hearing on the issue today.

The purpose is to reinforce the message that field burning is a health hazard, that it makes people sick," said Dr. David York, a Coeur d'Alene respiratory disease specialist. "Field burning problems have been dismissed as trivial or minor or infrequent, and actually none of those things is true."

But farmers say they may not survive a ban, citing a 1998 ban in Washington that cut production of bluegrass seed and created increased weeds and disease.

Perry Peters, chief executive officer of Seeds Inc. in Tekoa, Wash., said yields from dryland farmers have dropped up to 75 percent since Washington enacted the ban. He estimated that up to 40 percent of the Washington seed has disease or weed problems that prohibit it from being sold in U.S. markets. Fatti Gora, director of Sandpoint-based Safe Air For Everyone, said harvested acres of bluegrass have increased above pre-ban levels. But farmers attribute the increased acres to struggling growers trying to make up for decreased yields, and swapping crops to find one that works. "You can twist statistics any way you want," said Linda Clovers of the North Idaho Farmers Association. "I think the farmers have given up an awful lot over the years."

Scientists: Exxon Valdez mess lingers

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Nearly 13 years after the tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground, spilling 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound, federal scientists estimate about 10,000 gallons of oil remain buried under the shoreline.

Jeff Storr, a scientist with the National Marine Fisheries Service, released the findings of a survey of beaches conducted last summer. Storr presented his data Tuesday on the first day of a four-day conference on the lingering effects of the spill.

The survey found that much of the oil lies beneath sediments in areas that are home to mussels, clams and other creatures.



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Heyburn traffic light may appear a year early

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - Work on a traffic light at Seventh Street and U.S. Highway 30 could take place this summer, although it was originally scheduled for 2003.

Bruce Christensen, a district traffic engineer with the Idaho Transportation Department, told the Heyburn City Council Wednesday that funding was available for the project this summer. The project is estimated at \$250,000, Christensen said, with the city paying 40 percent, or \$100,000. The project may include an extra lane, but the city should pay no more than 45 percent, Christensen added.

The project can wait until 2004, but there is no guarantee funds will be available then, Christensen said.

City Attorney Steven Tuft asked when the city would know an exact cost. The city cannot commit to pay an unspecified amount, he said.

If the project moves forward in 2002, design would need to be complete by the end of June, Christensen said.

The council said it will discuss the stoplight again when more information is available.

The council also looked at changing the city's burn policy, after receiving two complaints about the policy.

City workers created an informal study to see if people wanted the burn policy changed. The survey, asking if residents supported a city-wide burning ban, was available at City Hall when residents came to pay bills, Chaney said.

Nearly 150 people responded, with 32 supporting a burning ban and 111 supporting the current

burn policy.

Chaney said residents should consider their neighbors when they are going to burn, especially if neighbors have asthma or other breathing problems; piles should also not be left to smolder.

"It's just common decency as far as I'm concerned," Chaney said.

Perhaps the burn policy should be enforced more strictly, Chaney said, with tickets given to those who do not abide.

The council also discussed moving to a new computer system in the city offices. Representatives from Black Mountain and Caselle had visited with city workers. Estimated costs were near \$65,000.

"Do we want to move into the computer world or stay where we're at?" Chaney asked.

Discussion was tabled after council members Cleo Gallegos and Dee Ray Bailey expressed concern at spending that much money.

With other items such as the stoplight and the sale of the electric department pending, Bailey said, "I think we ought to just sit tight."

In other business:

- Superintendent Scott Spevak gave a report on the traffic study Heyburn is conducting. He commended two volunteers who counted vehicles themselves, saving the city time and money.

- A quit claim deed was approved for the triangular piece of property near the Heyburn Police Department. The property was put out to bid, Tuft said, but no bids were received.

- Andrew Scott has offered to pay \$500 for the property, which is below the estimated price, Tuft said.

"We want it to be an environment where people with cognitive disabilities can earn respect. That's why we don't change the rules to be empathetic. Some athletes do scratch or are disqualified - they just need to train harder."

- Jake Olson, Special Olympics sports director

"You get to realize they can do a lot of stuff that people don't think they can. Some of these guys are better snowboarders than I am," said Tyler Atkins, a Junior at Burley High School.

Although snowboarding is not an official event, several athletes did a snowboarding demonstration as part of the opening ceremonies.

Another volunteer from Burley High School has decided she wants to work with the cognitively disabled people as a career.

Besides volunteering at the Special Olympics, Talisha Critchfield spends time "babysitting" a cognitively disabled boy in Burley.

"I love it - his eyes light up whenever he sees me," Critchfield said.

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Declo gets set for tree burn and hot dog roast

The Times-News

DECLO - The annual Christmas tree bonfire, hot dog roast and community celebration in Declo is set for 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Declo Lions Club hosts the event, in a vacant lot in downtown Declo, right off of Idaho Highway 77.

Lions provide free hot dogs, marshmallows and soft drinks.

Declo Lions Club President Andy Anderson said the burn and roast is a great way for people to relax, get reacquainted and enjoy a winter day. Some roasting sticks will be available, he said, but people may want to bring their own to avoid having to wait for one.

People may bring their Christmas trees to the burn if those trees haven't been discarded. However, Anderson said, a big pile of trees is already at the burn site.

Volunteer firefighters will be on hand to ensure public safety.

Lions members will also be at the event, ready to discuss their club's activities in Declo, Anderson said. The group serves food at the annual summer Declo Days celebration in July, usually hosts a summer fishing



Megan and Thomas Koyle add another tree to the pile in Declo to be burned Saturday at the annual Lions Club Christmas tree burn and hot dog roast.

contest and is considering building a recreational vehicle dump

station in Declo. Lions are especially interested

in public input on the dump station project, Anderson said.

Jury finds 'Cowboy Mike' guilty on assault charges

PAYETTE (AP) - A jury found Michael John Braae guilty Wednesday on one count of aggravated assault on police and one count of eluding an officer.

The charges stem from a police chase last July. Braae, 41, led police on a high-speed chase down I-84 before jumping into the Snake River along the Idaho-Oregon line and unsuccessfully trying to swim to freedom.

Braae will be sentenced for the two Idaho charges on March 15th.

Known as Cowboy Mike because of his preference for western hats and boots, Braae is also accused of shooting a Washington woman and investigating in the deaths of four others.

He is charged in Yakima with shooting Marchelle Morgan, 50,

of Yelm, Wash., in the head and critically wounding her in July. In addition, Washington and California have probation violations pending against him.

No charges have been filed in the deaths of the four other women. They are:

- Lori Jones, 44, of Lacey, Wash., who was killed July 7 shortly after she had been seen with Braae at a local bar.
- Susan Ault, 39, a waitress, who vanished from Rosburg in southwestern Washington after she was seen arguing with Braae on June 24.
- Velina Larson, 37, a homeless woman who disappeared from the Portland suburb of Gladstone in September 1997. Her remains were found in a nearby vacant lot in January 1998.

- Deb VanLuyen, 45, also of Lacey, who disappeared in 1997.

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work," Rutschke said.

Rutschke pointed out Rupert has a new well that is not on-line yet. It will be really sad, Rutschke said, if when the well is up and running, the flow the school district needs is there.

Rupert City Attorney Rick Bollard had prepared a letter outlining the reasons he felt the city should decline participating in the project.

Risk would be placed on the city if plans were approved, Bollard wrote in the memo to City Administrator Roger Bagley. City engineers cannot verify plans in the time allowed and all risk would have to be assumed by Rupert water customers.

"There's no way it can be guaranteed," Councilman Robert Christensen said of the flows.

Martin asked why the city wasn't helping the district more. Everything in the water project has come back to the district; the city is not willing to make any con-

cessions, he said.

Rupert officials disagreed. "We have bent over backwards," Neierwerth said. "We've looked at every possible plan."

The uncertainty of Rupert's water system can't guarantee the flows the school district wants, Bagley said.

The state is requiring a certain level of flow, not the district, Martin said.

The engineers can design a workable system if the water is there to use, said Mike Berard with Kreizenbeck Constructors Inc. The system has always depended on whether the city can provide the water, not on the design.

The school district will begin to look at what it can do on-site, Hallett said, to provide the water needed for both fire flow and drinking water.

A special board meeting will be scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 5 at the Minico High School library to discuss other options.

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worry about everyone watching," Johns said.

"Of course, when the athletes are competing everyone is watching, but Johns doesn't mind the kind of attention he gets on the slopes.

"If you get froze up, you don't have to worry. You just concentrate on the snow and keep going," he said.

Hughes had some trouble on one run and fell midway down the hill. When he tried to get up, his skis slid apart in opposite directions, a predicament which, as every skier knows, becomes more difficult in proportion to the number of people watching. Hughes didn't stop trying. He pulled himself up, from what seemed to be an inextricable position, and finished.

"I believe in myself. I never give up," Hughes said.

"That's one thing we do, we never give up," Johns said.

Jake Olson, sports director for the Special Olympics in Idaho, stresses the importance of competition at the event.

"We want it to be an environment where people with cognitive disabilities can earn respect. That's why we don't change the rules to be empathetic. Some athletes do scratch or are disqualified - they just need to train harder," Olson said.

There can be no sincere respect if there is no opportunity for athletes to fail, he said.

Some of the students who volunteered to help Wednesday found they respected the athletes more after seeing them compete.

Torch

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donations - one from Longview Fibre Company and Universal Frozen Foods. The rest took a lot longer."

The co-chairmen of the 1984 Twin Falls Olympic torch relay committee were Gerry Warner and Donna Stalley. Warner said the money was used to help create a legacy for youth athletic programs and was called the Youth Legacy Kilometer.

Another runner, Rick Haberman of Jerome, said the recipients had to be the YMCA or Boys and Girls Club, so with no Boys and Girls Club here at that time, it was the YMCA.

"I believe they still have Roberts' and my picture on the wall, thanking us for the \$6,000," Haberman said.

He got most of his money from individuals and from a basketball tournament he put together.

Haberman also likes to run. He said he wanted to run in the 1976 Rim to Rim, so he started training the year before. Since then he

has run in marathons around the United States and even in Paris last April.

He's saving up to run in Athens in November.

"I want to run the courses where lighting the torch started," said Haberman, who was 30 in 1984.

He carried the torch from the southeastern end of Main Avenue to the fountain downtown, where he passed the flame to Roberts.

"It was so exciting. I was waiting with my torch, and I could hear the police, the crowd lining the street were cheering, and right behind Rick was a huge press van and a CNN truck covering the relay," Roberts said.

After the flame was passed, Roberts ran straight down Main Avenue to SvenMart on the corner of Addison and Washington, where she passed the flame to an 11-year-old boy.

The boy was staying with his grandparents in Twin Falls. The boy's father was on the Olympic organization committee but had

died, so the committee awarded the boy a kilometer to run.

Roberts said the torches were passed out before the relay, and the runners were allowed to keep them.

Warner said a number of activities were held, such as a Torch Fun Run for children, some in strollers, sponsored by Dr. David McClusky. The city band at its regular concert played the Olympic theme and patriotic music, and the day of the event the Bruin Boosters provided a breakfast. A mock torch relay was held for a number of youth groups, and a parade with 60 entries was held. All happened before the torch runners came through.

How did Twin Falls get on the '84 torch relay route?

Warner explained that Stalley was in New York and happened to be present at a national YMCA board meeting. Stalley said she was sitting next to a man who had a lot to do with the torch run and said to him, "Why don't you bring

it to Twin Falls?"

Roberts said she thinks too many people looked at raising \$3,000 to run a kilometer and decided not to do it. She said there weren't enough runners to hit every state, so the relay pretty much did a straight line across from New York and then south, including Twin Falls and Boise on the way to Los Angeles. Roberts said AT&T had to depend on its own caravan of runners to do much of the running.

Looking back, Roberts said, "It really was an honor. I got a lot out of it."

In fact, since then, she earned a degree in education, became a teacher and is now principal of Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls.

Haberman said, "It gave me more of an appreciation for the Olympics. It was an outstanding experience. It will always be the high spot in my life."

Both wanted to run in the 2002 Olympic torch run, but neither was selected to do so.

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Fund will pay for Gooding picnic area

By Almee New
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - A memorial fund set up in memory of late City Councilman Bob Reed will go toward creating a public picnic area in Gooding.

Going resident Dale Thomas presented the news of the memorial fund to the City Council Tuesday.

The fund was established through donations at the time of Reed's death. Thomas, City Superintendent Todd Bunn, and Rosemary Reed, Bob Reed's wife, had discussed the best use of those funds before Tuesday's meeting.

Their decision was to build a community picnic area at the Gooding airport. The 40 foot wide by 300 foot long area will be located just north of the main hangar. With picnic tables, a fire pit, as well as shower and handicapped-accessible bathrooms, the community could use the memorial picnic area for family reunions or celebrations.

"A nice memorial plaque for Mr. Reed will also be on display," Bunn said.

"It's a first-class deal. I think it would be a real asset to the community," Thomas said.

Thomas also said that Rosemary Reed requested that no fees be charged for using the facilities. There will be no cost to the city other than maintenance and putting power lines underground.

Bunn said it would cost the city about \$1,000 to \$1,200 to put power lines underground, but that the city needed to do that anyway.

Thomas will take the minutes from Tuesday night's City Council meeting to the Federal Aviation Administration to let them know of the plans. Construction will begin with weather permits.

In other city business:

- Gooding resident John Infanger is looking to purchase 10 of the 48 acres owned by Clive Pope south of the Black Cat Pellet

Mill in Gooding. Infanger has plans for building a nine-space area for mobile or pre-fabricated homes.

Pope is allowed 12 sewer hookups on his 48 acres. The city would tap into the sewer lines for Infanger, charging him \$1,800.

Infanger also asked the city if he could list the property as having one hookup, so Pope could retain the remaining hookups.

Siefert was concerned about setting a precedent, while Mayor Herb Stroud said he would move to plan and zoning committee on Jan. 28 deadline.

The council decided each home would need to be counted as one hookup, and that Infanger could use the city's sewer plant road for access to the property.

Bunn said he would inform Infanger of the decision so that he could meet the planning and zoning committee on Jan. 28 deadline.

City officials were appointed: Linda Wildman, clerk; Carmen Kordsa, treasurer; Todd Bunn, superintendent; Pat Bishop, fire chief; Paul Brown, police chief; and Craig Hobbey, attorney.

• Bishop said there were 178 total city and rural fire calls last year. Seventy-eight calls were in the city of Gooding and 99 calls were rural. There were also eight requests to help other districts.

Bishop also said he will be sending 10 memos to the fire academy Feb. 16 and 17 in Paul.

• Bunn received a letter of commitment from the mayor and council members which will be sent to the Idaho Transportation Department to apply for grant money for building sidewalks on both sides of Seventh Avenue in 2005.

The project would cost \$399,000. The grant amount being sought is \$367,000. The city of Gooding would have to provide a \$31,920 match, with money or in-kind donations.

• The city's RV park grant application is complete, Bunn said. The city will know in May if it received the grant.

Educators lament cuts, rising enrollment

BOISE (AP) - Sharply rising enrollments are colliding with budget cuts at the state's universities and Lewis-Clark State College, and education opportunities are being scaled back, presidents of the schools told legislative budget writers on Wednesday.

The academic leaders said they are trying to limit the impact of the multimillion-dollar spending reductions Gov. Dirk Kempthorne imposed to cope with an eroding economy and to protect last year's record tax cut.

"We will not escape without some bumps and bruises and

scars," Boise State University President Charles Ruch told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.

But neither Ruch nor his colleagues from Idaho State University or Lewis-Clark asked the House-Senate panel for more money. In addition to the \$7 million he cut from this year's support budget, Kempthorne wants another \$15 million cut from the support budget for next school year.

Above the student fee increases of as much as 12 percent for



are being increased and some programs are being cut.

Lawmakers conceded they are walking a fine line between cutting prudently and slicing so deeply that they hurt the state's chances of boosting its economy by producing skilled graduates.

Lewis-Clark State College President Dene Thomas said she had to make wholesale cuts

rather than selected program reductions like Boise State and Idaho State because Lewis-Clark with only 2,000 students does not have the financial flexibility of the larger schools.

Golf and rodeo were eliminated as intercollegiate sports, as many as half a dozen majors will be eliminated, along with minors such as theater and journalism.

"It takes a while for people to grasp the reality," ISU President Richard Bowen told the panel.

Idaho OKs bonds to expand BSU housing

BOISE (AP) - The State Board of Education has approved the sale of \$38.2 million in bonds to fund an expansion of student housing at Boise State University.

"We have a waiting list for housing. We have a high demand for affordable, quality housing," Peg Blake, the school's vice president of student affairs, said.

A recent campus-wide survey showed demand for more than

2,000 beds among students. The university now has about 1,100 beds. Nearly 100 students are on a waiting list for rooms or apartments.

The board's unanimous decision Tuesday to allow the sale of the bonds paves the way for the hiring of architects and finalizing the plans for construction.

Students could be living in the new housing facilities by 2004.

Officials said the project is not affected by the state's budget crisis or questions about education funding.

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Moscow closes school, lets teachers go after levy defeat

MOSCOW (AP) - An elementary school will close and nearly 30 teachers will lose their jobs as part of a 17 percent across-the-board cut in the Moscow School District, school officials proposed.

The proposal comes after the defeat of a \$2 million levy that would have helped get the district through budget shortfalls in 2002-03.

"We'll be in the business of doing less with what we have to work with," said Moscow Junior High Principal Larry Verdall.

The administrative council, made up of school principals and district officials, outlined for the

school board how they would cut the budget to make up for the failed levy. That task is further complicated by a dismal state funding support picture, which will likely result in more than \$20 million in statewide cuts from both this year's and next year's budgets.

However, the proposed district cuts could be averted if the board asks for - and voters approve - another levy.

That vote would have to come in April to fit the district's budget and contract timelines, said Sue Driskill, business manager for the district.

Sage grouse may soon be endangered

The Times-News

BOISE - The sage grouse could soon join the endangered species list, members of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee heard Tuesday.

Jim Caswell, who heads up the new Office of Species Conservation for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, told the committee the species is already on the list in Colorado. He encouraged the committee to put resources toward regenerating the species before the federal regulations kick in.

Caswell also said the wolverine is "marching down that road," though it might be a few years before it is considered endangered.

In addition, he said "stick stop pepper grass" is so close to becoming endangered that several state and federal agencies will meet to discuss the issue next month.

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Property owners question roles of EPA, Coeur d'Alene Tribe

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A new group of property owners questions the roles of two powerful entities in Benewah County: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

Members of the Property Owners and Citizens Rights Organization are complaining about the federal agency's involvement in a crocote-contaminated log yard in St. Maries and what they consider other meddling on the Coeur d'Alene River and the lake.

Another focus is the Coeur d'Alene Tribe asserting its sovereignty as a nation, talking of cross-departmentation, as well as claiming long-lost rights to land and water ownership.

"We'll start working with local governments, entities in trying to solve some of the issues involved around our area," said Jon

Furber, one of the organizers.

Furber blasted talks of cross-departmenting tribal officers and Kootenai County sheriff's deputies, meaning both groups could arrest tribal and nontribal people.

Member Tom DuHamel said Indians should not enjoy sovereignty at all. "I think all Americans ought to be Americans, period," he said.

DuHamel cited the tribe's claims of ownership rights on a portion of the lake, which the U.S. Supreme Court upheld last summer.

Tribal spokesman Bob Bostwick said he would be surprised if the group's issues truly centered around just sovereignty.

"They'll have to convince us that their opposition doesn't go a little deeper, and involve race," he said.

Government appeals Olympic bribery decision

The Associated Press

Defense lawyers for the two Salt Lake City bid officials accused of bribing Olympic officials said they found nothing new in the government's appeal Wednesday of a Utah judge's decision to throw out all 15 felony charges.

In the appeal to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, the U.S. Justice Department disputed a finding by U.S. District Judge David Sam that it had intruded into Utah state affairs.

This latest court action guarantees the scandal will linger through the Feb. 8-24 games.

Federal prosecutors said the nation's prestige was tarnished by the dealings of bid chief Tom Welch and Deputy Dave Johnson, who landed the Winter Olympics

for Salt Lake City.

"The United States has an interest in demonstrating that it will not tolerate corruption in the competition for the selection of host cities for the Olympic Games," four Justice Department lawyers wrote to the appeals court.

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CSI teaches human resource classes

TWIN FALLS - Human resource professionals seeking certification and anyone looking for a career in human resources may sign up for a 10-week Learning System course from the Society for Human Resource Management.

The program is coordinated by the Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho. CSI business professor and certified HR professional Rosemary (Barna) Fornshell will teach the class.

The program is designed to provide an overview of key areas in human resource management. Materials correspond to HR knowledge defined by the Human Resource Certification Institute. Information covered is considered to be the "body of knowledge" for HR professionals or those seeking a career in this field or certification, CSI said.

The curriculum includes strategic management; work-force planning and employment; human resource development; compensation and benefits; employee and labor relations; and occupational health, safety and security.

The fee for the 30-hour program is \$700. That includes all course materials and a CD-ROM.

Class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in Evergreen C95. The first class is Feb. 19.

The class (BUSA 199) can be taken for college credit for \$841.

For information, contact Shefry Rust at 733-9554, Ext. 2455, or via e-mail at srust@csi.edu.

