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## GOOD MORNING

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# Vote sets up showdown

## Senate bounces term limits

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho's Republican-controlled Legislature became the first in the nation Wednesday to vote to repeal term limits, after party leaders complained local elected officials were unfairly targeted while East Coast liberals escaped the movement. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, also a

### How they voted

Here is the 27-8 roll-call vote by which the Idaho Senate on Wednesday finally approved and sent to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne repeal of the 1994 term-limits initiative. A "yes" vote is a vote for repeal.

Republicans for (27) — Anderson, Boatright, Branch, Brandt, Bunderson,

Republican, has promised to veto the measure, but the 27-8 Senate

Burtenshaw, Cameron, Carrington, Davis, Dieta, Geddes, Goedde, Hill, Ipsen, Keough, King, Little, Lodge, Noh, Richardson, Risch, Schroeder, Sims, Stagner, Thome, Wheeler and Williams.

Democrats for — None. Republicans against (8) — Frasure, Hawkins, Ingram, Sandy and Sorenson. Democrats against (3) — Dunklin, Marley and Stennett.

vote Wednesday and last week's 50-20 vote in the House showed

there is enough support to override.

Immediately after the Idaho Supreme Court decision upholding term limits in December, Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said he would have no problem going against Kempthorne on the issue. And on Wednesday he held to his word, saying the legislative branch of government is just as important as the executive branch and the judicial.

"That's the brilliance of our form of government," said Noh, who is in his 11th term. "There is separation of powers."

Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes said the term limits strip voters of their responsibility to choose qualified leaders.

"By throwing officials out of office after a fixed term, we risk our voters by deciding who is good and who is not," he said. Kempthorne said he has been preparing a veto message based on affirmation of term limits by Idaho voters.

"It's an issue that good people approach and view differently," he said. "I believe I have to affirm

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# TROUBLED CROSSROADS



Officer Kyle Wills says he has written dozens of tickets in front of Twin Falls High School as part of the city's effort to slow traffic in the area. A student using the crosswalk at Maurice Street and Filor Avenue was hit Wednesday on her way to school.

## T.F. officials mull future of intersection in wake of another car-pedestrian accident

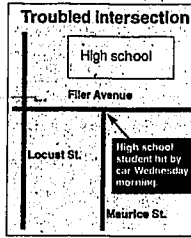
By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — While a Twin Falls girl was suffering from grave injuries in a Boise hospital, officials on Wednesday tried to figure out what could be done to make the intersection in which she was struck by a vehicle any safer.

Katie Juker, 18, was struck at about 7:38 a.m. in the intersection of Filor Avenue East and Maurice Street by a Ford Bronco II, said Twin Falls police officer Kyle Wills. Juker was at first carried by the vehicle, then thrown across the intersection and suffered serious head trauma, Wills said. She had been on her way to class at Twin Falls High School,

he said. Juker was taken first to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls and then transported by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, said Twin Falls police detective Scott Smith. Juker was listed in critical condition.

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Times-News graphic

## GAO plans lawsuit to obtain energy task force records

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Congressional investigators told the White House on Wednesday they would sue to make officials reveal who met with President Bush's energy task force — but would first give him a chance to review his decision not to surrender the information.

Bush has refused to hand over documents from Vice President Dick Cheney's National Energy Policy Development Group, saying to do so would encroach on

his ability to seek outside views. GAO officials said the lawsuit would name Cheney and possibly others.

The group last year held meetings with business executives — including some from the now-collapsed Enron Corp., a

Houston-based energy trader with deep ties to Bush — as the administration crafted a national energy policy.

The General Accounting Office, the House and Senate's investigative unit, says Congress has a right to the information. Comptroller General David M. Walker, who heads the GAO, told The Associated Press the lawsuit would be filed in two or three weeks.

"I'd rather get it right than get it quick," Walker said. That would also give the White

House time to review its position, he said.

"This is not something I sought," said Walker, former assistant labor secretary in the Reagan administration and a trustee of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds in the first Bush administration. "I've got a job to do and I need to do my job."

White House officials said Bush would not back down.