Horizon Organic offers single-serve milk

PAUL - Colorado-based Horizon Organic - an organic brand and the parent of a Paul dairy - said the only organic single-serve flavored milk is now available in Starbucks stores nationwide and will arrive at specialty retailers and grocery stores in a few weeks.

Horizon Organic single-serve milk is available in four flavors of 2-percent reduced-fat milk: chocolate, vanilla, strawberry and plain. The eight-ounce package is an octagonal container with a straw. Horizon said "Organic Milk-on-the-Move" combines the popularity of single-serve products and the increasing demand for organic food.

Consumers will be able to purchase the chocolate and vanilla-flavored milk at about 2,500 Starbucks stores nationwide. Single-serve milk is the second Horizon Organic product being sold at Starbucks stores.

The coffee specialist - which has a store in Ketchum - began selling Horizon Organic yogurt in more than 1,000 of its stores across the United States last summer.

Mining company brings back some workers

COEUR d'ALENE - Hecla Mining Co. will recall about 21 workers at the Lucky Friday Mine by Feb. 1, boosting the work force there to about 70.

"We're doing everything we can to make the operation at least cash-flow neutral," said VIEKI Veltkamp, Hecla's vice president of investor and public affairs.

As part of that process, Hecla has switched to mining a higher grade area at the silver mine in Mullán. The new area requires more workers, Veltkamp said.

Hecla laid off all but 50 of the mine's employees in November. Due to low silver prices, the company had delayed expensive exploration work needed to identify new ore deposits and keep the mine running at full operation.

Company officials decided to retain a skeleton crew to mine the remaining ore over a two-year period with the hope that silver prices would rise.

In reviewing the Lucky Friday operation, Hecla decided to shift to the high-grade area.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

State plans to close visitor centers

Rural areas will feel effects, TF leader says

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer



chamber executive Kent Just said.

Plans could change, but it appears certain that budget cutbacks will close the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's three gateway interstate highway visitor centers - in Malad City, Payette and Post Falls - on July 1, said Rick Just, the department's communi-

cations manager. The three centers, which have operated year-round, would go unstaffed indefinitely. The Idaho Department of Commerce probably would arrange to keep brochure racks filled, he said Wednesday.

The state's three centers - which opened between 1988 and 1990 - greet travelers as they enter Idaho on major corridors. Each one tallies about 100,000 face-to-face contacts per year, and they provide road reports during winter, Rick Just said.

Tourists frequently arrive in Idaho with no knowledge of the

state's attractions and no plans about what to do and see here, he said. Workers at the state-run centers give those folks ideas and often entice them to stay in Idaho three or four days.

Most tourism destinations in Idaho are rural (think outdoor recreation), "and very often they need to have a little help finding those sites," Rick Just said.

That's a lot of what the state's three centers do.

But the centers aren't part of Parks and Recreation's core mission, he said. The three closures will save \$81,000 per year from the state's general fund, plus

other dedicated money. Chamber-run centers around Idaho will take up some of the slack but can't fill the void entirely, he added.

"I'm not sure that everyone that would have stopped at a gateway center will bother to find another center," Rick Just said.

That's bad for rural Idaho. Many people, entering Idaho won't know what's here unless they get the information when they cross the border, Kent Just said.

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Everything's not OK at Kmart



A worker walks to greet shoppers Tuesday at a Kmart store in San Antonio.

Bankruptcy filing has wide-ranging implications

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Kmart Corp.'s Chapter 11 bankruptcy is expected to have far-reaching and painful repercussions, from Main Street to fashion's

Manhattan Avenue. The nation's third-largest discounter - whose bankruptcy filing Tuesday is the largest involving a retailer in U.S. history - is expected to close several hundred of its 2,100 stores and lay off thousands of its 240,000 employees over the next couple of months.

That will mean lost business for suppliers, particularly small firms that are already squeezed

by the recession, and for many of the discounter's landlords, which will have to scramble for new tenants at lower rents.

Kmart has stores in Burley and Twin Falls.

"I lost everything I had. After 20 years, it's gone," said Rita Sassin, a cashier at the Roseville, Mich., Kmart store who already has had her hours reduced and her benefits cut.

Moreover, there are dozens of Kmart's secured creditors, from Fleming Cos. to Mattel Inc. and

Nintendo of America Inc., which are owed millions of dollars, according to the bankruptcy filing.

The extent of Kmart's downsizing is not known, as the discounter plans to announce more details of its restructuring strategy over the next couple of weeks. But Wall Street's estimates of closings range from 250 to 700 stores. The company did state in its filing that it seeks to terminate the leases of about 350

stores that already were closed or subleased to other companies.

Kmart plans to reduce annual expenses by an additional \$350 million through staff reductions, office consolidations and other actions.

"Until Kmart decides what they are going to be, the lives of thousands of people and companies are going to hang in the balance," said C. Brit Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C.

Meanwhile, a slew of Kmart suppliers, anticipating reduced

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LOW PRICES PAY OFF Wal-Mart's poised to be biggest company in world

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Forty years after Sam Walton opened his first Wal-Mart in Rogers, Ark., the 4,150-store global chain is about to overtake Exxon Mobil Corp. to become the biggest company in the world.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. - which has stores in Burley and Jerome - is on track to record more than \$220 billion in revenue for the 2001 fiscal year.

That would make it No. 1 on Fortune magazine's annual list of the world's 500 biggest corporations. "Everyone needs toilet paper and toothpaste, and they're the most efficient at selling it," said Eric Beder, a retail analyst at Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. in New York. "It is really an incredible story."

The most notable aspect of Wal-Mart's achievement, analysts said, is that a company that makes nothing would launch to

the front of a list that has long been dominated by manufacturers.

"It's indicative that we've made a big shift in this country to a service economy," said Warren Batts, professor of strategic management at the University of Chicago business school.

Service companies did not become part of the Fortune 500 until 1995.

Wal-Mart has grown more than 10 percent annually for the past 20 years, expanding into Asia, Europe and South America. Industry watchers say Wal-Mart's incredible success can be attributed to the business philosophy Walton swore by and which is still in practice a decade after his death: "Try to squeeze the lowest price possible from the people who sell to you, and then pass the savings on to the customer."

Fortune magazine's list comes out in April.

Fortune's top five

Based on an Associated Press calculation of 2001 revenues, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will top the Fortune 500 list, becoming the largest company in the United States and the world for the first time ever.

2001 revenues in billions	Last year's ranking
1. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. \$220.4	2
2. Exxon Mobil Corp. \$212.9	1
3. General Motors Corp. \$177.3	3
4. Ford Motor Co. \$162.4	4
5. General Electric Co. \$123.0	5

Note: Since Wal-Mart's fiscal year ends in January, its 2001 revenue has been calculated by adding sales for January 2001 to its sales through December 2001, no sales growth is assumed for January 2002. Through December, Wal-Mart's sales rose 13.9 percent from a year earlier.

SOURCES: The companies; The Associated Press

Qwest reports customer service improvements

The Associated Press

DENVER - Qwest Communications International said it nearly eliminated delays in



Afshin Mohobbi

phone-installation and repair services last year as part of its efforts to win federal approval to offer long-distance in its 14-state region. The Denver-based telecommunications company said the results mark the second consecutive year of improvements and the best annual results since 1995. "We promised to improve customer service and I'm delighted to say we're continuing to report, quarter-after-quarter, improvements in these services," Qwest President Afshin Mohobbi said Wednesday.

Qwest has provided quarterly

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Idaho offers free online tax filing

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Taxpayers who are eligible to file Idaho's short income tax form can now do so for free through the Idaho State Tax Commission's Web site.

Find the Form 40EZ by going to www2.state.id.us/ntax and clicking on "Electronic Filing."

Filers of the state Form 40EZ are required to file a federal tax return, and they can file it by any method they choose. However, taxpayers who use electronic filing options other than the 40EZ must file both their federal and state income taxes electronically and at the same time.

Beginning this year, all taxpayers who file returns electronically can each claim a \$2 credit against the tax owed on their returns, the state said. Returns filed with tax due of less than \$2 will receive the credit up to the amount of tax owed.

Idaho is pressing the case for online filing.

Electronic filing results in quicker refunds, the tax commission said. On average, refunds for Idaho returns that are filed electronically take no more than 10 days to arrive, compared with eight weeks if filed on paper. The e-filing programs generally do all the calculations automatically, and they provide a confirmation number and a printable copy of the return for record keeping.

Taxpayers can have refunds deposited directly into their bank accounts. If they owe tax, the state said. Returns filed with tax due of less than \$2 will receive the credit up to the amount of tax owed.

For more information about Idaho taxes, call the Idaho State Tax Commission toll free at 1-800-972-7660.

Qwest in Idaho

Qwest Communications, which sells local telephone service in much of the Magic Valley, said that in Idaho service data for 2001 showed the best results in seven years in key areas for residential and small-business customers:

- Nearly 99 percent of customer installation commitments were met on time - the best annual results in six years.
- Repeat commitments were met nearly 95 percent of the time.
- Repeat repairs decreased by more than 17 percent from a year ago.
- Qwest repaired more than 90 percent of all service outages in Idaho in 24 hours or less - an improvement of nearly 4 percent over the same time a year ago - the best annual results in seven years.
- At the end of December, no customer in Idaho waited more than 30 days for installation of the first telephone line.

MONEY

Washington Group expects larger profits

BOISE (AP) - Washington Group International officials said they expect net profits to double over the next two years after gaining final approval for its bankruptcy reorganization this week.

to do to shed the specter of bankruptcy. "The biggest issue is repairing credibility," said James Cassel of Capitalink L.C., a Florida-based firm that advises companies during restructuring. "And even in the best of Chapter 11 bankruptcies, that's still a very difficult situation."

ship again through stock options over a five-to-seven-year period. A private deal negotiated between Washington and the company's lenders grants him stock options for 2.5 million shares, 10 percent of the company stock.

said Washington's role as chairman will be different this year around. Washington said he will spend his time developing new business and leave the responsibility of running the company to Hanks.

Centers

Continued from B5 Buzz Langdon Visitor's Center will open in north Twin Falls for its mid-March to mid-October season on March 16, under the direction of a new manager.

operation in Twin Falls, Kent said. The chamber plans a 30-minute program, and Dell might announce other plans for that day as well he said.

repeat term limits, he said. "The organization this year must decide whether to launch an ambitious effort to build a combined visitor center and convention center on the Snake River Canyon rim. And it must decide whether to accept contributions for a third Business Plus economic-development campaign, said the chamber's new president, Dan Olmstead.

(On Feb. 1) and Mayor Lance Clow's presentation on the city (in early March). "Chamber leaders will distribute annual membership packets during the week of Feb. 4 - about a week later than usual."

Hart, who will be the Twin Falls chamber's bookkeeper for the past eight years, will add the visitor center to her duties. She gets a raise, said Kent just, who declined to name her pay for publication.

"It's under \$20,000 a year, because both jobs are part-time," he said. Hart knows many of the volunteers who staff the center and is a longtime Magic Valley resident, he said.

Attendance at the chamber's annual banquet this week was 194. "That's one of the larger that we've had," Kent just said. The largest ever was about 225, and last year's was about 185.

Twin Falls business leaders would like to see all state agencies - including schools - buy same-type computer equipment and coordinate better, so that Idaho businesses and others can easily access all the agencies from one online screen, Kent just said. "There's no simple flow there," he said.

March 11 is training day for the Twin Falls center's volunteers. There's a roundup of other Twin Falls chamber news.

The chamber made a \$500,000 payment to Star Corp. for part of the renovation work done at the former Albertson's grocery store on Pole Line Road, which the computer giant will occupy. That fulfills the chamber's financial commitment to Dell.

Friday morning gatherings will feature discussions on the Twin Falls School District's plan for a new technical high school

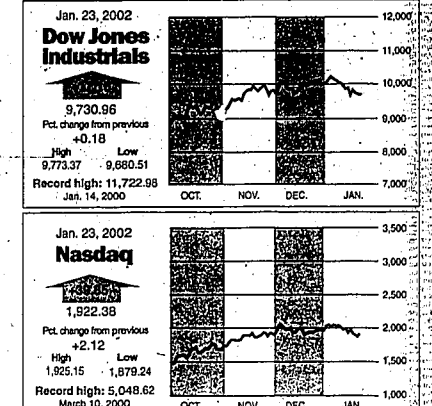
recovery. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 17.16, or 0.2 percent, at 9,730.96.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and two members of his cabinet - Commerce Director Gary Mahn and Labor Director Roger Madsen - have promised to attend the chamber's Feb. 21 ribbon cutting at Dell Computer Corp.'s new technical support

to work as the market tries to grind away through earnings season," said Charles White, portfolio manager at Avatara Associates.

Chamber leaders will distribute annual membership packets during the week of Feb. 4 - about a week later than usual. Chamber representatives have been invited to meet with state Director of Administration Pam Ahrens and her staff Monday afternoon to discuss the chamber's concerns about telecommunications and about technology use in state government, Kent just said.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 8.87, or 0.8 percent, to 1,128.18. "What you're seeing today is a little bit of money being put back to work as the market tries to grind away through earnings season," said Charles White, portfolio manager at Avatara Associates.



Tech buying gives stock market a lift

NEW YORK (AP) - Technology buyers set off a modest rally on Wall Street Wednesday, encouraged by lower stock prices from the market's recent selloff and some mildly positive outlooks in the beleaguered sector.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg. Lists various stocks like ACE, AIG, AXP, etc. with their respective prices and changes.

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Table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names and returns.

Kmart

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potential revenue in the wake of the Chapter 11 filing, have now warmed that profits will be below Wall Street expectations. Vendors also find themselves in a delicate situation, aiming to reduce their financial risks while trying not to offend Kmart. Some suppliers are still holding off on shipping to Kmart, waiting for payment guarantees from companies known as factors that act as intermediaries. Of course, Martha Stewart, whose brand is the top-selling label at Kmart, finds herself in a most precarious position. Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, which is owed \$13 million from Kmart, has a provision in its contract allowing the designer to leave Kmart in bankruptcy, but that would have to be approved by a bankruptcy judge. Analysts say Stewart has to be careful not to make any moves that would trigger a lawsuit from Kmart, while still protecting her brand. Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia receives about 13 percent of the company's revenue from Kmart, according to Kevin Gruneich, an analyst at Bear Stearns. Martha Stewart Living issued a release Tuesday saying Stewart won't put her line of home and garden products from Kmart stores "for the foreseeable future."

of pre-recorded music to mass merchants, said its fiscal third-quarter results will be hurt, though it said the implications of the Chapter 11 filing are still unclear. About 35 percent of Handelman's fiscal 2001 sales are generated from Kmart. Fleming, Kmart's primary food and consumable products supplier, which cut off shipments to Kmart Monday, now intends to resume deliveries "once receiving satisfactory assurances from Kmart via a bankruptcy court." However, Kmart's expected store closings create uncertainty for Fleming's profit outlook. Fitch & Co. and Standard & Poor's have placed its ratings on CreditWatch for possible downgrades. Fleming's Kmart account for 20 percent of Fleming's total revenues. Meanwhile, Kimco Realty Corp., the nation's largest owner and operator of neighborhood and community shopping centers, has lowered its earnings forecast for the year. Kimco currently leases 75 locations to Kmart, accounting for about 12 percent of its total rental revenue. "There will be a lot of downtime as the landlords try to find tenants," said Michael Mueller, an analyst at ABC World Markets Co. He said that landlords face the risk of reduced income if they cannot re-let the space at the rate Kmart was paying.

Qwest

Continued from B5
updates on service improvements since acquiring U.S. West in June 2000. The improvements are key to Qwest's bid to recapture the long distance market in U.S. West's former territory. Qwest also must prove to federal and state regulators that its network and markets are open to competition. In its year-end report, Qwest officials said the company met about 90 percent of its 22 million in call minutes commitment on time and nearly 95 percent of its recent commitments. About 89 percent of service failures were fixed in fewer than 24 hours, a 10 percent improvement over 2000. Fewer than 10 customers in the 14-state region filed complaints with the FCC for new phone service in 2001. Qwest had 22 million requests for service during 2001. Mohelbi, also the chief operating officer, predicted the company would be offering long-distance service by the end of June.

to customers in Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, Iowa and Arizona. The Federal Communications Commission recognized Qwest in December as a leading provider in its annual service quality report, which showed improvements by Qwest in residential and out-of-service repairs and on-time installations. In a related development, the company's recent announcement that it would share customer account and calling information with other companies has drawn criticism. Attorneys general in 37 states have asked the FCC to force Qwest to change its plan so customers will have to notify the company only if they approve of having their calling information shared, instead of the other way around. Qwest has said it would delay until March 29 any transfer of information about its 12.5 million customers within its family of companies.

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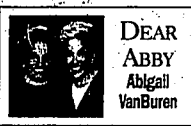
Family cherishes Christmas with elderly neighbor

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from the "Grinch" who didn't want her elderly neighbor intruding on her family Christmas morning.

My husband was in the military during Christmas 1964. While he was overseas, my three small children and I lived in a neighborhood with a large number of retired people.

Early Christmas morning, an elderly woman from across the street arrived unexpectedly with gifts. She said she wanted to come while the kids were still opening their presents and the gift wrappings and ribbon were all over the floor. She had no family of her own and wished to be part of our family's celebration.

My children, grandchildren and I still celebrate together on Christmas mornings. My husband survived the war, but has since died. That dear elderly neighbor has long since passed



DEAR ABBY: I speak of her lovingly each Christmas morning as we open gifts among paper and ribbons scattered on the floor.

I hope "Grinch" will rethink her outlook. She should realize that sharing the joy of Christmas with others will teach her children a precious lesson for years to come.

A FLORIDA GRANDMA
DEAR GRANDMA: You're a woman with a heart of gold. As "Grinch's" letter shows, some people are more territorial about their families and holidays than you are. I agree that sharing the holidays would be a valuable lesson for the children. A joy shared is twice a joy.

DEAR ABBY: As regular readers of your column know, more and more often the bereaved are giving themselves permission to break away from formalized funeral rituals and creating final memorials that are in keeping with the expressed wishes of their deceased loved ones.

As president-elect of an association dedicated to affordable alternatives to conventional funerals, I urge your readers:

- Take time now to preplan and discuss with family their wishes for this final event.
- When that time arrives, exercise your rights to create a memorial that is in keeping with the close family's expressed desires.
- Do not be intimidated by those who insist that you are doing the loved one a disservice by not having a conventional funeral.

Thank you for helping us shed some light on this issue, Abby.

- TOM SIMONSON
CREMATION ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

DEAR TOM: I'm pleased to post your gentle reminder for any reader who needs encouragement. Talking about the inevitable isn't easy; sometimes it's difficult to get people who love us to listen to such an unpleasant subject.

However, the most practical way around those defenses is to make clear, well before the need arises, that you want your family to keep as many of your assets as possible.

A funeral procession that rivals the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace may be a great spectacle, but it's a little late for the star of the show. The time to show respect and affection to those we love is while they are living.

Frozen whistles stick to the lips of hockey referees

Do you know why outdoor hockey referees started to use cowbells instead of steel whistles? In subzero weather, the whistles stuck to their lips.

"To reform a man," said Victor Hugo, "You must begin with his grandmother."

Police statisticians say they are killed on Thursdays year-round than on any other day of the week.

"Your character is what you are in the dark," said the wise Dwight L. Moody.

Add noteworthy lines from country lyrics: "I only miss you on the days that end in Y."

Where are you going, Virginia, and Virginia, how far will you go? "I'm going to put a bar in my car and drive myself to drink." "It's morning and I still



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L.M. Boyd

love you." "She borrowed my last dime and called my wife."

What's your stand on the recurring notion to televise executions of capital criminals? A Boston psychiatrist claims some people would object zealously, but a large majority would like to see such legal killings. He said he's certain a televised execution would get the highest Nielsen rating ever recorded. Of Osama Bin Laden maybe.

Doris Day and Marlon Brando - ask your astrologer what it

means - were born on the same day, April 3, 1924.

The same sort of embarrassment that causes some people to blush red causes others to turn pale.

Nobody knows what sets off a tornado.

Q. Why does the \$2 bill repeatedly fail acceptance? Superstition?

A. Don't believe that's it. Most cash drawers don't have enough bins to handle the extra denomination. It's easier for cashiers to hand back two \$1s than to dig under the trays for a \$2.

Q. One more time, Friend-O, list those five essentials to happiness?

A. Health, freedom, financial security, congenial work and reciprocal love. You doing all right?

If the boat motor's propeller turns clockwise, it's said to be "right-handed."

In motels with telephones beside the beds, people tend to sleep on the bed sides closest to the phones. This puts uneven wear on the mattresses, requiring their replacement too frequently. So some smart chain operators design their fixtures so the phones are across the rooms from the beds.

Q. How did tennis come to be scored by 15, 30, 40, deuce, and?

A. Early in France, the most common silver piece was worth 60 sous with each of its four parts worth 15 sous. Tennis was played for stakes. 30 points were worth 15, 30 and 45 sous. Eventually, after the coin denominations no longer signified, the 45 was abbreviated to 40 merely because it was easier to say.

Leo asks: Is this deja vu? Taurus gets last chance

IF JANUARY 24TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are drawn to music and the puzzles of computers. You have unusual voice and enjoy signing in and out of the shower. You are romantic and can be passionate. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio individuals play important roles in your life, could have these letters in names: F, O, X. Social activities will accelerate in March. Change of residence or marital status possible in April. June will be most memorable!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Financial pressure relieved. Emphasize versatility and give full rein to intellectual curiosity. Popularity on the rise; people want to wine and dine you. Sagittarius represented.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Tonight you will be given "last chance." Powers of persuasion remain strong; you win love if you so desire. Leo, Scorpio and another Taurus play unorthodox roles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your kind of day! Key is communication, reading, writing and teaching. You could meet "true love" during journey. Be open-minded without being naive. Another Gemini involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Family member seeks your counsel. Toss aside superstition and challenge the unknown. Keep abreast of one temporarily confined to home or hospital.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be asking, "Is this djij vu?" Scenario features familiar faces and places. Define terms. Realize again that all that glitters is not gold. Pisces plays dynamic role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do

not equate delay with defeat; what you have been waiting for will arrive tonight. Power play featured, and you will be in "driver's seat." Relationship will intensify.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Mystery solved. It turns out that financial resources are better than expected. Partner or mate will figure prominently. You will learn more than you care to know.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make fresh start, let go of preconceived notions. Legal affairs require perusal. Avoid heavy lifting. Know that relationship is hot and heavy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Decision reached on motivation and direction. Focus remains on partnership, cooperative efforts and marriage. Do not brood over what might have been.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on celebration, aura of sexuality and sex appeal. You will be popular, but don't attempt to please everyone. By pleasing yourself, others are also happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Break in relationship is temporary; healing process is under way. Revise and review. What appeared to be defeat will boomerang in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will feel more secure concerning home and property. Written material helps you achieve objectives. Take notes of ideas and of dreams. You'll be extremely attractive; careful!

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Al-Qaida planned attack on embassy, officials say

JAKARTA, Indonesia - Five suspected members of Osama bin Laden's Al-Qaida network arrived in Indonesia from Yemen last July with a plan to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, a high-ranking U.S. official has revealed.

But Indonesian authorities balked at taking action, allowing the men to slip out of the country after they realized they had been discovered, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

U.S. diplomats surmised that the priorities had intentionally scared the team away so as not to have to confront them.

Meanwhile, at the U.S. military base outside Kandahar, FBI Director Robert Mueller said members of Al-Qaida detained here have provided valuable information that has prevented new attacks against U.S. targets worldwide.

One prisoner - Al-Qaida training camp commander Ibn Al-Shaykh al-Libi - warned of an impending attack on the U.S. Embassy in Yemen this week, according to Yemeni officials.

U.S. halts sending more prisoners to Cuba base

A senior defense official said Wednesday in Washington that the Pentagon has intentionally stopped sending more Al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners from Afghanistan to Guantanamo Bay for security reasons.

Nation in brief

The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

With 158 there now, the makeshift prison is reaching capacity, and officials fear it might be easier for the captives to make trouble if they were moved and held up in cells while more are being built, he said.

In Kandahar, meanwhile, U.S. special forces and their Afghan allies confiscated thousands of weapons from a local warlord Wednesday, a top aide to Kandahar's governor said, as he pressed the search for Taliban and Al-Qaida renegades in southern Afghanistan.

The U.S.-led coalition has been trying to get weapons out of the hands of local warlords whose support for the new interim Afghan government is in doubt.

American returns to U.S. to face Taliban charges

WASHINGTON - John Walker Lindh, the young Muslim convert accused of joining Al-Qaida soldiers in Afghanistan, returned to the United States Wednesday under FBI custody to face criminal charges that he conspired to kill fellow Americans.

Lindh flew back aboard a military cargo plane amid extraordinary

secrecy and security, two years after he left the United States for Yemen to study Arabic and Islam. He was captured in Afghanistan after a November uprising by Taliban prisoners in which a CIA officer was killed.

The FBI alleges in court papers that Lindh in June became a Taliban soldier for Osama bin Laden, who thanked him personally for "taking part in jihad," or holy war. The FBI also claims Lindh learned within weeks of joining bin Laden about suicide teams being sent to America.

Lindh, 20, will make his first courtroom appearance at 9 a.m. today in federal court in Alexandria, Va., to answer to charges of conspiracy, providing material support to terrorists and engaging in prohibited transactions with the Taliban. If convicted, Lindh could spend the rest of his life in prison.

Report: National Guard will end airport duty soon

WASHINGTON - Defense officials hope to begin pulling National Guard troops off security duties at the nation's airports in the next 60 to 90 days, turning the work over to the new Transportation Security Administration, Army Secretary Thomas White said Wednesday.

- compiled from wire reports



Afghans struggle to revive economy

The Associated Press

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan - An adolescent boy hammers soles onto men's loafers. Women separate spoils of thread at a textile factory. A man and his camel grind cotton seeds into oil. All are meager but welcome signs of hope for the economy of this northern Afghan city.

many residents are working - and so are their children.

Eleven-year-old Mohamed Sakhi works in his father Gulyan's blacksmith's shop, cranking a wheel that pumps air into the furnace while his father fires the iron. Mohamed has been helping in the shop for two years, through the Taliban rule of Mazar-e-Sbarif and their overthrow.

Mohammed Amin, 70, runs a small business grinding seeds - cotton, sesame, hemp - into oil that Afghans use to cook tradi-

tional rice dishes and for household needs.

In a small, windowless room of a mud building with minimal light, Amin hitches his camel to a wheel attached to an arm and drives the animal in circles to grind the seeds.

The building also houses Amin's family and three others, and all the children take part in the business, girls included.

Production has suffered in recent years after three years of drought shriveled up seed supplies, he said.

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ADVERTISEMENTS FOR ASPHALT BIDS. The Twin Falls Highway District intends to purchase asphalt for the following projects and products for the 2002 Cilling Season.

Case 2, Curve 2R, CSS-1, AFFS-3P, HFE-300, GRDES. Specifications and bid documents can be examined at the Twin Falls Highway District office located at 1234 Highway 24.

Office hours are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. All bids must be sealed and delivered on or before 10:00 AM, January 31, 2002.

All bids must be sealed with a concise statement marked on the outside "2002 Asphalt Bids". Dave Burgess, Director

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ADVERTISEMENTS FOR ALEFLE TENTH. PERSONAL PROPERTY. Magic Valley Storage 1592 Elm Street, N.

Tell all to AUCION SERVICE after January 31, 2002, the contents belonging to:

TRACY JACOBS, last known address is: P.O. Box 243, Hazelton, ID 83335. Contents consist of: Western pictures, leather craft tools, saddle tree, & misc.

MARCI BARNARD, last known address is: 262 Columbia, Boise, ID 83710. Contents consist of: Automobile

PAT CONTRELL, last known address is: 2800 Chobise Ct, Park City, UT 84060. Contents consist of: Western pictures, leather craft tools, saddle tree, & misc.

ROBERT RUDOLPH, last known address is: P.O. Box 281, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Contents consist of: Electric tools, bicycle, misc. electrical tools.

BOB MORA, last known address is: 2153 5th Ave. S, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-01-1248 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARDETH A. ROLLER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PAMELA SMITH has been appointed personal representative of the estate of ARDETH A. ROLLER.

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od personal representative of the estate of ARDETH A. ROLLER. All creditors of this estate are required to file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims against the decedent's estate may be presented to the personal representative in care of M. LYN DUNLAP, attorney at law, P.O. Box 2754, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

(a) The claimant may deliver or mail to the personal representative in care of M. LYN DUNLAP, attorney at law, P.O. Box 2754, Twin Falls, ID 83303, a written statement of the claim.

(b) The claimant may commence a proceeding against the personal representative in any court where the personal representative may be subject to jurisdiction, or to the payment of his bill against the estate, but the commencement of the proceeding must occur within the time limited for presenting the claim.

DATED this 27th day of December, 2001.

M. LYN DUNLAP, Attorney for Personal Representative PAMELA SMITH

PUBLISH: January 10, 17 and 24, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV-01-4108 SUMMONS

DIANA KOEPPCK, Plaintiff, RANDALL ROLAND CYR, Defendant.

NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUEVED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF.

MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNDER RULE 68 AND 69 OF THE RULES OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR TWIN FALLS.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend judgment against you, an appropriate response must be filed with the above designated court by the date and at the address set forth in the service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff(s) in the Complaint.

The filing of the action is for Paternity.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons and you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your own response, if any, may be filed in time and other

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the above entitled court. The reason for the change in name being: To Step-father's name; to Name of the paternal father; to William Altra Jensen (Bill Jensen). He died on September 30, 1985. The names and address of the petitioner's next relatives are: Gloria Magaly, 115 Kings Ave., Bay Point, CA 94923.

Such petition will be heard at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on 2/25/02, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in such objection, state a good reason against such a change of name.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 31st day of December, 2001.

By: Ginny Dawn Clark, Clerk of the District Court

PUBLISH: January 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-01-01275-M NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT S. BLASTOCK, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT George L. Blastock has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHAN KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINER /Russell G. Kvanvig Attorneys for Personal Representative P.O. Box 83 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0083 Telephone: 208-733-2721

PUBLISH: January 10, 17 and 24, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-01-00002 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAY L. KREMIN, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Kay L. Kremin has been appointed personal representative for the estate of decedent Kay L. Kremin.

All persons having claims against decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

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present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to Kay L. Kremin, c/o Harry Turner, First State Building, 102 Main Ave. South, Office #1, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, or filed with the Court, not later than 18th day of January, 2002.

By: Kay L. Kremin

PUBLISH: January 24, 31 and February 7, 14, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-01-1215 SUMMONS TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY A. FOUTS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate.

All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

By: Delia Miller and Cit Financial Group.

PUBLISH: January 24 and 31, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-01-00010 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JONAS H. LEE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT George C. DeWolter has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

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that they are entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If they are financially unable to retain an attorney, they may apply to the Court, ex parte, for the appointment of counsel.

John Doe is further notified that he may register his claim as father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare - Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms available for such purposes from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health and Welfare. Said father is further notified that he shall mail the completed form to the Bureau of Vital Statistics to register his claim in your barred under your maintaining and action to the Court, not later than the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

DATED this 17th day of February, 2002.

By: JONAS H. LEE, Personal Representative

PUBLISH: January 24 and 31, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-02-00010-M NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CORA LEE DEWELTER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT George C. DeWolter has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

By: ROSA STEPHAN, KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINER Attorneys for Personal Representative P.O. Box 83 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0083 Telephone: 208-733-2721

PUBLISH: January 24 and 31, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-01-1370 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA L. COREY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Barry Eckert has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

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Deceased.

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Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 25th day of September, 2001.

By: KATHY J. JONES, Co-Personal Representative

PUBLISH: January 17, 24 and 31, 2002

NOTICE OF BID. Notice is hereby given that the Twin Falls District #411 will receive sealed bids for January/February 2002 school year until 1:00 P.M., February 12, 2002 at the Office of Administration

West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

The list of the required supplies and the specifications may be obtained from the School Purchasing Agent at the Twin Falls School Administration Building.

The Board of Trustees for District #411 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informality.

TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #411

By: Rosa Stephan, Kvanvig, Stone & Trainor

PUBLISH: January 24 and 31, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. SP-01-1370 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Production has suffered in recent years after three years of drought shriveled up seed supplies, he said.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 18th day of January, 2002.

By: DAN TAYLOR and BRENT M. HYATT, Defendants.

TOD: DAN TAYLOR, Co-Personal Representative of VOLCO, INC., an Idaho corporation, dba FRANKLIN BUILDING SUPPLY, Plaintiff.

vs. DAN TAYLOR and BRENT M. HYATT, Defendants.

TOD: DAN TAYLOR, Co-Personal Representative of VOLCO, INC., an Idaho corporation, dba FRANKLIN BUILDING SUPPLY, Plaintiff.

vs. DAN TAYLOR and BRENT M. HYATT, Defendants.

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vs. DAN TAYLOR and BRENT M. HYATT, Defendants.

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vs. DAN TAYLOR and BRENT M. HYATT, Defendants.

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vs. DAN TAYLOR and BRENT M. HYATT, Defendants.

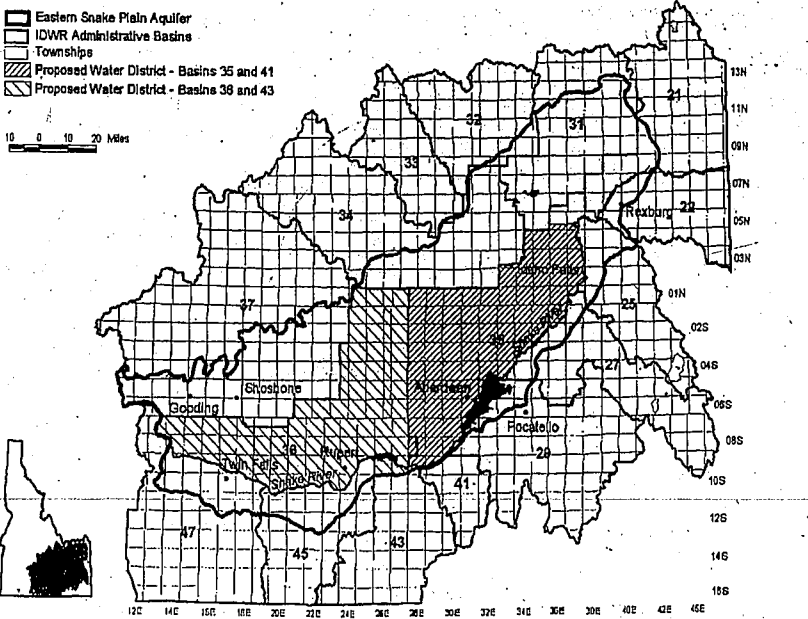
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PROPOSED WATER DISTRICT AREAS



NOTICE OF HEARINGS IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED CREATION OF A WATER DISTRICT IN THE AMERICAN FALLS AREA WITHIN THE EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN AQUIFER IN ADMINISTRATIVE BASINS 35, 36, 41, AND 42, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED CREATION OF A WATER DISTRICT IN THE THOUSAND SPRINGS AREA WITHIN THE EASTERN SNAKE PLAIN AQUIFER IN ADMINISTRATIVE BASINS 35 AND 43.

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Director") is authorized to divide the state into water districts for the purpose of allocating water among appropriators under the laws of the State of Idaho. The authority to create water districts applies to those streams, or other water sources including ground water, for which the priorities of appropriation have been established by court decree.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 15th day of May, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, in full 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:

Parcel 5-B of Skyview Estates, according to the Map of Survey recorded in Book 28 of Miscellaneous at Page 207 Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township 11 North, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian; Thence North 89°20'02" West 459.50 feet; Thence South 00°06'36" East 879.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

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.

THE DEFULT for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$1,304.34, due per month for the months of September 2001 and October, 2001 and subsequent payments until the date of sale or redemption, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$172.30, uncollected late charges are due in the amount of \$572.00, with interest accruing at an adjustable rate, the current rate is 6.625%, per annum and continuing to accrue from August 1, 2001. This principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$132,053.23, plus accrued interest, taxes, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the obligation, less any 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 obligation, less any delinquent amounts and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

On April 24th, 2002, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day in the lobby of First American Title Company, at 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, Esq., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in full 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: Lot 15 in Block 7 of Kingsgate Subdivision No. 2, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 10 of Plats, page 16.

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The Director to distribute water pursuant to chapter 6, title 42, Idaho Code. In accordance with the Director's Reports and the partial decrees that have superseded the Director's Reports within all or parts of Administrative Basins 35, 36, 41, and 42, averting the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA). The Director now proposes to create two permanent water districts; one in the American Falls area within portions of Administrative Basins 35 and 41 and the other in the Thousand Springs area within portions of Administrative Basins 35 and 43 averting the ESPA, as shown on the attached map.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 42-501, Idaho Code, that the Director of the Department of Water Resources will conduct two separate public hearings regarding the proposed creation of the two water districts as follows: Hearing for Proposed Water Districts within Basins 35 and 41; 1:00 p.m., February 4, 2002, at the Blackfoot Civic Center, 132 West Shuffing, Blackfoot, Idaho.

Hearing for Proposed Water District within Basins 39 and 43; 7:00 p.m., February 4, 2002, at the Jerome High School Auditorium, 104 N Tiger Drive, Jerome, Idaho.

The Director will serve as the hearing officer for both hearings. Persons attending a hearing will be provided an opportunity to make an oral presentation regarding the creation of the proposed district. Written comments may be submitted to the Director at the hearing or at any time prior to the close of the written comment period on February 14, 2002. Written comments not presented at the hearing should be sent to the Director, Department of Water Resources, 1301 North Orchard, Boise, Idaho 83706. The written comments should identify the proposed district to which the comments relate.

Each hearing will be conducted in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations in order to attend, participate in, or understand the hearing, please contact the Department of Water Resources, 1301 North Orchard, Boise, Idaho 83706, telephone number (208) 327-7760, at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing.

The Director proposes that all water rights with points of diversion located within the boundaries of the proposed districts be included in the districts, except those used primarily for domestic and/or stock water purposes. Permitted and licensed rights not decreed in the SRBA and/or not included in SRBA Director's reports are subject to inclusion within the proposed water districts unless used solely for domestic and/or stock water purposes. This notice of hearing has been sent to all water right holders of record in accordance with these criteria.

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Said real property is being situated in the SW1/4NW1/4 BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of said SW1/4NW1/4; Thence North 01°11' East, 1319.40 feet; Thence North 89°40'28" West, 666.45 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence South 91°15'58" West, 433.34 feet; Thence North 38°30'07" West, 378.41 feet; Thence North 49°24'21" West, 140.88 feet; Thence North 65°18'07" West, 85.95 feet; Thence South 28°40'28" East, 480.68 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH the following access easements: BEGINNING at the West Quarter corner of Section 26; Thence North 85°46'12" East 256.69 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence North 85°46'12" East 256.69 feet along the Southern boundary of a 2.00 foot wide access easement; Thence North 20.00 feet; Thence South 85°46'12" West 256.69 feet along the Northern boundary of access easement to a point in the Western boundary of Section 26 to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;

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MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT BALANCE SHEETS OCTOBER 31, 2001 and 2000. ASSETS - October 31, 2001. Current Assets: Cash in Bank - M&O, Cash in Bank - Bond & Contract, Total Cash in Bank, Investment in Government Investment Pool, Accounts Receivable - Supplemental Water, Total Assets: \$2,773,175

LIABILITIES & EQUITY - October 31, 2001. Liabilities: Accounts Payable, Accrued and Withheld Payroll Taxes, Accrued Property Taxes, Total Liabilities: \$34,072. Equity: Capital Fund Balance, Reserve Fund Balance, Total Equity: \$2,739,103. Total Liabilities and Equity: \$2,773,175

MILNER IRRIGATION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - M&O OPERATION FISCAL YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2001 and 2000. Revenues: M&O Assessment, Supplemental Water, Total Revenue: \$27,766. Expenses: Administrative Payroll, M&O Payroll, Directors Fees, Total Expenses: \$27,766. Excess Revenues or (Expenses): \$0

13.548 Acres, 13.548 Acres, \$20 per acre, \$272,160.00, 13.548 Acres, 53,014 Acres Foot. County of Twin Falls.

Amber McFarland, Treasurer of the Milner Irrigation District, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct statement of the financial operations of the Milner Irrigation District covering a period of one year, and pertains to the best of my knowledge, information and belief the financial condition of said District at the close of the fiscal year ending October 31, 2001.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED CREATION OF A WATER DISTRICT IN THE AMERICAN FALLS AREA WITHIN THE EASTERN DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BASINS 35 AND 41, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED CREATION OF A WATER DISTRICT IN THE THOUSAND SPRINGS AREA WITHIN THE EASTERN DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BASINS 36 AND 43.

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west corner of said Parcel 27 and the Southwest corner of said Parcel 28. East along the West boundary of said Parcel 28 for a distance of 484.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said Parcel 26.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FA-13059

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Parcel 22: A 25-foot wide roadway easement parallel and adjoining the North boundary, and including the currently constructed roadway along the North boundary, allowing the roadway and utility easement. Thence South 89°01'34" West along the South line of the NE1/4NW1/4 a distance of 653.96 feet; Thence North 00°23'47" East 333.078 feet; Thence South 89°01'34" East 653.96 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

PUBLISH: January 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 2002

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FA-11161

On the 11th 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., 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 property 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: Lot 11 in Block 7 of SOUTH 93 HEIGHTS PUD, Twin Falls, Idaho, as shown on the plat of said subdivision recorded in Book 17 of Plats, page 13, in the office of the County Recorder of said County.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(A)(4), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

PUBLISH: January 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2002

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, 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 property 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: PARCEL 1: Township 9 South, Range 14 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. Section 10: 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;

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 14th day of May, 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., 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 property 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: Lot 3 of WEST HAMPTON, a Planned Unit Development, consisting of 20 lots, as shown on the plat of said subdivision recorded in Book 17 of Plats, page 13, in the office of the County Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 65630

SYDNEY L. DOWTON and/or KAREN A. DOWTON, PO BOX 7, ELLIS ID 83235, has filed Application No. F65630 with the following water rights within CUSTER COUNTY: Right No. 72-4069 Priority 5/1/1915 Use STOCKWATER 0.42 CFS IRRIGATION (265 acres)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE FA-12444

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Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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Only the game fish swims up stream... The sensible fish swims down.

free finesse and his slam to go with it.