"The president will stand strong on principle," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

## DEQ files tire cleanup lawsuit

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — The owner of a tire pile north of town and the site's past and present property owners are being sued for cleanup by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

The DEQ seeks a court order to require Idaho Tire Recovery to clean up the tire piles and to require the two property owners to bring the land into compliance with state solid waste laws. DEQ also seeks civil penalties. The lawsuit was filed in 5th District Court in Lincoln County Wednesday.

DEQ wants Idaho Tire Recovery to meet the terms of the cleanup agreement owner Tom Floyd made with the agency in November. ITR has missed two deadlines, the DEQ's complaint says. ITR was to give DEQ a site assessment including fire count and to have removed 50,000 tires by now.

ITR was permitted by Lincoln County to store up to 100,000 tires at the site on Idaho Highway 75. An estimate by Shoshone Fire Chief Steve Stock put the tire count at about 1 million. Lincoln

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## Group plans initiative into F&G decisions

The Associated Press

BOISE — Sportsmen angered by the politics which led to the departure of Idaho Fish and Game Department Director Rod Sando plan a voter initiative drive to flush partisanship from wildlife decisions.

The Idaho Wildlife Federation announced it would submit an initiative to the secretary of state's office today with the intent of restoring the public's control of the selection process for Idaho Fish and Game commissioners.

"Sportsmen seem to be fragmented into interest groups like bowhunters and rifle hunters, but once there's a crisis and somebody puts out a rallying cry, they get things done," Federal President Jack Fisher said Wednesday. "We realize sportsmen can't pass this initiative alone. It takes all the other people

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# 'SEND ME TO GITMO'

## Taliban in crowded Afghan prisons ask to be sent to Cuba base

The Associated Press

SHIBERGAN, Afghanistan — Jailed fighters of the fallen Taliban shout the name of their former foe, but no longer in anger. "We want to go to the American prison," many plead. "Anything, they say, to leave Shibergan prison in northern Afghanistan, now jammed to more than 10 times its capacity with about 3,500 men. But unlike the U.S. detention center at

### Factions clash — A4

Guantanamo Bay, informally known as Gitmo, this has been a prison largely out of the spotlight. "I can't lie and say it's fine. The problems are clearly visible," said the head warden, Gen. Jurabeg. "We are struggling."

While human rights advocates and some U.S. allies have complained about the conditions at

the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo, Cuba, the situation in Shibergan is much more dire.

In addition to overcrowding, prisoners have to deal with shortages of medical supplies and care, water, food and there is little to protect them from the elements. Facing bitter cold outside and inside, they have just the clothes they were wearing when they were captured.

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A prisoner peers through bars at a prison near Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan.



## Bush seeks cuts to pay for grants

WASHINGTON (AP) - Looking for \$1.3 billion to pay for college grants, the Bush administration will ask Congress to scrap hundreds of small programs it considers unnecessary or ineffective. Bush has suggested doing away with after-school programs, literacy and computer programs, theater and dance programs and construction projects on government property. Among the more unusual projects he wants Congress to trim is an education program at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

The effort, to be included in the president's 2003 budget, that is released Monday, could set up a battle among lawmakers, who fight for such projects for their constituents.

Education Secretary Rod Paige told reporters Wednesday that hundreds of programs should be sacrificed, with the money going toward paying off a deficit in the 30-year-old Pell-Grant program.

Because the program does not turn away eligible students, it has had to give out more than its budget allowed. The result is the \$1.3 billion shortfall Bush wants to eliminate. Savings from the programs he wants cut would erase the deficit.

## President uses tax credits as incentive

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush is sweetening his proposal for tax breaks to help people without health insurance, which he hopes will make the proposal far better in Congress this year.

Favored by conservatives, the tax credits would offer up to \$3,000 to help families pay for insurance.

The tax breaks, at \$89 billion over 10 years, are the centerpiece of Bush's plan for the uninsured. He also will ask that \$3.2 billion left from a government-run insurance program be reinvested to cover more low-income families. And he is requesting new money for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps.



Interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai, left, listens as New York Gov. George Pataki talks about the World Trade Center cleanup and recovery site Wednesday on the viewing platform in New York.