Today's interesting deal offers a contrast between two lines of declarer play. The industrious declarer stubbornly tries all suits, hoping for one favorable break. The sensible declarer plays only the trump suit, choosing a course that virtually guarantees his slam.

WEST: ♠ 9 6 2, ♥ Q 5 4, ♦ K 9 7 3, ♣ A 10. EAST: ♠ 8 5, ♥ Q 4 3 2, ♦ K 9 7 3, ♣ 9 6 5 4 2. SOUTH: ♠ Q 10 3, ♥ K J 9 8, ♦ A K J 6 5, ♣ A Q. Opening lead: Diamond 10.

The sensible declarer avoids industry and chooses a plan that allows the slam to play itself. He wins dummy's diamond ace and cashes dummy's trump ace.

ANSWER: Four spades. In support of spades, this hand re-evaluates to 19-20 support points, enough to blast to game.

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Passing time through the gusts of wind

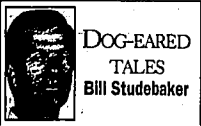
I hear people complain about the wind. Some kids I know who've moved away say they'd come back if the wind would stop. I look at them incredulously.

The old-timers I know don't say much. When I worked with my uncle on the farm north of Jerome, the wind was a vacation. We'd do what we had to, then sit in the kitchen and make Aunt Faye nervous.

"I can't get my work done with you guys sitting there," Aunt Faye said. "If you're just going to sit, go out in the shop."

I'm not sure what we were doing that disturbed her. She could sweep around our feet or over them. We wouldn't care.

We'd sit a few more minutes, then Uncle Frank would say something like, "Well, let's go down to Erv's. Maybe he's got the tractor finished."



DOG-EARED
TALES
Bill Studebaker

Erv had a good mechanic shop, and he worked wind, rain or snow. It didn't matter. He could work while he talked, too. We'd sit. We'd visit.

"Not yet. Waiting for parts. Should be done in a couple days," Erv said.

Uncle Frank would shake his head OK. He knew parts were always a problem or the way a mechanic strung out his customers so he could work on more than one motor at a time. Nevertheless, he had ordered enough parts and had them back ordered, that the possibility of it was true enough.

How long we'd sit and talk was determined mysteriously. All at once, "We've got to get," Uncle Frank said. "Time to be gettin'. Be back in a day or two."

"I should have it by then," Erv said.

When we stepped out the shop door, we bent our heads into the wind.

We drove home and then out past the shop and along one of the fence rows. Frank stopped the pickup at the end of the bean field he'd been cultivating, the 2040 John Deere sat, waiting, turned up-row. The head of the pickup broadside, lifting it slightly.

The tractor was cableless. It had a canvas shroud around the seat that came up from the engine. The heat the motor gave off was channeled up toward the seat. What did it escape, and most of it did, helped keep the driver warm. Still, there was no cover for the head. It took a grip on the steering wheel and determination to work when it was cold and windy.

Frank sat. I don't think he was looking at the tractor.

When he opened the pickup door, the wind nearly jerked it off the hinges.

"Don't open yours," he said. "I ain't got a pilot's license."

He took his shovel from the pickup bed, put a shoulder against the wind and pushed over to a dam we'd set early in the morning. He threw a bit more dirt on the edges. That wind had started to lift it. That would have ruined our set of water. Can't afford that. When he came back, we drove to the house.

Back to the kitchen, we sat at the table. Uncle Frank rolled a cigarette. I poured coffee. Between puffs, Frank spun his cigarette between his fingers.

The lull was long enough I began to think of things that could be done in the wind. It reminded me of those kids who said they'd come back if the wind would stop. Well, it wouldn't stop, but if there are things that can be done, maybe they'd be enticed.

They could count raindrops, take out a land grant, let the dust double the acreage, go to the tumbleweed races, watch the TV signal sway, trade contact lens for dust, watch cheatgrass shudder, listen for calm, put on a cap backward, think about what it means to be downwind, give the wind names like Gale and Gus, spit with it, chase the newspaper across the road.

There's plenty to do. A guy just has to have the tolerance for it. As the old-timers say, "We'll just sit a spell. This will blow over."

That's something to do, "sit a spell," while the wind scrubs the air and comes to a standstill. When it does, it's like everything's turned to helium. That's what the wind's for, to give everything a lift.

Winter, walking and wildlife

Ketchum naturalist's snowshoe walks teach about winter wildlife

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

GALENA - Twenty-one snowshoers plod across the soft, sparkling snow, their waffle-like shoes making clip-clop noises.

It's unlikely any critters will hang around to welcome the noisy entourage as they head through the woods. Walking softly Indian-fashion, they're not. But no matter. It's the signs that animals have left in their wake that these snowshoers are looking for.

These snowshoe sleuths are part of Ketchum naturalist Cathy Baer's new Winter Wildlife Walks. The Blaine County Recreation District is offering the free walks at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Galena Lodge to open people's eyes to what goes on along the Harriman Trail during winter.

"The snow is a canvas that tells us what animals have been up to," said Baer. "My goal is to encourage people to get out and experience the nature that they are a part of. I hope people come to see that these are creatures like us. They just happen to conduct their lives in a different way."

This particular group includes enthusiasts from Halley and Twin Falls, from San Francisco and Tampa Bay, Fla.

They giggle as they watch one another's snowshoes flicking snow clods in the air behind them. They grit their teeth in angst as they attempt to run downhill on shoes resembling tennis rackets.

But, "mostly," they gaze in awe as Baer points out little details that they might not have noticed on their own.

Like what looks like the outline of a dumbbell or dog bone in the snow.

These prints are made by weasels, which are brown in summer and white in winter, save for a dark tip on their tails. The most voracious of predators, they eat their body weight in rodents a couple times over daily.

The predominant weasel in this area is the otter, a year-round resident of the Sun Valley area. They can cover large distances, Baer said, by sliding on their bellies.

"You can watch them slide across Alvarez Lake in the spring before the ice melts," she added. "I think they enjoy life as much as we do. I don't know how the tip on their tail serves them. My theory is it confuses the birds."

The best place to see signs of animals is along creeks and rivers where they can get water and walk across ice bridges that freeze in mid-winter.

If you go...
Take the Galena Lodge bus to the 10 a.m. Wednesday Galena Lodge through Harriman Trail walk. Information: 726-2117.
The Environmental Resource Center in Ketchum also offers longer, more detailed walks given by Ketchum naturalist Cathy Baer on Saturdays. Information: 726-4333.

Elementary, my dear Watson. But fascinating, too. Especially, when Baer walks out on snow that is actually sitting atop willows along the river's edge.

Baer stops short of the edge, cautioning the snowshoers not to come too close. As she does, she points out a spot where an animal stopped to check a hole in the snow above the willows.

"Willows are pockets under a blanket of snow where mice, rodents and moles can live during the winter," she said. "The hoarfrost here indicates that something has been breathing underneath."

Featherlike tracks that begin abruptly and then disappear just as suddenly without coming from or going to somewhere are probably made by a bird.

Baer turns her attention to paw prints on a nearby ski trail. The shallow C-like pattern suggests the animal was loping, she said. You can tell its size by looking at the stride or length between tracks and the straddle or width, which tells how broad the shoulders are.

There are two different mindsets between dogs and coyotes, foxes and wolves, says Baer. Dogs don't feel the need to conserve their energy; they've got a bowl of kibbles waiting for them at home. So, they bound through the snow every which way like it's a joyride.

For wild canines, by contrast, every step counts for survival. They don't have the luxury of frolicking in the snow so every step is metered out neatly.

Baer points out claw marks in padded prints of snowshoe hare. The presence of snowshoe hare in the Wood River Valley and nearby mountains makes Forest Service officials think there might be Canadian lynx - a threatened species - here since hares are a preferred prey for the lynx, she said. Consequently, the Forest Service has restricted the building of new ski trails because of fear that compacted surfaces could give unfair advantage to bobcats and other competitors of the lynx.

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Photos by KAREN BOSSICK/The Times News



Julie Weston, of Halley, takes the plunge running down a hill on her snowshoes.



Cathy Baer outlines clues in the snow for her snowshoe detectives.



A group of snowshoe detectives heads out along a river near Galena Lodge.



John and Darlene Funnel (in red) look on as Baer explains how dogs usually leave messier tracks than wild canines.

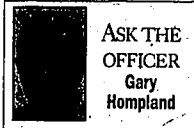
OUTDOORS

Idaho rules prohibit road kill stew

Question: With all the road-killed deer, elk and antelope along our highways this winter, can I salvage the meat or antlers?

Answer: No. Idaho law and Fish and Game Commission Rules only allow you to possess the meat or parts of game animals taken by lawful methods during open hunting seasons. Commission Rules go on to say you may only salvage parts from game animals (i.e. antlers, horns, teeth) that have died from natural causes.

*During harsh winters like this



ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

and the 1992-93 winter, our regional offices were flooded with calls about vehicle-animal collisions. We do our best to work with the Idaho Department of Transportation to help motorists prevent accidents. Signs are

erected trying to slow traffic and cautioning motorists about game crossing the roadway.

Department employees also try to salvage the edible meat for indigent families or food banks. However, a deer hit by a car traveling at 75 mph experiences tremendous trauma throughout the body. Most of the time there is very little left for human consumption.

We also do our best to promptly respond to reports of injured animals. Many times these animals are severely injured and must be destroyed to prevent pro-

longed suffering. Occasionally we work with the public to assist us with the salvage or dispatching injured game animals.

Department employees sometimes collect antlers or horns of roadkilled animals. These items are used in educational displays or sold at the Department's annual fur and animal parts auction.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer with the Magic Valley Regional office of Fish and Game. E-mail your questions to him on their Web site at www2.state.id.us/fishgame.

Park staff drops level of Clear Springs Lake

Outdoors in brief

HAGERMAN - Niagara Springs State Park staff and Clear Springs food employees have dropped the level of Crystal Springs Lake in an attempt to reduce aquatic weeds and moss. Crystal Springs Lake is located in Niagara Springs State Park south of Wendell.

Fishing will be allowed at the lake. However, success rates will decrease until the lake is back to normal water levels. The motorized Vehicle Entrance Fee will remain in effect during the draw down. The lake will be refilled to normal levels by Feb. 1.

Stocking of the lake, conducted by Clear Springs Food will resume after bringing the lake to full pool. The staff at Niagara Springs State Park apologize for this inconvenience, but the results of this effort will be better fishing access to the lake. For additional information concerning the lake draw-down, contact Malad Gorge State Park at 208-837-4505.

Magie Valley Fly Fishers schedule banquet

TWIN FALLS - The Magie Valley Fly Fishers will hold their 33rd Annual Banquet and mem-

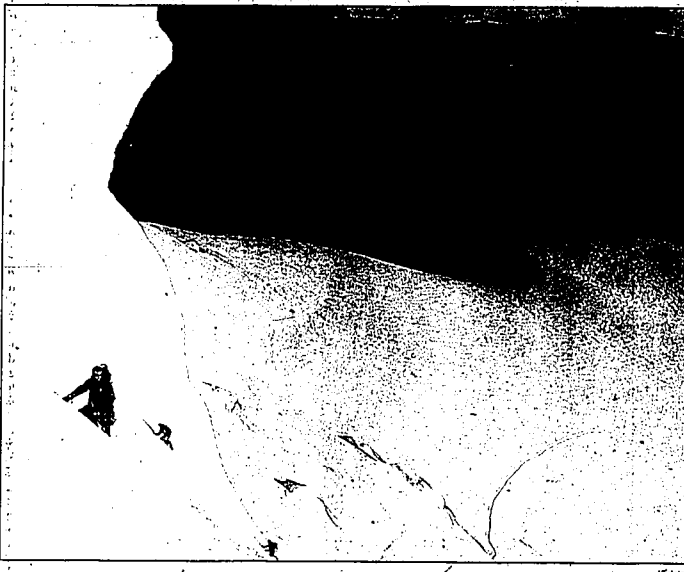
bership drive on Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Turf Club in Twin Falls. Internationally known fly fisherman Steve Probasco will be the featured guest. Probasco is editor-in-chief of Northwest Fly Fishing and Southwest Fly Fishing magazines. His writing and photography specializes on fly fishing and travel, with research taking him all over North America.

The banquet begins at 5 p.m. with a no-host bar, and dinner begins at 7. Cost is \$35 per person or \$70 a couple. Price includes prime rib or Mornay chicken dinner and a year membership to MVFF. Larger ticket prices include raffie tickets for door prizes.

That same day, from 9 a.m. to noon, banquet ticket holders can also attend a fly-tying seminar featuring Probasco at the CSI Campus, Evergreen Building, in room C-74. Ticket sales for both events are sold in advance only, and must be purchased by Feb. 2. For reservations contact Dale Quigley at 208-734-8888.

- compiled from staff reports

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS



Three unidentified members of the British Army Antarctic Expedition climb on Mount Hoogh, Paradise Bay on the Antarctic Peninsula in this recent photo made available in London Wednesday. British Army explorers have reached the summits of two previously unclimbed mountains in Antarctica. In what are believed to be the first ascents, the teams claimed the peaks of Mt. Black and Mt. Hoogh over the weekend of Jan. 19-20. The climbs, to 2,208 feet and 2,981 feet respectively, involved scaling almost sheer ice walls using crampons and picks, with drops of hundreds of feet below.

Eastern Idaho committee addresses wildlife feeding

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Snow falls. Some folks salivate over weekend powder days. Others calculate water content, potato acreage and wheat yields. Larry Orme and Kent Marlor dwell on deer and elk.

Namely they consider the prospect of animals dying in the hills, victims of snow, cold or a combination of both. They are two of the five members of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's eastern Idaho winter feeding advisory committee.

Their job is to answer a question with no clear-cut answer: Should we feed starving animals because the public is upset, or should we let wildlife die a natural death, as they animals have since the beginning of time?

"Feeding wildlife is a fine line to walk," said Marlor, a long time hunter and professor at BYU-Idaho. "The public has a difficult time watching animals that look hungry, but at the same time we don't want to start an annual feeding program. So we try to make decisions that work to both ends."

Many see the winter feeding program as a stopgap measure when winters get particularly nasty, a simple way to help some animals. Others see it as a waste of money that could be better spent on buying winter ranges. Whatever the case, the committee works quietly to make a difference, no matter how small.

"This isn't a perfect system," Orme said. "I just try to do the best I can and hope the public understands."

The committee system was created by the Legislature in 1995 after the harsh winter of 1992-93 killed thousands of deer. Fish and Game had fed for years, but there were no formal guidelines, which led to controversy as to when and where the department should hit the hills with hay in hand.

"Our policy up to then was to feed when conditions were critical, but nobody knew what critical was," said Brad Compton, wildlife manager in the Upper Snake River Valley. "The committee was established to give us the guidelines."

As a result of the law, feeding committees were established. The committees were charged with writing feeding guidelines, monitoring snow conditions and working with the public. Each committee started by writing region-specific rules with help from Fish and Game biologists.

For example some guidelines are if:

were below zero for three straight days in the previous month.

- The snow is severely crusted. Severely crusted is when animals break through "crusted, heavy, wet snow." Crust is a major problem because it is a terrible energy sap and it makes it tough for animals to get food.

- The animals are in poor condition. Health of the herd is surmised by studying fat on the sternums of yearling deer at check stations. If a yearling deer, for example, has less than 6 mm of fat, or roughly the width of the head of a sharp pencil, on its rib cage and sternum, it's considered in poor condition.

- The snow depth is more than 18 inches on the south slopes of winter ranges. Snow depth criteria changes as the winter progresses. So now in eastern Idaho, feeding is matter of numbers, not hunches.

"It's a good step," Compton said. "It is science-based policy. Any time we can create policy from science, we're ahead of the game." The department has final say, but the importance of the committee can't be overstated: Fish and Game has only once overruled the committee's recommendation in eastern Idaho.

"The process works very well, simply because we have representation from everyone, hunters and biologists," Marlor said. "Secondly, we can get things done very rapidly."

Once they decide to feed, the department sets up temporary feed sites and distributes the 653 tons of hay stored in the region. The hay is purchased annually from the state's winter feeding account. Seventy-five cents from the sale of every deer, elk and antelope tag goes to the winter feeding account.

That's wasted money to some folks. "That money would have been far better spent buying or restoring winter range," said Ted Chu, a former wildlife biologist with Fish and Game.

Chu managed wildlife in the region for years and understands there are times that animals must be fed, namely in areas where they've been habituated by years of feeding. But he said feeding is usually a bad idea because it concentrates and habituates animals.

"Feeding is the easy out," he said. "It's much easier to toss hay than deal with habitat problems. Once you start, you create a generation of animals that recognize feeding as the only way to get through the winter. Then you have no way out."

Biologists work to avoid Henry's Lake die-off

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Biologists are "cautiously optimistic" there won't be a major fish die-off at Henry's Lake this winter.

"Everything looks pretty good at this point," said Damon Keen, hatchery manager at the world-famous lake. "We're just watching and waiting."

Fears of a die-off rose this fall when the lake was drawn down to 55 percent of capacity. Biologists worried the lake's 1 million fish would use up the lake's oxygen and suffocate.

But luck is so far on the side of the fish.

First, the lake didn't freeze until Nov. 27 - three weeks later than normal.

"When the ice forms, think of the reservoir as a bank of dissolved oxygen," said Jim Fredericks, fisheries manager in Idaho Falls. "That bank is used up as the winter moves on. This year, the fish had three more weeks until they had to dip into the bank."

The bank also received a deposit of oxygen in early December, Fredericks said. Before snow fell and covered the ice, sunlight still got through the ice and fed the plants, which generated a last shot of oxygen.

Finally, the lake entered winter relatively free of algae, Keen said. Algae competes with fish for oxygen.

"Aside from water level, everything is looking good," Fredericks said. To track the threat throughout the rest of the winter, Keen is monitoring oxygen at a number of sites in the lake. The goal is to create an "oxygen depletion curve" that will tell biologists when the lake will run out of oxygen.

In addition to tracking oxygen levels, biologists are also pumping air into the lake. On Jan. 3, biologists started an aerator to pump oxygen to 12 hoses.

along the lake's bed. The hoses run from the hatchery several hundred feet into the lake. The aerators pump oxygen into the lake and they break holes in the ice.

The aerator was purchased after the large winter-kill of 1992-93. This is its first major test. The aerators will save some fish if the dissolved oxygen level drops. Biologists don't know how many.

"The aerators work to provide a refuge in a small portion of the lake," Fredericks said. "It is a 6,000-acre lake and the aerators provide refuge over several dozen acres. There is no way you are going to prop up 1 million fish with aerators."

The electric-powered aerator will cost roughly \$5,000 to run this winter, Fredericks said.

"When you look at the value of the fishery, it's a fairly insignificant price to pay," Fredericks said. "There is little biologist can do if the oxygen level drops too low. Fredericks said they can set up some portable aerators, but that won't protect most of the fishery. Fish and Game has 70,000 fingerlings ready to stock if a major die-off occurs."

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Lake trout population stages comeback in Lake Superior

Knight Rider News Service

DULUTH, Minn. - Tom Eckel, a Grand Marais commercial fisherman for 60 years, has seen a lot of change on the big lake in his lifetime.

He saw the heyday of lake trout commercial fishing in the 1940s. He saw the demise of lake trout in the 1950s, finished off by the invasion of the sea lamprey. Lately, he's been seeing a lot more native lake trout in the assessment netting he does for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources each spring and fall.

"We are getting a lot of native fish," said Eckel, 76. "That's really increased."

It's increased to the point that the agency has decided it will stop stocking lake trout in the waters of Lake Superior from the Cascade River north to the Canadian border. In that zone, called MN-3 by the DNR, the lake trout have come back to the point that native fish should be able to make it on their own, said Don

Schreiner, DNR Lake Superior area fisheries supervisor at French River.

"This is a success story," Schreiner said.

The DNR will officially announce its plans to discontinue stocking in MN-3 at a committee meeting of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission March 18 in Duluth, Schreiner said. That zone will be stocked this year but will no longer be stocked starting in 2003.

In test-netting over the past six years, from 60 to 87 percent of lake trout in 25 inches or longer in MN-3 have been native, according to the DNR. And the survival rate for stocked lake trout in that zone has fallen from 3 percent to .17 percent from 1995 to 2001.

A total of 86,400 lake trout have been stocked annually in that zone. Some of those fish are raised at Crystal Springs, Minn., and some at the federal fish hatchery in Iron River. Those fish would still be raised and would likely be stocked in Lake Michigan or Lake Huron, Schreiner said.

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OUTDOORS

City tries to save desert oasis

Nature persists amid urban surroundings

PHOENIX (AP) — Freeway traffic buzzes nearby. Jets zoom overhead. Trains rumble in the distance. Amid this urban cacophony along the north shore of Tempe Town Lake, nature still finds refuge on a strip of land largely unchanged from the days when ancient Hohokam Indians roamed the area.

The LoPiano Mesquite Bosque (bosque is Spanish for a grove of trees) offers a surprisingly diverse and profuse array of native plant life on a 13-acre patch of desert. The lush vegetation helps give the area an oasis ambience.

"It's one of the few places in a city around here where you can find serenity like this outdoors," said Dick Mickle, a public works manager for the city. "As a bit of a local historian and environmentalist, I'm appreciative that Tempe is saving it."

But the city needs help in that conservation effort. Mickle is working on developing a partnership with the Desert Botanical Garden landscaping program and is hoping local volunteer groups will join in keeping the bosque healthy and well-manicured.

Plants need extensive trimming to ensure fertile conditions for the dozens of different kinds of trees and bushes. The banks of the canal running through the bosque need periodic cleanups.

The project also may involve building a new and better trail, and putting picnic facilities in a small shaded hollow.

The idea is to improve it as a retreat for people while still preserving a safe haven for urban wildlife, Mickle said.

Named in honor of William LoPiano, a former longtime Tempe councilman and mayor who supported local environmental efforts, the bosque was established in 1993. After an initial habitat restoration effort, the city's focus shifted to the Rio Salado Project along the Salt River and Tempe Town Lake development.

The bosque's vegetation is now overgrown and some prolific species threaten to overtake more fragile plants.

There remain at least eight species of shrubs, 10 species of trees including mesquite, cottonwood, willow, paloverde and acacia and more than 15 species of herbaceous plants, including wildflowers.

The greenery provides sheltering environs for several kinds of birds, including quail and roadrunner, along with desert turtles, rabbits, lizards, snakes (none harmful to humans) and the occasional fox or coyote. One city worker claims to have seen a beaver take up residence.

Tempe officials hope to see the planned improvements spur more use of the area as a living ecology laboratory for local schoolchildren. The lessons the bosque has to teach extend beyond the subjects of plants and animals.

The site contains remnants of ancient human history in Phoenix, said Dick Vinson, who helps oversee Tempe's historic preservation endeavors.

"You are surrounded by pre-



Christopher Lazich, 15, of Tempe and Tyler Schwitzer, 10, of Prescott ride horses Dec. 28 through the LoPiano Mesquite Bosque area of Papago Park in Tempe, Ariz. The strip of land offers a surprisingly diverse and profuse array of native plant life on a 13-acre patch of desert.

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The area was near the center of a Hohokam settlement that probably reached a population as high as 100,000 between 400 and 1100 A.D. Traces of their stone buildings and rock art remain there and in adjacent Papago Park.

The bosque canal follows a path the Hohokam carved out for their desert irrigation system,

developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. With a major highway and Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport nearby, it days as a quiet enclave are history. But a sense of tranquility can still be captured here, said Clay Scott, who runs Papago Stables on Town Lake's north shore.

The bosque is a popular path for many horseback riders who saddle up at his stables. To sustain the nature experience, Scott said he tells riders how to cope with freeway traffic noise. "Close your eyes, use your imagination and pretend it's the sound of a waterfall," he said. As for the jets, he said, "Try humming along at the same pitch."

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Winter paddlers find serenity on the Kenai

By Craig Medred
Anchorage Daily News

COOPER LANDING, Alaska — From the parking lot just off the Sterling Highway near the Jim's Landing River bridge, the path to the water on a cold November day is more luge run than boat ramp, but Jack Mosby is not about to let that stand in his way.

"Looks like there might be a little skiing to start," he jokes. Just beyond the edge of the ice, the river still runs fast and free despite the late season and wintery weather. And open water is all the invitation this year-round paddler needs.

From years of experience, Mosby knows that even when the temperature dips below freezing, the state's most popular stream still offers a great float.

"No mosquitoes," jokes paddling companion Michel Villon of Anchorage.

No tourists, either. No other boats. No anglers. No float planes flying overhead. Not even much traffic on the Sterling Highway as it courses along the river from the bridge to Jim's Landing downstream.

All of the business that has come to be the Kenai in the summers of the past decade is in hibernation. Even many of the homes that dot the short stretch of private land along the river in this community are boarded up for the season.

"I'm always kind of amazed people don't come down and use these houses in the winter," Mosby says as he floats past.

It is something of a wonder. The river is so peaceful in the winter, the wildlife so much more watchable.

With the leaves gone, moose are easier to spot. The snow records the telltale tracks of coyotes along the river banks and, with luck, a wolf. The white heads of mature bald eagles dot the trees in dozens of places. The sticks and mud of the eagles' summer nests — structures much like those the robins build multiplied a thousand times — cling to the starkly naked branches near the tops of towering cottonwood trees.

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In summer, the river often appears to be running at some sort of flood stage. In November, the flow is slower, easier, almost placid in places.

The only problem: ice. River running, even in Alaska, doesn't usually involve dealing

with ice-coated banks. There might be a little shore-fast ice in the spring but not dangerous ice-coated banks that can make getting into or out of the water tricky.

Worse yet, when the weather gets truly cold, the nature of the river changes.

"At about 15 degrees," Mosby said, "you start getting slush."

Paddling through slush is more chore than pleasure. Thus Mosby tries to time his float trips to coincide with warmer temperatures.

"I just kind of watch the weather," he said, "if it's above 20, I usually go. Hopefully, there'll be a little bit of sunshine."

Mosby is a longtime paddler, the co-author with Dave Dapkus of the "Alaska Paddling Guide," and the soon-to-retire program manager for the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program in Alaska. He has been floating the winter Kenai for several years.

"Every month I usually try to get out someplace," he said. "We just sort of started pushing the season down here. Let's go down and give it a try."

What Mosby came to discover was that floating the Kenai in the winter is — with proper dress and preparation — every bit as enjoyable as floating the Kenai in the summer — in some ways, more so.

One year, he said, he was paddling with a group that drifted upon a herd of 20 to 25 moose, browsing along the riverbank downstream from where the Russian River joins the Kenai.

When Mosby and Villon were on the Kenai in mid-November, the temperature was near 35 degrees. Snow blanketed the mountains that tower over the greenish water, but the snow was gone or fast disappearing along the riverbanks.

"It's a lot warmer than I thought it might be," Mosby said. "It turned into a pretty nice day."

"I thought I'd freeze my tail all day long," Villon said. Nobody froze anything. In fact, the float was so pleasant that the members of the Knik Kanoners and Kayakers who missed out would have had every reason to be envious.

Mosby, who regularly promotes his Kenai trips among paddling club members, said he has sometimes had as many as 20 people wanting to make the Kenai excursion.

But this time, his e-mail message got only two takers — Villon and a woman from Seward. Only Villon showed up.

"It's pretty dependent on the weather," Mosby said. "A lot of time people in Anchorage look at the weather here and think it will be the same here."

Often, he noted, it's just the opposite. If it's clear in Anchorage, it might well be raining in Cooper Landing. If it's raining in Anchorage, it might well be because the city is getting the weather system that already moved across the Kenai.

Mosby has seen gorgeous weather on the Kenai when no one else has shown up to paddle because Anchorage's weather was awful. But there are other times when the weather on the Kenai has been every bit as bad as the weather in Anchorage.

He remembers one trip in which some floaters got only a couple miles downstream from the Kenai Lake put-in before pulling out across the highway from Gwin's Roadhouse, a popular area bar and restaurant. Easy access to civilization is one of the niceties of the upper Kenai. Pavement is never far away, making it easy to bail out if a try at winter paddling goes unbearably frigid. Not that this activity has to be cold.

"Bring lots of warm clothes" is Mosby's simple advice. With enough insulation and a good attitude, almost anyone can join the ranks of Alaska's year-round paddlers.

Officials try to relocate wild turkeys

BOISE (AP) — Officials are making an effort to relocate wild turkey populations that have grown out of control.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has teamed up with the National Wild Turkey Federation and volunteers from the University of Idaho to trap birds from the Clearwater region.

"Without their help we would

be limited in what we could accomplish," John Nelson, the department's wildlife technician said. "It's ultimately people like this, who give back, who are responsible for the comeback of the wild turkey."

Officials will move the turkeys to habitat areas in southeastern Idaho.

So far, 84 birds have been captured and relocated. Officials

said they will continue the effort until early spring.

The goal is to reduce populations in areas where they have come in conflict with people. Most of the funding for the project has been provided by the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Wild turkeys are not native to the state. They were first intro-

duced in 1961 near Riggins. Since then, more than 150 relocation efforts have been conducted statewide.

During the 2000 hunting season, almost 5,000 birds were harvested state wide. Officials said they hope to establish turkey populations in all suitable habitats and produce hunting opportunities for 20,000 hunters.

Fisherman defies thin ice

OWATONNA, Minn. (AP) — Brian Wilson is a fish out of water. He likes to scuba dive when he is not fishing. He can't stay away from the lake, even if the ice is too thin to walk on.

Wilson found a way to fish this winter without walking on the ice. He fishes from the dock at Lake Kohlmier. Every day after 3 p.m., Wilson drives out to the lake to break a hole in the ice with a special chisel he made. Wilson welded an arm onto the chisel to prevent it from falling through the ice if

he drops it. "Just as long as I do some sort of fishing, I'm happy," said Wilson, wearing a fur hat, blaze orange coat, jeans and boots.

People want to get on the ice so much, Wilson said he has heard people are strapping wooden planks to their feet. Wilson said he wouldn't go that far to catch fish.

Wilson is a 15-year ice angler. He has been featured in "In Fisherman" magazine three times for the Master Angler Award.

Walks

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Just when she's got her entourage's eyes fixated to the ground, Baer directs them upwards to fresh scents 10 feet up on a lodgepole pine. These were made by a porcupine, she said. Pinecone debris in a nearby tree well also become fodder for inspection. The debris was left by red squirrels who eat pinecones like we eat corn on the cob, she said. Debris under another tree, she pointed out, is likely shavings left behind by a woodpecker

chipping away at the bark for insects.

The walk was a hit with Karen Bartlett, a visitor from Washington, D.C. "It's so pretty here and the air is so fresh, and to learn all about the animals in their habitat, this is something I certainly wouldn't get back home."

"It's a good lesson," agreed Julie Weston, who lives north of Hanley. "I've got a lot of tracks in the snow outside my home so now I'll be able to view them with a more discerning eye."



You can often find tracks by creeks and rivers.

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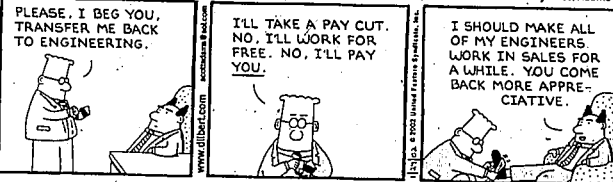
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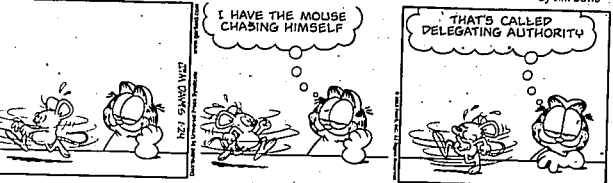
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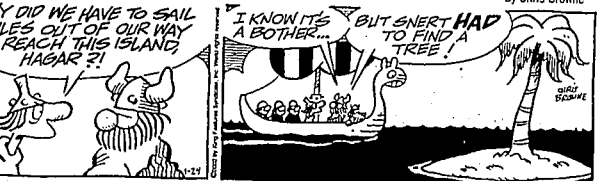
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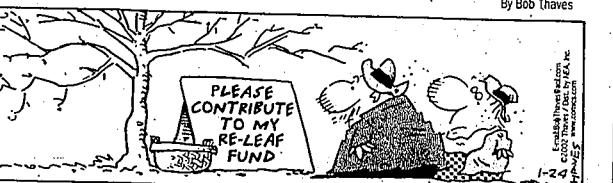
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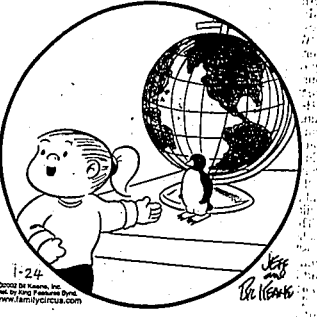
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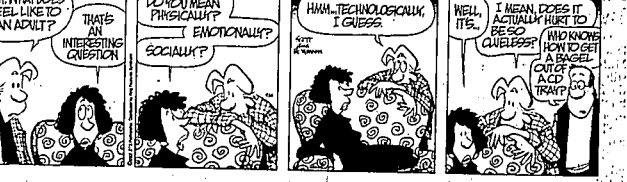
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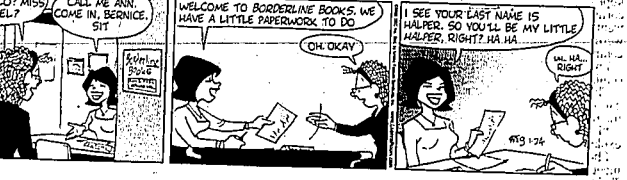
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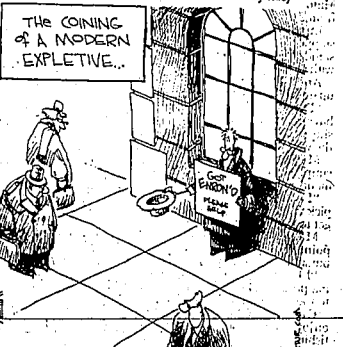
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The Times-News

RIISING High School Sports STARS

Bryce Greenwood Raft River basketball

Even Bryce Greenwood's basketball interest doesn't betray his passion for the game.

Other than hoops, the Raft River guard lists "hanging out with friends and going to meet his favorite pastimes."

His favorite movie? "Hoosiers," he said without a pause. When a movie about a small-town basketball team passes for an interest other than basketball, you're obsessed.

"That's pretty much it," Greenwood said. "I live in Malta. There's not much else to do."

And his zeal for hoops shows as Greenwood averages 18 points and 2.6 assists a game for the 6-8 Trojans.

And with his dad, Jeff, as his basketball coach, it's a good thing he likes the game so much.

"When the game is over, it isn't over," Greenwood said. "Me and my dad talk about it for a couple hours every night - at least. But I like it."

He likes it well enough that he plans to continue the family tradition and become a coach and a teacher. His favorite classes are "English and P.E." and he carries a 3.5 grade-point average.

"I like just being with the guys and playing hard," he said. "I really like competition."

The Trojans have been up to the challenge in recent years, last year finishing fourth at the state tournament, where Greenwood said he had his best moment ever on the court in a game against Clark Fork.

"I hit an NBA-range 3-pointer to put us up by one with about a minute left and we went on to win that game," he said.

But this year has been a struggle for the team, with the loss of 6-foot-5 senior big man Tanner Hansen to a knee injury and all-everything Jacob Nelson transferring to play ball in Utah for his senior year.

"I think we're playing well," Greenwood said. "The win-loss isn't what I'd like it to be. But we're playing hard."

The team may soon have Hansen back in the lineup and Greenwood said he is hoping "to be in the conference tournament and get into state and then make a little run so we can knock some people off."

-Scott Thompson

Danielle Maloney Twin Falls basketball

Twin Falls' Danielle Maloney can still remember the first varsity basket she ever made.

She was just a freshman.

"It was against Idaho Falls and my team had to pass the ball to me in the corner. I shot it and amazingly it went in," she said. "My teammates were freakin' out. But I kept my composure."

Lately, the baskets have been coming at a dizzying pace.

The junior point guard netted a career-high 27 points Monday in the Bruins' 76-61 victory over Buil.

"I was driving really well," she explained.

She scored 25 points in the first meeting between the teams, which Twin Falls won 62-56 in double-overtime thanks in large part to Maloney's 10-for-10 performance from the free-throw line.

In the first victory, Maloney stepped up in the absence of Bruin star guard Keri Strunk, who was out with a knee injury.

And her scoring has remained up even after Strunk's return.

"I've just been more relaxed and haven't been thinking too much," she said. "I've just been playing the way I know I can."

Maloney's goal for the team is simple: making the state tournament.

"I am just trying to step up and pick up my game to help my team get to state," she said.

Maloney carries a 3.8 grade-point average and would like to pursue a career in sports medicine.

"I like medicine and I like helping people," she said. "And I want to be involved in sports."

After school, Maloney enjoys hanging out with friends, fishing and snowmobiling.

"I like to go fast," she said.

Just like on the court.

-Scott Thompson

Fosbury lives a dream

Former Olympians arrive in Twin Falls

By Joe Sunnen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Dick Fosbury has seen the Olympic torch carried into two stadiums during his lifetime, first as a participant in the 1968 Summer Games in Mexico City and again during the Summer Games in Atlanta in 2000.

He's owns a gold medal in the high jump, setting an Olympic and U.S. record leap of 7 feet 1/4 inches, and was instrumental in

Olympic Torch celebrations

Where: Randy Hansen Autoplex on Blue Lakes Boulevard.
When: Friday, 9-11 a.m.
Who will be there: Dick Fosbury - 1968 Olympic gold medalist, High Jump
Laura Wilson Todd - U.S. Olympian 1994, '98, Nordic events
Natalie Skinner Quintillo - U.S. Olympian 1994, '98, Biathlon
Tom Nealey - U.S. Olympian 1964, Luge
Michel Rudigoz - U.S. Olympic Alpine ski coach, 1980, '84
Don Amick - U.S. Olympian 1948, Alpine
Reuben Macrayan - Olympic hockey coach
Matt Parkina - U.S. Paralympian, 1998
Scott Parrott - Roller skating

the evolution of the sport by perfecting the Fosbury flop.
Now he's getting the chance to do something he's always wanted to do - carry the torch.
"It's the thrill of a lifetime," Fosbury said. "I've seen the torch carried into two stadiums, first at Mexico City and again in the Atlanta. And now to get to participate in the torch relay - it's a real thrill."

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Torch will begin Utah leg at Delicate Arch

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - The Olympic torch relay will make its Utah debut Feb. 4 at Delicate Arch near Moab and wind through the state before reaching its destination in Salt Lake City.

Organizers plan a sunrise ceremony at Delicate Arch, Utah's most enduring natural symbol, with American Indian runners Frank Arrowchis, Stephanie Laree Spann and Forrest Cuch taking the flame out of the heart of Arches National Park. Cuch is the director of the Utah Office of Indian Affairs.

The torch relay will spend four

days touring Utah before delivering the flame Feb. 8 to the opening ceremony for the 2002 Winter Olympics. The identity of the final torch bearer won't be known until that person enters Rice-Eccles Stadium. It's one of organizers' closest-held secrets.

The relay's first Utah day will be busy. From Delicate Arch, the flame will be carried by runners and bicyclists to Moab, where the relay entourage will fly to Monument Valley and then to Bryce National Park. A motorized Zion National Park, Springdale, Hurricane and to St. George for an evening celebration.

Bruin bashing

Spartans blank Twin Falls 72-0

By Joe Sunnen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If Wednesday night's meet with Twin Falls is any indication, the Minico High wrestling team is more than ready for this weekend's annual Red Halverson Memorial wrestling tournament.

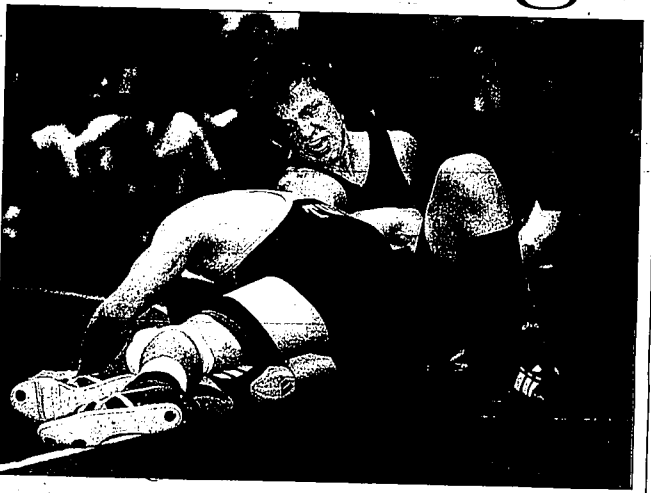
Minico dismantled the Bruins 72-0 to win an important Region III meet, collecting six pins in 10 matches and four forfeits. The Bruins wrestled without three seniors who were deemed ineligible on Tuesday.

The Spartans are undefeated in regional meets this season, beating Highland and Pocatello earlier in the year and now Twin Falls.

"It's a regional match and every one of them is very important for seeding criteria," Minico coach Brad Cooper said. "Our kids know they have to wrestle well against Twin Falls."

Dayne Hansen got the Spartans started with a 6-4 decision over Leonard VonBerndt at 189 pounds. Hansen swung around VonBerndt for a two-point takedown with 40 seconds left and the score tied at 44 in the third round, before riding out the rest of the match for the win.

Minico's Mark Harper pinned Brandon Williams in 1 minute, 18 seconds in the 119-pound class. Jose Vega took a free escape point at the start the third round of the 125-pound class and score knotted at 7-7 to



Minico's Gabe Frank struggles to drag his opponent, Armando Salinas, out of bounds in their 140-pound bout Wednesday night. Despite being down eight points, Frank came back to win 11-9. Minico won the match with a score of 72-0.

defeat Twin Falls' Ryan Pohlman, 8-7. The Spartans built a 36-0 lead after just three matches.

"We were standing a little flat-footed out there," Twin Falls coach Chad Ryan said. "We had some forfeits tonight and I think the team was down a little bit because of it. I knew Minico had a tough team."

Minico's Mark Rico pinned Clayton Morrison at 5:59 to take the 130-pound match.

Efran Cruz put Bruin Andrew Wilken on his back in 34 seconds at 135.

Armando Salinas proved to be the Bruins' best hope for a win, but Minico's Gabe Frank rebounded from 9-2 down at the start of the third round to win the 140-pound match 11-9 in overtime.