## Afghan leader urges U.N. council to expand multinational force

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - Afghan leader Hamid Karzai appealed to the U.N. Security Council Wednesday to expand the multinational force now in Kabul to other cities as a guarantee that the international community won't abandon his war-devastated country.

Karzai has previously said in Kabul and Washington that many Afghans feel the force should be expanded to be able to operate nationwide. But until Wednesday, he had stopped short of directly calling for an enlargement.

Karzai flew to New York from Washington, where he was a guest of President Bush at

Tuesday night's State of the Union speech.

Before his U.N. appearance, he laid a wreath of yellow roses at the site of the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center, which killed about 3,000 people, and said the Afghan people "know the pain of the American people better than all other people."

Appearing before the 15-member council, which authorized deployment of the British-led force, Karzai said, "We hope that you would authorize an extension and expansion of the mandate of this force."

"The extension of presence of multinational forces in Kabul and

expanding their presence to other major cities will signal the ongoing commitment of the international community to peace and security in Afghanistan," he said.

Karzai said Afghans from around the country had told him they felt "security is the key issue" following the hijacking of the country by "terrorists" who were routed late last year by U.S. led forces.

The council authorized the force on Dec. 20 to help protect Afghanistan's new interim government, but restricted it to the Kabul area, as the Afghans who agreed to establish the temporary government wanted.

## War commander orders investigation of U.S. raid

WASHINGTON (AP) - The American commander of the war in Afghanistan ordered an investigation into a Jan. 23 raid on two compounds after the new Afghan government said some of those killed and captured were not enemy fighters but officials loyal to interim leader Hamid Karzai.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday that basic facts about the raid - including who shot first - had yet to be verified. He was unwilling to say U.S. forces misidentified the targeted compounds as hide-outs for al-Qaida or Taliban fighters.

The U.S. troops killed at least 15 people and took 27 prisoners. One U.S. soldier was wounded in the ankle.

"I don't think it was any sense on our part that we've done something wrong," Myers said. Gen. Tommy Franks, commander in chief of U.S. Central Command, ordered the investigation because "when there are allegations, you've got to go run them to ground," Myers said.

Myers said it was too early to conclude that the wrong people had been killed or captured. But he acknowledged that it is difficult in some cases for the American military to distinguish friend from foe.

## Getting accustomed to al-Qaida - C6

"The situation over here can be very very complex, with all the nuances changing depending on the situation," he said.

Appearing with Myers, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Franks ordered the investigation after hearing from Afghan officials.

"In their view, there were some people involved in that shooting that were killed who were not Taliban or al-Qaida," Rumsfeld said. Thus, Franks considered it appropriate to open a formal investigation, he said.

Some Afghans say Taliban negotiators were handing over weapons to Karzai's government at the site and that some pro-Karzai figures were killed and others - including a police chief, his deputy and members of a district council - were among those arrested.

Myers said the affiliations of the 27 captives, who are being questioned in Kandahar, are not yet clear.

Two other U.S. military officers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it appears that at least some of those killed and captured were neither al-Qaida nor Taliban and were Karzai supporters.

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NATION

# Bush urges Americans to get involved

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — President Bush put out the call to everyday Americans Wednesday to enlist in his new USA Freedom Corps and pitch in 4,000 hours apiece to the fight against terrorism: "Stand up to evil with acts of goodness and kindness."

The president, visiting a community already at work on a local defense strategy, said he's gotten lots of questions since Sept. 11 about what regular people can do to help protect their country from further attacks.

"Some don't know where to start and I've got, obviously, a good idea," Bush said, fleshing out the \$560 million initiative he announced in his State of the Union address Tuesday night.

Bush has asked every American to give two years, or 4,000 hours, in service over his or her lifetime. "It sounds like I'm making a pitch and I am. This is the right thing to do for America," he said. The nation is locked in a fight between good and evil, Bush added. "There really isn't too much middle ground — like, none."

Appearing to revel in the role of reporter, he clapped his appeal as a rock star might wear a concert: "Fight on, America! I love ya!" Politics mixed almost seamlessly



The day after his State of the Union pledge to defend America against terrorism, President Bush talks about citizen preparedness at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C., Wednesday.