"When nobody else has lost, you don't want to be the one," Frank said. "You want to keep it going."

Frank collected a takedown with 17 seconds remaining in the third round to tie it at 9-9 and force an extra one minute round. Frank shot first in overtime and pulled in Salinas' ankle, eventually crawling behind the Bruin wrestler for control and the takedown.

"It was gassed," Frank said. "I just wanted to get it over with and I knew all I needed was a takedown to end it."

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Marcelo Rios of Chile plays a forehand during his quarterfinal match against Tommy Haas of Germany at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne on Wednesday. Haas won the match, 6, 6-4, 6-7, 7-6.



AP Photo

CSI may still have to forfeit

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If the Region 18 women's basketball tournament started today, the College of Southern Idaho wouldn't qualify.

And it's not for a poor league record - the Lady Golden Eagles are currently in sixth place at 3-4 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. The top eight teams advance to the tournament.

Instead, a slow-as-snails appeal process for CSI sophomore guard Melanie Croser through both the NCAA and NJCAA is currently keeping CSI out of the postseason tournament. The good news is it's only January, with the tourney still six weeks away.

Croser, 21, transferred to Southern Idaho last summer after a semester at the University of Hawaii. She came to the Twin Falls school with only 14 credits, six below the NJCAA minimum required for sophomore-transfers, making her ineligible for NJCAA-sanctioned games.

But the team didn't learn of the problem until late November, after it had already played 11 preseason games - winning eight of them.

"Until we either forfeit those games or the appeal cleared for Mel (the NCAA) is telling us we're not qualified for regionals," CSI coach Kendall Grant said.

With her eligibility questioned, Croser sat during the team's SWAC-opening weekend against

North Idaho and Ricks colleges Dec. 7-8. But she earned 24 credits during fall semester to become eligible for the rest of the season.

She has since appealed to the NCAA to regain her freshman status, and though that hasn't been resolved, Grant said the NCAA informed him that Croser still would've been eligible to play, regardless.

But not for the NJCAA, which is expected to rule on the possible forfeiture of games by the end of February.

"Nobody at the NJCAA knew that (Croser would be eligible for the NCAA)," Grant said. "We're going to take that back and ask them: 'She'd be eligible for the NCAA, so what's the difference?'"

Apparently enough of a difference to keep the team's postseason in doubt.

Some misdirected paperwork to the NCAA has delayed the situation, but working with the Boise State University compliance office, Grant said the process is headed in the right direction, adding he isn't too worried about not making the tournament.

"Before regionals we obviously have to get it resolved," he said. "It's just going to take a few more weeks."

Both CSI men's and women's basketball teams finish the first half of the SWAC schedule this weekend at the College of Eastern Utah on Friday and Colorado Northwestern Community College on Saturday.

Haas makes comeback

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - Tommy Haas has made it to the Australian Open semifinals, coming back in one match after another. That might not be so easy against his next opponent, Marat Safin.

Haas beat former No. 1 Marcelo Rios 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5) in a quarterfinal Wednesday night. He saved break points in five early games and rallied from one service break down in two sets.

In two previous rounds, Haas rebounded, from 2-1 deficits in sets to beat Todd Martin and 11th-seeded Roger Federer.

On Friday, the seventh-seeded German faces ninth-seeded Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion.

Australian Open

fourth round, needed only 28 minutes to advance to the semifinals when Wayne Ferreira quit with an abdominal strain. Safin was leading 5-2.

In the other semifinal, No. 16 Thomas Johansson plays No. 26 Jiri Novak tonight.

Both are in their first Grand Slam semifinals, after 23 attempts by Novak and 25 by Johansson.

In today's women's semifinals, defending champion Jennifer Capriati plays fourth-seeded Kim Clijsters, the French Open runner-up, and three-time champion Martina Hingis defeated four-time Australian Open champion Monica Seles.

Haas said he will have to serve well again and make Safin play a lot of balls.

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SALT LAKE 2002

Countdown to the Salt Lake Olympics

15 days until Opening Ceremony

2 days until torch arrives in Twin Falls

The Torch Tour: The torch arrives in Juneau, Alaska, today, and after a brief stop in the Last Frontier the flame returns to the lower 48 by sundown. It will spend the evening in Spokane, Wash.

March to the Medal: Michael Nylander of the Chicago Blackhawks was selected Wednesday to replace the injured Peter Forsberg on Sweden's Olympic hockey team.

SPORTS

Bruins crush Jerome boys 87-51; Shoshone, Dietrich cruise at Northside

The Times-News
JEROME - Twin Falls boys basketball coach Dan Vogt said his team had a lot of pent-up frustration from several close losses this season. On Wednesday, the Bruins took it out on cross-river rival Jerome 87-51.

The Bruins scored a season-high 30 points in the first quarter en route to a 54-24 lead at halftime. "We haven't played as well lately and tonight the kids came out really good," Vogt said. "It's a good time. The kids were really in sync tonight."

Leigh Castillo and Chris Herzinger netted 20 points apiece to lead the Bruins (5-10, 1-2 Region III) and Brett Miller added 19.

Ben Lammers had 12 points and Corey Musgrave had 10 to lead Jerome.

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including six 3-pointers to lead Minico over Hillcrest 81-75 Wednesday in Rupert. Taylor Duncan had 11 points and John Fennell and Travis Noble added 10 points for Minico.

The Spartans (10-4, 3-1 Region III) visit Twin Falls on Friday.

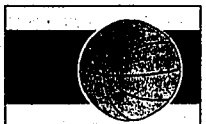
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Coaches who need stat forms, call Scott at 674-6462, Ext. 106.

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Jazz Harris scored 16 points including four 3-pointers to lead three Shoshone players in double figures as the Indians pounded The Community School 48-30.

Sarah Hubbsmith and Monica Uhrig had 11 points apiece for Shoshone (20-1), which receives a bye until Saturday. Jamie Terry

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Those with more education were more interested in the Olympics.

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Jeff Anderson pinned Alex Joslin for the 100-pound win and Joey Vail ended the evening by pinning Ben Paxton in 529 to take the 171-pound match.

"I'm real happy," Cooper said. "We won some matches tonight

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SPORTS

Spurs too much for Utah - again Fleury leads New York's goal flurry

Jazz lose to San Antonio for eighth straight time

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Steve Smith went 5-for-5 from 3-point range and scored 29 points - including 18 in the second quarter - to lead the San Antonio Spurs past the Utah Jazz 96-92 on Wednesday night.



San Antonio forward Steve Smith (8) drives around Utah forward Scott Padgett during the third quarter Wednesday, in Salt Lake City. Spurs center Tim Duncan (50) provides the pick. The Spurs beat the Jazz 98-92.

Smith finished with 26 points to give San Antonio its eighth straight victory against the Jazz, who pulled to 90-88 with two minutes to play on a jumper by Karl Malone.

Malone had 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead Utah while John Amaechi scored a season-high 18, scoring 16 in the second half and making his first baskets since a double-overtime loss to Memphis on Jan. 12.

Utah finished the season with 13 games, committing a season-worst 24 turnovers.

It was only the second time in the last 113 games that someone other than Antoine Walker or Paul Pierce led the Celtics in scoring.

Hornets 111, SuperSonics 101. CHARLOTTE, N.C. - David Wesley scored 21 points and Baron Davis had 20 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds.

Van Baker and Gary Payton each scored 24 points and Rashard Lewis added 22 for the Sonics, who trailed by 27 points in the second quarter before rallying to pull within four in the fourth quarter.

NEW YORK (AP) - Theo Fleury capped an eventful 24-hour game with a goal and three assists, and Jeff Tomis scored a fourth-period goal and added an assist in the New York Rangers' 8-4 victory Wednesday night over the Boston Bruins.

Mike Roy had two goals and three assists for a career-best five points, and Eric Lindros had four assists for the Rangers.

Canadiens 5, Capitals 3. WASHINGTON - Joe Juneau scored the tiebreaking goal with 3:25 left in the third period, leading Montreal past Washington.

Brian Savage, Gino Odjick and Richard Zednik also scored for the Canadiens.

Blues 5, Sabres 2. BUFFALO, N.Y. - Mike Van Ryan scored his first NHL goal to snap a second-period tie, and St. Louis earned its 10th straight victory.

Brent Johnson made 21 saves for his 10th win in a row.

Predators 2, Hurricanes 2. RALEIGH, N.C. - Bates Battaglia scored with 31 seconds left as the team's captain moved into the first place on the NHL's career assist list as Carolina rallied to tie the Nashville.

NHL

Francis and Ray Bourque each have 1,169 assists. Wayne Gretzky leads the list with 1,963 career assists.

Penguins 5, Lightning 1. PITTSBURGH - Mario Lemieux moved into seventh place on the NHL's career scoring list with a five-point night - two goals and three assists - and streaking Pittsburgh's best Tampa Bay in a costly loss to the Lightning.

Lemieux had a hand in every Penguins goal, setting up the first three before scoring the next two.

Devils 3, Panthers 1. SUNRISE, Fla. - Patrick Elias and Valeri Kamensky scored third-period goals as New Jersey defeated Florida.

Elias' power-play goal at 1:07 broke a 1-1 tie. Kamensky sealed the Devils' second victory in seven games with a wrist shot with 8:29 remaining. Sergei Brylin had a goal and an assist.

Canucks 4, Stars 2. DALLAS - Alex Auld made 20 saves in his first NHL start as Vancouver beat Dallas.

Auld, 21, was subbing for

Canucks' No. 1 goalie Dan Cloutier, out with a sprained left ankle. Auld was recalled from Manitoba of the AHL on Monday.

Coyotes 4, Blackhawks 1. CHICAGO - Backup goaltender Robert Esche stopped 23 shots as Phoenix handed Chicago only its fourth loss in 27 games this season at home.

Tygo Numminen had the go-ahead goal early in the second period, and Michael Handzus scored twice for Phoenix.

Avanche 4, Oilers 2. EDMONTON, Alberta - Adam Foote, Chris Drury and Ville Nieminen scored in the first period, leading Colorado past Edmonton.

Milan Hejduk added an empty-net goal for the Avanche in the final minute.

Red Wings 2, Sharks 2. DETROIT - Brett Hull scored twice for Detroit and Jose Juarez had two goals 80 seconds apart in a tie.

The Red Wings, the NHL's top team, had won 10 straight at home while the Pacific Division-leading Sharks had won three of four.

Pistons 104, Timberwolves 83

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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

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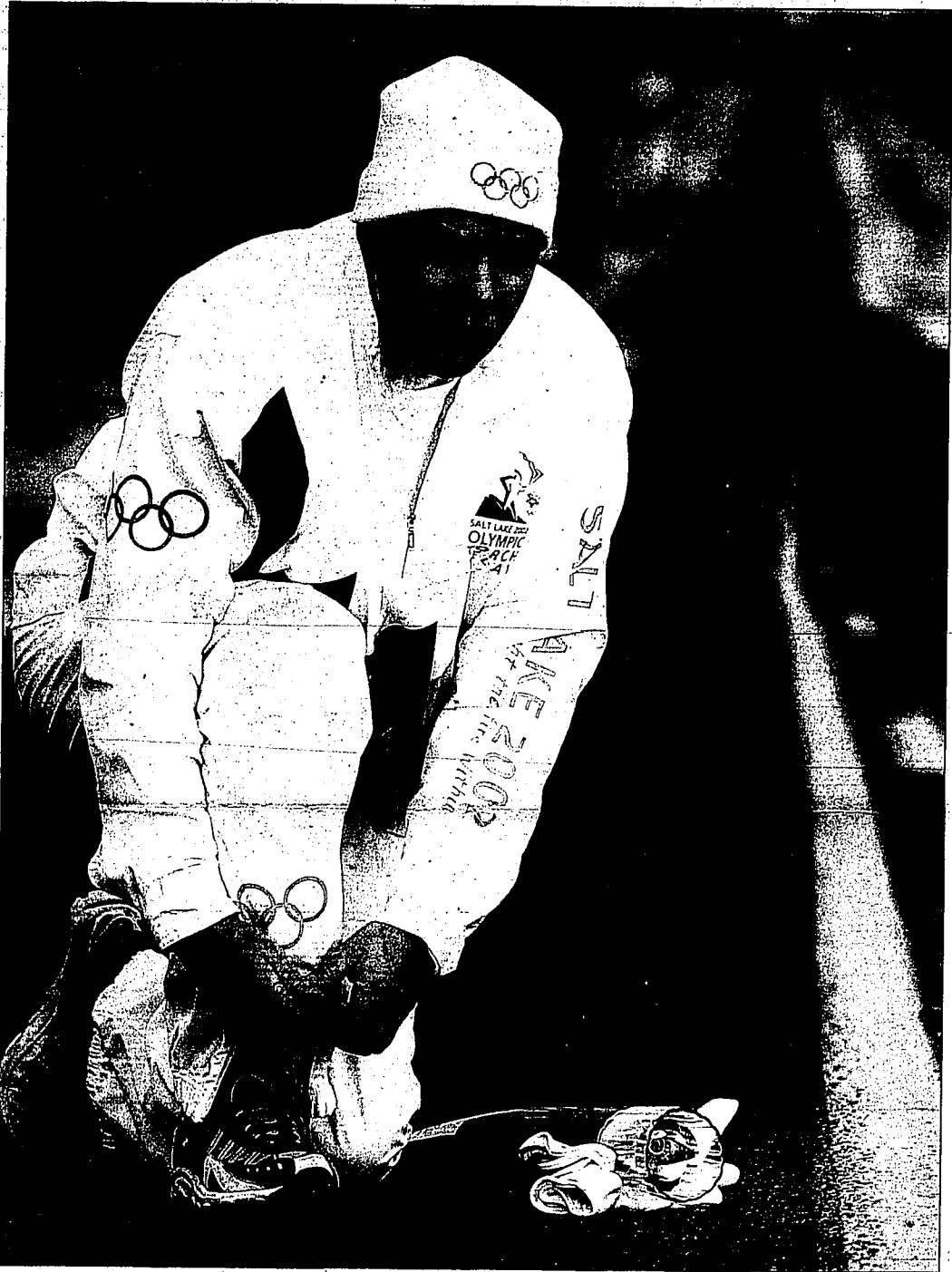
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CARRYING THE FLAME

On the road to the Salt Lake Games



Olympic torch celebration

On Saturday, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., 45 inspiring area residents will carry the Olympic torch through Twin Falls — and the city will celebrate. The torch is on its way to the Feb. 8 opening ceremony of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Festivities are scheduled for both Friday and Saturday. Schools and businesses have teamed up to decorate the town.

From a program at the College of Southern Idaho Celebration Site, to a parachute jump at Lynwood Mall, to food and entertainment at Four Corners/Blue Lakes and Pole Line, everyone is joining in the fun — and living a slice of history.

Cover photo by Lisa M. Collard

Mick Hodges is one of the people whose inspirational stories won them the opportunity to carry the Olympic torch through Twin Falls. For his story, see page 6.

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LDS extravaganza coincides with Salt Lake Olympics

The Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY - "Light of the World: A Celebration of Life," a multimedia musical production from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to welcome visitors to the Olympic games, will be performed 10 times in February.

The show focuses on the life and universal light that inspire individuals to greatness, and it features an international cast of more than 1,500 - including the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square, groups from Brigham Young University and the community and local artists.

The production will be staged in the 21,000-seat Conference Center of the LDS Church. Evening performances are at 7 p.m. Matinee performances are scheduled for Feb. 7, 12, 13, 15, 19, 20 and 22. Matinee performances are scheduled for Feb. 9, 16 and 23.

Tickets, priced at \$5 with a 10-ticker limit per person, are available on the Internet at www.events.lds.org or by mail.



The Salt Lake International Children's Choir teams sections of the musical score.

Mail orders must be accompanied by an order form obtained from the Church News or from a ward bulletin board.

Torch tidbits: More about the flame

The Times-News

The 2002 Olympic torch will be used to light a flame in a cauldron at the Olympic stadium during the opening ceremony of the games, on Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City this year. The Salt Lake Olympic Cauldron design is practically a state secret, being kept from view until the Opening Ceremony. It will sit atop Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium, where the Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be held.

The torch will be carried along a 9 1/2-mile route through Twin Falls between (approximately) 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday. Celebrations will be held throughout the city.

Forty-five area residents were selected by committee to be among the more than 11,500 inspiring Americans (from 210,000 nominations) who will carry the torch. The torch will light a cauldron at the College of Southern Idaho celebration site. It is the same cauldron that was used on Dec. 4 in Atlanta, Ga., when boxing legend Muhammad Ali sent the torch on its two-month journey

to the Winter Games. It was also used by New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and other celebrity torchbearers.

The last year the Olympic torch came through Twin Falls was 1984, and it isn't expected to make its way through the area again for at least 20 more years. Twin Falls is one of the smallest markets along the route.

A 10-foot-tall Twin Falls Countdown Flame was lit on Dec. 26 at the Four Corners Blue Lakes/Pole Line celebration site in Twin Falls.

-Source: The Associated Press, Cleveland, Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games Web site, area torch committee members



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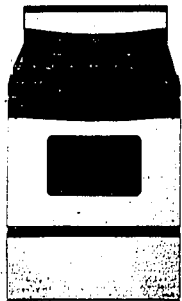
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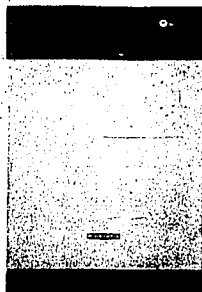
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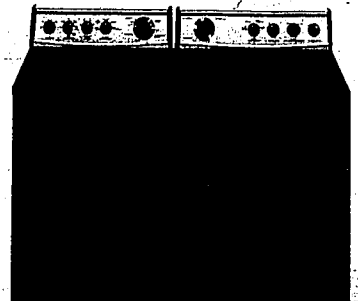
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EVENTS FOR TORCH RELAY DAY - 1/25 AND 1/26

Citywide Friday and Saturday

- Businesses throughout the city will showcase special displays and will stage sales and giveaways. Some have teamed up with area school classrooms.
- The Monarch Lions Club is lining the torch route with American flags.
- A giant ice sculpture will be on display in front of the Turf Club on Falls Avenue.
- Restrooms will be available in College of Southern Idaho buildings and in businesses along Blue Lakes Boulevard.

College of Southern Idaho Saturday

The Jan. 26 Olympic Torch Celebration will take place at the College of Southern Idaho, with Larry Gebbert of KTUV-TV in Boise and CSI's Doug Maughan. NBC-38 TV will feature the relay between 8 and 10 a.m. on its Saturday morning news and will air events live between 11 a.m. and noon. KMYT-TV will have a half-hour special at 6:30 p.m.

- 10:05 a.m. - CSI Jazz
- 10:20 - CSI Band
- 10:35 - Salt Lake Olympic Committee
- 10:50 - Welcoming remarks
- 10:57 - Coke Community Canvas Awards
- 11:04 - "Celebrate Humanity" videos
- 11:07 - Chevy representative
- 11:14 - Patriotic songs, CSI Choir/Band
- 11:21 - "Light the Fire Within" video
- 11:24 - Local and celebrity torchbearers
- 11:27 - Torch relay video
- 11:30 - Flame arrives
- 11:32 - Lighting of the cauldron
- 11:33 - Interview with final torchbearer
- 11:36 - Salt Lake 2002 message
- 11:38 - Proclamation by mayor
- 11:40 - Presentation of certificate by mayor
- 11:42 - Theme song
- 11:45 - Community celebrations promotion, presentation of school/business decorating awards
- 11:50 - Twin Falls High School Drum Corps

Blue Lakes and Pole Line "Four Corner" site Friday

- Singer Peter Cetera, actor Adam "Batman" West and 1968 high jump gold medalist Dick Fosbury will sign the Relay Corvette Signature Car and greet the public between 9 and 11 a.m. in the showroom at the Randy Hansen Chevrolet dealership on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

Blue Lakes and Pole Line "Four Corner" site Saturday

- Olympic organizers suggest that visitors be in town by 9 a.m. Transit TV will shuttle visitors

Available on parking Torch Day

1. Home Depot - 1650 Pole Line Road E.
2. Magic Valley Mall - Southeast parking lot - 1485 Pole Line Road E.
3. Old Navy - 1900 Bridgeway Blvd.
4. Johnny Corino's - 1951 Blue Lakes Blvd.
5. Holiday Inn - 1910 Filmore St.
6. Commercial Tire - Pole Line Road and Filmore St.
7. Hancock Fabrics - Behind Costco - 1800 bl. Filmore St.
8. Road behind Target - 1600 bl. Filmore St.
9. Bar Bonz - 1500 bl. Filmore St.
10. Daewoo - 1500 bl. Filmore St.
11. Office complex across from Filmore Post Office - 1400 bl. Filmore St.
12. Department of labor - 711 N. College Road
13. Health and Welfare - 601 Pole Line Road

Additional parking will be available at the College of Southern Idaho - 315 Falls Ave.

Use roads marked in blue as detour routes around the "Four Corner" event site.

All parking lots are accessible via the blue roads.

Source: Event Organizers, Twin Falls Police Department

to 10:30 a.m., with a breakfast sandwich and coffee or hot cider for \$3; proceeds going to Magic Valley Safe House.

- United States Army Parachute Team Golden Knights skydiving from 12,500 feet, performing a 35-minute show and landing in the center of the Lynwood parking lot on the Filer Avenue side; two jumps - once around 10 a.m. and again around 2 p.m. to end the festivities.
- Live broadcast by MIX103 on the premises from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Questions?

For more information, call the City Information Center at 735-HELP. The event's schedule is subject to change. Please call for updates.

To link to the Olympics Web site, visit www.saltlake2002.com

Magic Valley Mall Friday and Saturday

- The Max-Air Snowflayers will perform extreme air acrobatics on

trampolines with snow skis and snowboards, soaring to heights more than 30 feet into the air with multiple flips and twists before landing on an inflated air bag and drifting away. Show times are 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Friday in Center Court and 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and noon Saturday near Barnes & Noble. Athletes from this group have appeared on ABC, CBS, NBC, ESPN, MTV, in Coors Light and Frosted Flakes commercials and on the "Late Show with David Letterman."

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among the celebration sites.

- Target Corner: In the Home Depot Kids Workshop tent, children will make miniature bobsleds and Olympic ring toss games. Ident-A-Kid Services of America will sell ID CARDS or PRE-DRIVER ID CARDS. Key Bank will have free giveaways and prize drawings. Local school choral groups will perform. At 1 p.m., Eric Sites will perform traditional cowboy music and trick roping. Magicians and clowns are also scheduled. The Olympic Passport redemption center, next to Key Bank, will have Olympic Torch pins, stickers and coloring books. Emergency vehicles on display will include the Lifelight Helicopter, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center ambulance and National Guard Humvee. The Coyote Club and Magic Valley Speedway will have cars on display. A fly-by of two A-10 Warthogs is planned. The Twin Falls Police will have a booth/lost child area.
- There will be an international food fest.
- Horizon Broadcasting will offer parking updates on its radio stations, specifically KKXK 104.7 FM.
- There will be entertainment in an 8,000-person tent, with these bands:

- 8 a.m. - Aberdine
- 8:45 a.m. - High Risk
- 10:30 a.m. - Standards
- 11:15 a.m. - Thronloki
- 12:30 p.m. - Renegade
- 1:20 p.m. - Breached
- 2:10 p.m. - Cold Shot
- 3 p.m. - Redshift
- 4:05 p.m. - Elvis impersonator
- 5 p.m. - Mark Lindsay (original lead singer for Paul Revere and the Raiders)
- 6:15 p.m. - Eddy Haskell
- 7:15 p.m. - Cobalt Blue

Others scheduled to perform include Gymmania, Summer Boisvert, Dennis York and Bob Hanchey.



Mark Lindsay Hanchey

West Coast Hotel Friday
 6 to 9 p.m. - Reception for the United States Army Parachute Team Golden Knights, open to the public

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Bill Andrew Teaching by example



role model and mentor for deaf young people. Andrew served three terms

When Bill Andrew was in junior high school, he spent lunch hours talking algebra with his teacher, Andrew, who is deaf, aspired to be like her.

"She made teaching sound like a great thing to do," he said.

Andrew, now 55, has been doing it for 21 years at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding.

His daughter, LaVona, nominated him to carry the torch because he has been a

as president of the Idaho Association of the Deaf and helped organize the Idaho State Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

He teaches government, history, deaf studies, special-education law and driver's education, and moonlights as a sign-language teacher at the College of Southern Idaho's Mini-Cassia Center in Burley.

"I believe in setting an example, not just talking the talk," he said.

Tory Bailey Nurturing Olympic dreams



But in his junior season, Bailey hurt his knee and was

It was Tory Bailey's dream to be an Olympic high jumper. A knee injury in college thwarted that quest.

As a junior at Minico High School in Rupert, Bailey—still the state high school record-holder in the high jump—placed third at the Nike National track meet.

After a two-year Mormon mission, Bailey went to Weber State University where he won in the Big Sky Conference high jump title twice.

never able to jump like that again.

He graduated from Weber State in 2000 with a degree in sociology. Now 26, Bailey a behavior therapist at Healthy Progressions in Rupert, working to help kids correct behavior problems. He's also taught LDS seminary in Declo for two years.

"Just the fact that I get to hold the torch is pretty humbling," Bailey said. "Pretty awesome."

Richard Beeson 'To me he is a hero.'



the bravest (people) I know." Beeson is a Viet Nam vet-

Richard Beeson fought back tears when he learned that his brother, Gary had nominated him to be a torch bearer.

"To me, it is an honor," said Beeson, 51, of Twin Falls who for the past four years has been wheelchair bound from complications due to Parkinson's Disease.

"I nominated my brother because to me he is a hero," said Gary. "I have always looked up to him, and he's one of

eran who served in the Navy before being diagnosed with Parkinson's more than 16 years ago. Since that time, he has undergone two brain surgeries to fight the disease's effects.

"He's counting the days and the hours and the minutes," said his mother, Elaine about the run.

Beeson's advice to others: "To keep on doing whatever they can and to keep on helping in any way they can. Don't give up."

Derek Mathews, Garrett Garity, Jene Prudent and Steven Bielenberg

Good attitudes, good workers

Exemplary work habits of Twin Falls Coca-Cola employees have earned them a chance to carry the Olympic flame.

Derek Mathews, Garrett Garity and Steven Bielenberg will represent Coca-Cola, a national torch run sponsor. They were chosen in a national nomination process only for employees.

"So now I get to carry it, and I'm blown away," said, Mathews, who watched a torch run in 1984. The service technician was chosen for his good attitude.

Garity, an account manager, has a great attitude with customers, said Ken Lovell, the sales center manager.

Bielenberg, a route merchandiser, has shown great courage in the face of his 13-year-old daughter's fight with cancer for two years, Lovell said.

Jene Prudent of Twin Falls will participate in Mountain Home. She was chosen because she put the nominations together.

Flame facts

The entire United States torch route is 13,500 miles long and extends through 46 states. The torch will travel an average of 208 miles every 12 hours and will usually stop for two city celebrations a day. Runners will be en route to the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City for 65 days.

Elmer Blaikie

'Give them something to look up to'



ed his wife, Penelope Parker, to nominate him to carry the torch.

Tenacity. As a soccer coach, that was the word Elmer Blaikie preached.

"No matter how far you were behind, you continued to work harder until you were ahead and you never gave up," he said.

Now 53, Blaikie has been playing and coaching soccer for almost 40 years.

"I like helping out children," he said.

And that's what prompt-

Blaikie, who worked in law enforcement in California, coached soccer, football and baseball in San Diego. A Twin Falls resident for 10 years, he coached Twin Falls High School to the state championship in 1996.

"I still continue to want to help children, to give them something to look up to," he said.

Blaikie owned Blue Lake Cyclery before selling in 1999 to get into real estate.

Melinda Borden Doing something about it



donations and recruits volunteers to assist children in need. Now, the program aver-

Twenty winters ago, a boy wearing old shoes and a threadbare coat walked into the Elko County Sheriff's Department to visit his father and give him a pack of cigarettes.

The man was in jail, charged with killing the boy's mother.

Sgt. Melinda Borden decided to help that kid that Christmas.

And she organized the Gifts of Love-Christmas program. Borden gathers

ages about 70 families a year. One year, they helped 175 children.

"One year, I didn't have Christmas with my family until New Year's Eve," said Borden, now 48. "I just didn't have time to get everything ready."

But her two kids, now grown, still lend a hand to Gifts of Love. So do her grandchildren.

"This has been a part of my family forever," Borden said.

Donald Campbell

Carrying a torch for the torch



carrying the Olympic torch, even for a little while, is

Eighteen years ago, Donald Campbell decided not to carry the Olympic torch in Los Angeles.

His second chance comes this year.

"I didn't know what it meant," Campbell said of his lost 1984 opportunity.

"I looked at the letter and went about my business, and that was a regret that I've carried with me ever since."

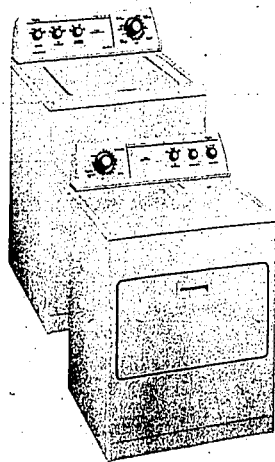
"Because of the timing of this Olympics, the honor of

humbling," said Campbell, a 49-year-old self-employed fish farmer in Buhl who has coached high school sports for nine years.

He believes that athletics represent life.

"A successful athlete, as a successful businessman, regardless of talent, must become determined and persistent, learning to work through failure, accept mistakes and continue to press on toward one's goal," Campbell said.

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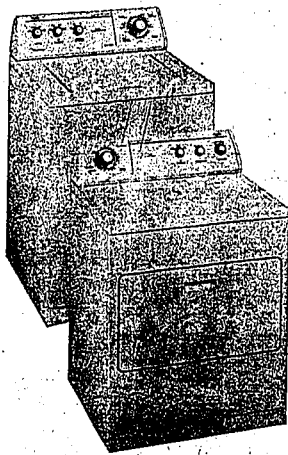
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TORCHBEARERS



Tom Courtney



'A great event for the city'

The Twin Falls city manager plans to savor every second he gets to hold the torch.

"I just feel very, very fortunate to have this opportunity," Tom Courtney said.

Courtney has been in charge of the day-to-day operations of City Hall for 22 years.

"Twin Falls really is a great place to live and work," he said.

Courtney, who grew up in California, knew early on he wanted to work for the government. After earning two degrees at Utah State University, he hired on with the Northern California cities of Stockton and Tracy before Twin Falls recruited him in 1977.

City manager since 1980, Courtney has been credited with helping improve the sewage system, boost the water supply and promote economic development.

The latter could be a benefit of Twin Falls' proximity to the Salt Lake Winter Games and its place on the torch route.

"It's a great event for the city," he said.

Mark Dubois

Olympic moment for a family man

An Elko, Nev., torch-bearer is a true American, says the man who nominated him.

Mark Dubois was a Rhodes Scholar candidate at Cornell University, where he played football for future NFL coach George Seifert. Now 47, Dubois is a hydrologist for Newmont Gold Company.

"He's a devoted family man," said Santos Duran, who nominated him. "He quit smoking when his kids asked him to. He loves them very much."

Dubois has had both his hips replaced because of injuries from his football days, but still coaches soccer and basketball teams for his three children.



A research scientist, Dubois made a mid-life career change. He went back to school, earned degrees in geology and hydrology at Utah State University, and landed a job with Newmont.

But being a torch-bearer, isn't anything he ever thought he'd be doing, Dubois said.

"It hasn't really hit me."

David Emerson



700 yards to glory

David Emerson has logged thousands of miles in his 47 years, all to get ready to run about 700 yards.

"That two-tenths of a mile will be the most important run I've done," he said.

Emerson is a fourth-grade teacher in Kimberly. His family nominated him to be a torch-bearer because he has inspired lots of kids throughout the years - through teaching and running.

He's run the Portland Marathon for years - and has no plans to stop. Emerson also participated in the 100th Boston Marathon in 1996.

So it should come as no surprise that he's also coached track and cross country for 10 years.

"It's basically play for me," Emerson said of running.

A Twin Falls High School graduate, Emerson earned a bachelor's degree in forestry from Utah State University. He went back two years later to get a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Curtis Eaton

'It's a thrill to be in their company'

"We thought, who would better represent the city in a humble way," said Elaine Steele, chairwoman of the Twin Falls Olympic Torch Relay Committee.

That's why it picked Curtis Eaton as the community's torch-bearer.

"I'm really honored to be associated with all of the other torch-bearers," said Eaton, 56-year-old vice president of planning and development at the College of Southern Idaho. "They have really incredible personal challenges they have overcome and it's really a thrill to be in that company."

Long active with the Chamber of Commerce, Eaton served on State Board of Education for eight years and was a charter member of the South-Idaho Economic



Development Organization.

With degrees from Stanford, Johns Hopkins and the University of Idaho, Eaton is a lawyer who went into the family banking business in Twin Falls. He retired from Wells Fargo last summer.

Eaton was selected as the torchbearer who represents the "heart of the communi-

Jennie Fullmer

Missing a few practices



When Jennie Fullmer got letter at her Bulley home saying she would be carrying the torch, she figured somebody had it wrong address.

"I was actually shocked because I didn't know my mom nominated me," she said.

"She has been involved in sports her whole life," Kenda Neves of Pocatello said of her daughter. "She was an all-state setter in volleyball her senior year in

nis." Fullmer attended Idaho State University on a tennis scholarship and graduated two years ago with a degree in psychology.

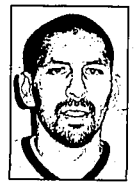
Now 24, she's a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the state Department of Education, helping folks with disabilities find jobs.

Fullmer has missed some of the practices for the torch run, but she had a good excuse: She's expecting her first child next fall.

high school and she and her doubles partner won the state championship in tennis.

Esteban Garcia

Meeting his life's goals



Running in a foreign country, the Boston Marathon and the Olympics. Esteban Garcia of Twin Falls is about to meet all his life's goals.

"He feels he'll never get to the Olympics, so being a torch bearer will be the closest thing," said his wife, Angie, who nominated him because he's an inspiration to their 4-year-old daughter, Sydney.

At Minico High School, Garcia was a top distance runner. In 1990, he ran races in

ning more than anybody else," he said. "I just got addicted to it."

Garcia, who works at Target, ran the Boston Marathon in 1996 against his doctor's advice because he blew out his knee. He continues his love for the sport, and still competes.

Garcia will feel a lot of pride for his country when he carries the torch.

"It's a special moment for me," he said.

China and Sidney, Australia. "I was always the one run-

John Graham

The power of great coaching



Valley Elementary School principal John Graham has touched a lot of lives in 24 years in education.

One of them, a former student in Boise named Shelly Gentry, nominated him to be torch-bearer because he inspired her to become a teacher.

Gentry wrote how Graham transformed kids as an elementary basketball coach. He was able to get almost every girl in the school out

for the team. Graham chose elementary education after working in Boise for a city and school athletic program during the summers. His boss suggested he play with the kids, and if he enjoyed it, try elementary education.

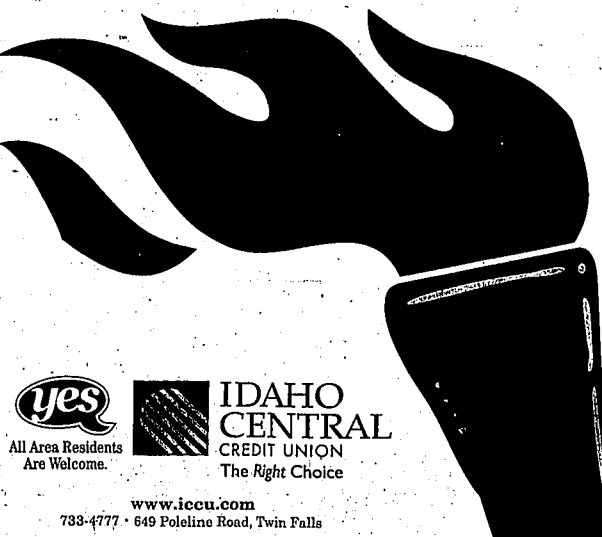
Graham, now 45, taught and coached in Boise and Twin Falls before becoming headmaster at the Hazelton school. He has coached everything from soccer to flag football.



Flame facts

During the ancient Games in Olympia, Greece, a sacred flame ignited by the sun burned continually. The modern Olympic flame was first seen in the 1928 Amsterdam Olympic Games. The tradition of the modern torch relay began in 1936 at the Berlin Games, to represent a link between the ancient and the modern.

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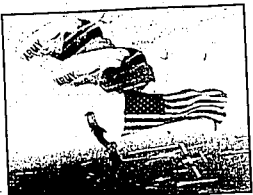
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Jack Harman Helping young men succeed

Jack Harman has spent 25 years working with the Boy Scouts.

Harman, 47, of Rupert, estimates he's helped more than 20 boys become Eagle Scouts by working with them as they perform community service projects. "I just like working with boys," said the father of six. "I enjoy watching them succeed."
Harman always participates in charity runs, such as the Relay for Life, which raises money for cancer research. He also has compet-

ed in the Boston Marathon three times.

"I run for stress relief," said Harman, who raises sugar beets, potatoes, wheat, hay and cattle with his brother.

After learning he was named a torch bearer for his community service, Harman said, "I just started to sob. I get emotional every time I think about it. It's just such an honor to carry it and I'm running it for the whole community."

Lee Heider Scouting out the future

Scout's honor: Lee Heider has earned the honor of carrying the torch.

His volunteer efforts to build a Boy Scout camp at Murrtaugh Lake didn't go unnoticed.

The camp includes a climbing tower, high ropes course, 40-foot rappelling wall, waterfront with 10 docks for canoes and sailboats, amphitheater that seats 200 people, and campfire bowl, rifle range, roads,



fences and grass — all put in by Heider and other volunteers.
And the job is not finished.
"We're going to

have a really nice Scout camp," he said. "The potential is tremendous."

Heider, a hardwood flooring contractor and Vietnam veteran, has been involved in scouting for 46 of his 54 years. He made Eagle as a boy and became a scoutmaster later on.

"I love the ideals that it teaches the young men," he said. "It's just a character-building organization."

Jeanette Hiner Honoring the letter-writer

For Jeanette Hiner of Boise, the notion of carrying the torch herself never crossed her mind.

Hiner helped write a nomination letter for Tom Fleck, who works with the Idaho Youth Soccer Association. After Fleck spoke at a class of special-needs children and arranged for it to play soccer, Hiner felt he deserved the honor. Sure enough, Fleck got the job — and Hiner was chosen to carry the torch too.
"It really is quite an unexpect-

ed honor," she said. "I think it's more than a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Hiner has worked for ARC Inc. for eight years.

"We help (junior high and high school kids) to become more prepared to join the work force or be more prepared for the adult world," she said.

Hiner grew up in Pocatello, where she graduated from high school in 1970. She has a 25-year-old daughter and a new granddaughter.

Mick Hodges and Hailey Hodges A struggle and a victory

Last January, Mick Hodges suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm and serious medical complications that left doctors wondering if he would ever walk again. One year later to the day, the lawyer will carry the Olympic torch, unassisted.

"It's pretty amazing," said Hodges, 48. "I think God had something to do with that."

He was nominated by his daughter, Hailey, 20, who also will carry the torch.

"I watched my father struggle with rehabilitation and regaining both his physical strength and his self confidence,"



Hailey wrote in her nomination letter. "My father isn't just an inspiration, he is my hero."

Mick has always been active, such as climbing Mount St. Helen's and running 10Ks. After his aneurysm, he started all over, but with a fast recovery.

Hailey, an English major at Mesa State



College in Colorado, said it was heart wrenching to see her father, the rock of the family, fighting so hard to recover.

"If he can overcome that, then anyone can overcome anything," she said. "It was and is such an honor," Mick said about carrying the torch.

Mary Howard



Helping other breast cancer survivors

Mary Howard was back on the ski slopes eight weeks after a mastectomy.

As the Magic Valley coordinator for the American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery Program, the seven-year breast cancer survivor shares her story with other survivors.

"You feel better, too, that you have helped them for at least a minute or two," said Howard, 57, a part-time bookkeeper in Twin Falls.

She matches new breast cancer patients with volunteers. The group has spoken with more than 100 women in the last six years.

"It's easier coming from another lady that's been through it," Howard said. "And we're just there if they need someone to cry to."

She also has gone above and beyond her duties by helping overwhelmed women understand their medical bills.

"I just feel it will be such an emotional thing because it's such a big honor," Howard said of the torch run. "I'm sure I will have tears running down my face."

Mike Lister



Inspiring ride for health

Mike Lister was in bad shape. He was 35-years old, overweight, and had a hiatal hernia.

At his doctor's advice, Lister dusted off his old bicycle and started riding.

"I think I made it a half a mile the first time," he said.

Soon, he was racing competitively, logging 200 to 300 miles a week. He even inspired several friends to take up the sport, and one person went on to become a professional, racing in Italy for two years.

Lister, an electrician in Spring Creek, Nev., was nominated by co-workers who were inspired by his dedication to cycling.

"These guys at work think I'm crazy for riding a bike that far. People that ride don't think it is, though," Lister said.

He is excited at the opportunity to represent his community in the torch relay.

"It really knocked me off my feet. This is going to be quite an experience," he said.

Kevin John Hull

'I guess it was my calling'

It's an appropriate resume for a torch-bearer: Kevin John Hull has long been lighting the way to new opportunities for folks who can't see.

"I guess it was my calling," he said. "I just like working with people with vision loss."

Hull, who lives in Spring Creek outside of Elko, has worked for the Nevada Bureau of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired for 21 years.



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by making it easier for them to read. He also assists the visually impaired in keeping their jobs by modifying their work environment.

Hull, 45, earned degrees from Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan universities. He's working on a second master's degree from San Diego State University.

"I am looking forward to holding the torch," he said.

Karl Kleinkopf 'That's really been my life'

Saturday's torch run won't be the first time that Karl Kleinkopf has been touched by the Olympics.

The long-time coach worked with two runners who competed in the 1984 Summer Games.

Joe Ramotshabi made it to the quarterfinals in the 800-meter run in Los Angeles and Greg Simons reached the semifinals in the 200 meters.

"That's really been my life," said



A CSI faculty member for 25

years, he started the women's track program in 1978 and coached men and women until 1984. Since then, Kleinkopf has chaired the physical education department and served as its curriculum director.

His daughter, Kelsey, nominated him for the honor and he will enjoy every moment.

"This is something you don't want to be in a hurry with," he said.

Flame facts

The 2002 Olympic torch is 33 inches long, weighs about three pounds, is made of glass and metal and looks like a fiery icicle in motion. It was designed by Sam Shelton, a professor of mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech, who says it will withstand weather ranging from minus 40 degrees in gusty wind and heavy rain. The copper and glass in the torch undergo physical changes as they interact with the flame, giving each torch a unique appearance. Torchbearers can buy one for \$335.



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Casey Lloyd 'I have a wonderful life'



leukemia when he was 20 months old. He had a relapse at 4. Chicken pox during chemotherapy infected his lungs, brain and liver.

At 7, a minor stroke affected movement on

his left side. At 11, he was diagnosed with epilepsy and a thyroid problem that affected his growth.

He went nearly 10 years without any new problems. But then a brain tumor required surgery on Oct. 3. His prognosis is good.

Lloyd will carry the torch in honor of his grandfather, Joe Byrne, who used to watch sports with him on television.

"All the girls will be watching me," he said.

Mikkel Nelson



'There is always a way'

As a deaf teacher at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding, Mickel Nelson teaches his students that they can do anything.

"The reason I chose to become a teacher is so I can be a role model for deaf/hard-of-hearing students," he wrote in an e-mail interview. "Being deaf has no barriers except for hearing. We are not disabled. There is always a way to do things."

Nelson, 29, was nominated to be a torch bearer by his mother, Arlene Nelson, for his inspiring accomplishments. Those include becoming an Eagle Scout, graduating from Lewis-Clark State College and earning a master's degree in deaf education from Idaho State University.

Besides teaching, Nelson coaches basketball at ISDB.

"My team players know that they must first put forth their effort into their studies," he said. "I believe this is how one will succeed in life. Always do your best in whatever you do."

Sara Paine A mom who gets involved



Sara Paine is a do-it-all kind of a mom.

In addition to home-schooling her three children, the Elko, Nev., resident volunteers for the American Cancer Society, a local swim team, her church and a support group for home-schoolers.

"I don't save lives," Paine said. "I just do little things."

But those little things added up to a nomination to carry the Olympic torch.

"My husband says,

"You can't just help. You've got to be 100 percent there," she said.

And she has been. Paine got involved with the American

Cancer Society after her father died of cancer in 1996. First she joined a team for the Relay for Life fund-raiser. Then she was the captain, and next thing she knew, she was the team coordinator. She held that post for four years.

"I am very honored to have friends and family who believe I deserve this honor to represent the Nevada area by carrying the Olympic torch," she said.

Matt Perkins Determination, courage and spirit

Matt Perkins of Twin Falls has faced the challenges of life with a prosthetic leg, but never let his disability slow him down. In fact, he earned a medal in the 1998 Paralympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan in alpine skiing.

He was born with a left femur which didn't completely develop.

Determination, courage and spirit are characteristics that run deep in Perkins, stated his nomination letter. His "go get em" attitude and love for sport inspires those who know him best. And he confronts challenges with a smile and encourages others to do the same.

Perkins was unavailable for comment about his nomination.

Flame facts

The flame will be kept in a lantern traveling with the relay. A torch will be lighted from the flame each morning to start that day's relay. The companion lantern, brought from Greece, has been used at least twice. In 1976, the flame died and was first re-lit with a cigarette lighter before being re-extinguished and re-lit by the backup. In 1984, the flame went out on the steps of the California state capitol.



Fred Locke 73 years with the Boy Scouts



Fred Locke probably won't be able to run the whole two-thirds of a mile with the Olympic torch, but he will carry it with pride.

"I'm honored," he said. "Everyone gives me a hard time for not practicing, and I just put my hand up in the air" — as if carrying a torch.

Locke, 87, was chosen because of his community service, primarily his 73 years with the Boy Scouts. Locke worked with Farmer's Insurance for

61 years before retiring. He recalled how he first became a scout leader.

He could always fix things around the office, and when people asked him how he

knew so much, he told them it was because he was a Boy Scout. Word got back to the organization, and someone approached him about being a scoutmaster.

He now serves on the executive board of the Snake River Council, as chairman of the Troop 33 committee and merit badge counselor.

"I had 57 boys in my troop at one time — the baby boomers," he said.

Dale Meeks 'Hope I can inspire somebody else'



A long-time military man has a simple philosophy:

"Take care of those who work for you, and everything else will work out for you," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Dale Meeks of Boise.

His dedication as an officer earned him recognition as a torch-bearer.

Meeks, 47, commands a military entrance processing station, which processes new applicants

for all the branches of the armed services.

Raised in Georgia, Meeks attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in

Tifton, Ga., for two years before entering the military. He later finished a degree in business management at Troy State University in Alabama. Meeks has three children, ages 19 to 22.

And no idea who nominated him to carry the Olympic torch.

"If I've inspired somebody, I just hope I can inspire somebody else," he said.

Jan Mittleider Leading seniors to fitness



It started with a handful of elderly women, doing yoga in a warehouse more than 20 years ago.

Today, Jan Mittleider's Over 60 and Getting Fit aerobics class has grown to a gym-full of seniors dedicated to getting stronger.

The gymnasium is wall-to-wall people," she said.

More than 75 letters recommended Mittleider to the Olympic torch relay

nominating committee.

"It's a wonderful honor for a teacher to have that kind of recognition from

students," Mittleider said.

Mittleider, 55, is a health education professor at the College of Southern Idaho. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from Idaho State University.

CSI was her first job after college, 32 years ago.

"I came here to be here only one year and I ended up staying," she said.

Mike Nielson



'God's given me a gift'

Motivating children to use their talents. That's what Mike Nielson wants to accomplish.

"God's given (children) a gift. I want them to use them," Nielson said. "I try to motivate kids to be better than they think they can."

Nielson's dedication to young people is what inspired his family and co-workers at Lamb Weston in Twin Falls to nominate him to carry the torch. Nielson, 36, works with young people at his church, Christian and Missionary Alliance in Twin Falls.

He also is an athlete, winning the College of Southern Idaho Eagle Pride Award for dedication to his sport.

"God's given me a gift. I just want to get out there and use it," said Nielson, who is training for the Boston Marathon.

"I want to dedicate my (Olympic torch) run to Rick Niell and Benny Windsor, two of the best coaches I ever had, the people that nominated me, and the Lord Jesus Christ," he said.

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Clayton and Liz Pope 'He is an inspiration to all of us'

Liz Pope says her father-in-law is the hardest-working, most caring person she's ever met.

That's why she nominated Clayton Pope, 55, of Wendell to be a torch bearer. "Clayton is an inspiration because he's a fighter, and because he's always positive. At birth, his doctor said he'd never walk, if he even lived. But not only did he learn to walk, he ran," Liz Pope wrote in her nomination letter. Nowadays, Clayton suffers from diabetes, the effects of a



grandchildren. "He is an inspiration to all of us," Liz Pope said. Liz Pope's essay so inspired the judges that she too was chosen to run with the torch. She'll dedicate her run to others who have inspired her, including her husband, Ryon Pope; her parents, Pascualita Rodriguez and Carl Stelger; her brother, Peter Stelger; and her high school teachers, Ann Lorraine Smith, Rick Bendors and Allen Kelsey.

stroke and a back condition. But he still works full-time as a facility manager for the LDS Church in Wendell. He also is a bishop, volunteer for charities and finds time to make keepsakes for his

Laura Rodeman 'I had to start all over'

Nine days before Laura Rodeman's first marathon, a pressure-cooker exploded when she lifted the lid. The accident scalded 30 percent of her body. "I went from being able to run 26.2 miles to not even being able to walk down the hall without help," the Jerome woman said. "I had to start all over." And so she did. Rodeman spent eight hours a day for a year doing therapy,



and was able to run that marathon a year later. She's done two more since.

The 33-year-old mother to three and strength-conditioning coach and nutritionist at Just Women Fitness in Jerome, Rodeman holds a degree in health education and health promotion from Weber State University. Her husband, Jeff, nominated her for the honor, but won't be able to watch her run. A National Guardsman, he's working security at the Olympics.

Lisa Shenk 'It has given me hope to keep going'

A work accident in 1980 left Lisa Shenk with a leg that wouldn't heal. After 21 years and 24 surgeries, Lisa and her husband, Troy, decided last fall to have the leg amputated. "Troy was positive and strong, and he was going to help me through it," Lisa said. "Troy was not to be. Troy was killed in a one-vehicle accident outside of Twin Falls on Sept. 18, just weeks before the amputation. "It was tough going through it without him," Shenk said. Later, she found out that



Troy nominated her to be a torch bearer. "It was one of the last things he did in his life, so it's very special," she said. They were married just one and a half years.

"He was my everything." The thought of running with the torch has been one of the few bright spots in her life. "It has given me hope to keep going," she said. Shenk will be in a wheelchair since her recovery has been slowed by infections, but one day she hopes to walk with a prosthetic leg. Her son, Shelby Daily, will push her, and she hopes her daughter, Danielle Daily of Seattle will be there. Troy will be in her heart. "I know he's going to be there pushing me along."

Scott Stirling



3rd Olympic try a charm

Scott Stirling was a track star at Brigham Young University, but he failed twice to make the Olympic team.

Getting to carry the torch is just about the next best thing. "I was blown away," said Stirling, 36, electronics supervisor at Office Max in Twin Falls.

The Olympics are a setting for peaceful competition, regardless of what else is happening in the world, the former-high school history teacher said.

"For two-tenths of a mile, I will be the symbol of what that means," Stirling said.

He was nominated by his wife, Connie. The couple has three children, Kade, Zane and Avery, and lives in Jerome.

Stirling, who grew up in the Washington, D.C. area, was a hurdler and relay runner at BYU who twice competed in the NCAA track championships.

"One of my proudest moments, though, was when I was named Academic All-American," he said.

Flame facts

The flame signifies purity, the endeavor for perfection, the struggle for victory, peace and friendship. The theme of the 2002 games is "Light the Fire Within," and these words are emblazoned on the front of the torch.

Craig and Val Stotts Inspiring each other

Sifting through some papers one day, Twin Falls cop Craig Stotts came across a notebook containing his life story, written by his wife.

The biography was part of his nomination to be a torch-bearer. "If anyone inspired me, it's my husband," Val Stotts said.

Two years ago, Craig was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. "Val was pregnant and I just wondered if I would be



there to see our son born," Craig said.

Throughout chemotherapy and radiation, he kept up the spirits of family and friends and continued to work half

time. Craig finished radiation treatments a week before Brandon was born.

The nominating committee decided Val should carry the torch too.

A children's group home director, she is seven months pregnant, but Craig's not worried.

"She's ran a marathon and a half-marathon," he said, "and she's still running now."

Rod Tatsuno 'It's kind of a redemption'



For one Japanese-American, carrying the Olympic torch will bring his life full circle.

Rod Tatsuno's leg of the relay will move the flame closer to Utah, where he was born a captive of his own government during World War II.

Tatsuno, 59, spent the first three years of his life behind the barbed wire of internment camps. "I am helping carry the

torch as a free person to the state that kept me incarcerated," he said.

After the camps, Tatsuno

grew up in San Jose, Calif. He graduated from San Jose State College in 1965, then served the Army as a tank officer with the 3rd Armored Cavalry in West Germany.

In 1970, Tatsuno moved to Ketchikan and taught skiing at the San Valley Ski School.

Tatsuno's son, Chris Tatsuno, nominated him to be a torch bearer for being an inspiration as a single parent.

"It's kind of a redemption of sorts," Rod Tatsuno said.

Karen Thompson Rebuilding a weakened body

An autoimmune disease kept Karen Thompson from raising her hands to wash her own hair. But soon she'll raise the Olympic flame.

Her fight for recovery inspired her husband, Matthew, to nominate her to carry the torch.

Thompson, 28, of Kimberly was diagnosed with myas-

thema gravis in August 2000. The disease weakens muscles and can be deadly.

The disease interrupted Thompson's avid exercise routine, but a series of surgeries put her back on the road.

"The first time I could walk around our block, it was a big accomplishment," she said.

Within a couple more months, she could run a mile again.

She'll dedicate her leg of the relay to those who inspired her, and to other myasthenia gravis patients.

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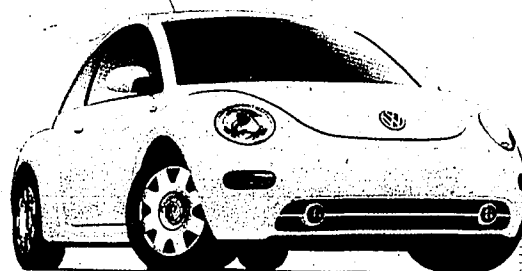
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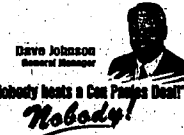


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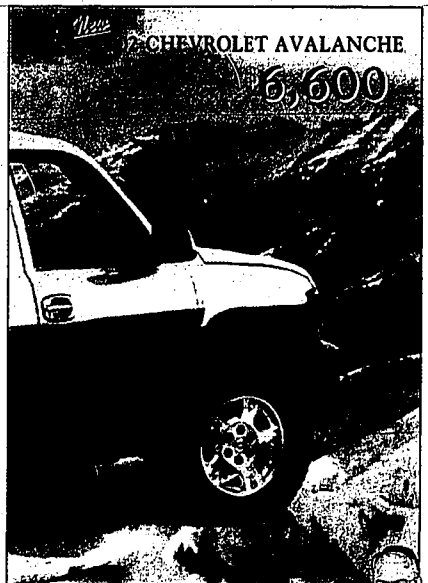


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Sherry Watson Studying for a new start in life

After nine years of work and struggle, Sherry Watson almost has her life back. A 1992 accident blinded Watson, burned 70 percent of her body, and ended her career as an animal control officer in Arizona. Aiming to restrain herself, she started college in Las Vegas and eventually joined her sister in Twin Falls.

Now she is one college class shy of a degree in criminal justice. Studying without being able to read was difficult and slow. Watson, 52, listened to textbooks on tape or had other people read to her. But in April 2001, a cornea implant restored her distance vision. Now she can drive dur-

ing the daytime — and see the faces of her 30- and 32-year-old sons. "Her sister, Shamen Starr, nominated Watson to carry the torch. "It is very exciting to think that while I am carrying the torch, I will be the only person in the world doing that at that moment."

Creola Wiggins She ran her way to confidence

Since discovering a learning disability that had kept her from successfully writing down what she understood, a Rupert teen has thrived in the classroom and on the track. For years, poor test grades damaged Creola Wiggins, self-confidence, said her step-father, Kelly Grimm, who nominated her to carry the torch. "The way that Creola overcame that was by running," Grimm said. Wiggins, 18, still holds the Minico High School record she



set as a freshman for the 100-

meter dash. She was part of Minico's first state championship girls track team, anchoring the winning 4 by 100-meter relay team.

Probably her greatest feat was in the classroom, where she finished her senior year with a 4.0 grade average. "We got to where we wanted her to be," Grimm said. "She has so much potential." Carrying the torch will be a fitting reward, he said. "It will be fun," Wiggins said.

Torch relay volunteers

Volunteers for the Twin Falls Olympic torch relay celebration will wear blue vests and red name tags on blue straps around their necks. Volunteers will help people with directions, information, lost children, etc. The volunteers are as follows: Bruce Banks, Mark Todhunter, Doug Guymon, Ron Cogswell, Sally Bruhn, Mary Innman, Tom Daniels, Lant Daniels, Margaret Ralphs, Dell McGuire, Katie Wonenberg, Brenda Burns, Midge Valdez, Allyson Stark, Mary Printz, Glen and Sadie Breeding, Linda Nebeker, Gary Nebeker, Jean Robertson, Joed Steinberg, Jim Newton, Charlotte Newton, Tina Dickard,

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Honored guests

VIP Idaho guests scheduled to be in Twin Falls for the Olympic torch celebration Jan. 26 include Miss Idaho Tammy Hanks, Rep. Mike Simpson, Sen. Mike Crapo, state Treasurer Ron Crane, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb and several former Olympians.

- The former Olympians include:
 - Laura Wilson Todd — 1994 and 1998 Nordic events.
 - Christin Cooper-Tache — 1980 and 1984 silver medalist in Alpine skiing.
 - Nala Skinner Quintillo (or family members) — 1994 and 1998 bobsleer.
 - Tom Neesley — 1964 luge.
 - Reuben Macrayan — Olympic hockey coach.
 - Lelf Odmark — 1952 Olympic ski coach.
 - Don Arnick (82 years old) — 1948, Alpine.

Flame facts

The torch is lit as it was in ancient times, by the sun at Olympia, then passed along in a relay to the host city of the games. The torch en route to Salt Lake City was lit Nov. 19, 2001, and traveled through Athens on its way to the United States.

The center section of the torch has an aged, slightly timeworn finish. The bottom of the torch has a clean, high-polish finish. Torchbearers will hold the torch at the junction of these two surfaces, representing the bridging of past and present. The United States torch run began Dec. 4 in Atlanta. The only states that will not see the torch are Minnesota; North Dakota, South Dakota and Hawaii. Organizers have said the cities are omitted because of time/routing limits. Besides runners, the torch will travel by cars and trucks, airplane, train, ship, dog sled, skier, horse-drawn sleigh, snowmobile, ice skaters and a ski jumper.

Hallmark blooms for the Olympics with bouquets

By Lisa Gutierrez
The Kansas City Star

The Olympic Harmony bouquet includes: sunflowers, delphinium, gerbera daisies, alstroemeria, statice and yellow roses.

Olympic winners always clutch bouquets as they listen tearfully to their national anthems. Or hadn't you noticed?

You might pay closer attention during the Olympic Winter Games in February, because Hallmark Cards Inc. will provide those winning flowers. And without even clamping on a ski or skate, mere mortals can have the flowers, too.

This floral coup is a first in many ways: The first time Hallmark will help sponsor the Olympics and the U.S. team. The first time fans can buy souvenir bouquets. And the first Games in modern times where winners will receive two different bouquets.

"It hasn't been since the first Olympics that two have been given," said Susanne Eshleman, product manager for Hallmark Flowers, which opened its business in April. "We thought they were going to pick one. But they liked both of them."

Hallmark will provide nearly 1,300 athletes' bouquets during the games, she said. The company began working on the designs in March. Members of Eshleman's product development team from

Kansas City met with floral designers from across the country at the Hallmark Flowers distribution center in Mississippi.

The group spent about a week looking over hundreds of flowers from around the world to design not only the Olympic bouquets, but also arrangements that Hallmark Flowers would offer its customers in the coming year, Eshleman said.

Olympic organizers chose the two bouquets they liked in May; the flowers were unveiled earlier this week in Salt Lake City, site of the Games.

Athletes will receive the Olympic Harmony bouquet immediately after winning their event — right on the mountaintops and in the skating rinks. Wrapped in a gold, foil-embossed ribbon bearing the Olympic rings — a keepsake designed by Kansas City Hallmark designers — the bouquet includes sunflowers, delphinium, gerbera daisies,

alstroemeria, statice and yellow roses, mostly from South America.

It's a colorful grouping of flowers that grow in mountainous regions like Utah; Eshleman said. "We liked it because it represented the geographical location of the Olympics, and we also liked the fact that they represented the diversity of the Olympic pic," she said.

The second bouquet — called Olympic Pinnacle — will be presented to athletes during medal ceremonies each night. It consists of 25 vibrant Golden Gate yellow roses surrounded by a green-leaved filler called Italian ruscus. It will be tightly bound with a keepsake ribbon to resemble the shape of the Olympic torch.

A smaller version of that bouquet will be sold from Feb. 3 to March 3 through Hallmark Flowers, for \$74.95 plus shipping. It will be wrapped with a plum-colored version of the keepsake Olympic ribbon. (Call 800-425-5627 or use www.hallmark.com.)

Visitors to the Olympics can also buy the bouquets, Eshleman said.

And, not to press the pony point, Hallmark will also distribute free yellow roses to spectators at the Olympic Medals Plaza each evening.

Kids: Make your own torch

By Kathy Antonioff
Aron Beacon Journal

The world is counting down to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games starting Feb. 8 in Salt Lake City. Watching the final torchbearer enter the stadium with the flame that starts the wick is always a thrilling sight. The last runner lights the Olympic flame that will burn until it is extinguished on Feb. 24, signaling the end of competition. Invent new games for a fun-

filled family or neighborhood games, like Piggyback Parents, or Shoe Pile Scramble. I found lots of imaginative ones in FamilyFun's Parties, a book by Deanna F. Cook and FamilyFun magazine.

Begin your games with a torch made with things you have at home. Supplies you will need: 12-ounce plastic cup. Large plastic lid. Toilet paper tube. Aluminum foil. Scissors.

Red and yellow tissue paper. Tape or white craft glue. Glue or tape the bottom of the cup to the center of the lid. Make four 1/2-inch slits down one end of the paper tube. Turn the tabs on the tube out and attach them to the bottom of the lid with tape or glue. Cover the entire torch with aluminum foil, wrapping individual pieces tightly around each section. "Light" your torch with tissue paper flames glued to the inside of the cup.

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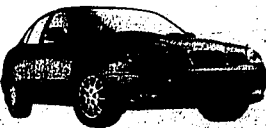
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