**How to volunteer ...**  
President Bush Wednesday gave out a Web address (<http://www.USAFreedomCorps.gov>) and a toll-free number (1-877-USA-CORPS) for people who want to get started meeting his challenge.

with Bush's call to civic duty. On stage at the coliseum, he gave an unmistakable endorse-

ment to Elizabeth Dole, the Republican hoping to claim retiring Sen. Jesse Helms' seat in November. Offstage, Bush met privately with North Carolina GOP organizers.

Bush named his domestic policy adviser, John Bridgeland, to direct the massive Freedom Corps project and promised it was no passing wartime fancy.

"When we say we're going to get

## President wants more funding for sexual abstinence programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is asking Congress for a 33-percent increase in funding for sexual abstinence education programs, which bar discussion of birth control or condoms as effective ways to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Spending on abstinence education has been "climbing over the last five years. Conservatives argue the program provides crucial balance to tax dollars spent teaching teens about contraception. Critics point to a lack of evidence that the programs work.

In the budget he submits to Congress next week, the president will propose a total of \$135 million for "abstinence-only" programs, an increase of \$33 million over this year, according to an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

more people involved, I'll be asking (Bridgeland) on a regular basis, how are we doing," Bush said.

# Iran scoffs at being called terror sponsor

## Bush talks of three countries, 'axis of evil'

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Iran, initially seen as a partner in the war on terror, lashed out Wednesday at being characterized as a terrorism supporter in President Bush's State of the Union speech. Iran called Bush's comments "stupid," and several other nations worried Bush's tone was too aggressive.

Politicians in the Philippines and Malaysia were concerned Bush's words signaled increased U.S. intervention in their nations, where the governments have been pressured to crack down on militants linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network.

Bush's singling out of Iran in his speech Tuesday reflected a sharpening of his administration's tone toward Tehran. And his use of the phrase "axis of evil" in reference to Iran, Iraq and North Korea raised many eyebrows.

"He spoke arrogantly, humiliatingly, aggressively and in an interfering way ..."

— Mohammad Khatami, Iranian president

Mohammad Khatami said at a Cabinet session Wednesday night, according to state-run television and radio. "We are supporters of peace, a peace based on justice for humanity," Khatami said.

Khatami said Americans should ask their politicians to stop looking for war and help cultivate a peace based on justice. "After Sept. 11, we felt there was a great opportunity to mobilize the international will to fight terrorism. But, unfortunately, this opportunity was missed and this abuse is a treason to humanity."

Iraqi Vice President Taha

Yassin Ramadan told reporters Wednesday night that "the statement of President Bush is a stupid statement and inappropriate."

Ramadan, responding to Bush's "axis of evil" remark, retorted that the U.S. government "is the source of evil" in the world.

Dmitry Rogozin, chairman of the Russian parliament's foreign affairs committee, called the phrase reminiscent of World War II rhetoric about Germany and Japan, Russia's Interfax news agency reported. Rogozin said ultranationalists appeared to be gaining the upper hand in Bush's inner circle.

There was no immediate reaction from North Korea.

Bush also said Iran was pursuing weapons of mass destruction, and "exports terror, while an unselected few repress the Iranian people's hope for freedom."

The allegations angered Tehran, which had condemned the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States and long had opposed Afghanistan's former

Taliban rulers.

"We reject the U.S. accusations, and we think that the world will not tolerate the hegemony of the U.S.," Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said, according to state-run radio.

Early in the U.S. war on terrorism, American officials spoke of better cooperation with Iran. But in the past month, Bush has accused Iran of interfering to undermine Afghanistan's new government, and Washington has been angered by an alleged Iranian attempt to smuggle weapons to the Palestinians.



**Bush 'spoke arrogantly, humiliatingly, aggressively and in an interfering way ...'**  
— Mohammad Khatami, Iranian president

# Finding of power plant plans raises questions

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush's disclosure that U.S. forces have found "diagrams of American nuclear power plants" in Afghanistan led to nuclear activists have been casing the plants and researching them on the Internet, U.S. intelligence officials said Wednesday.

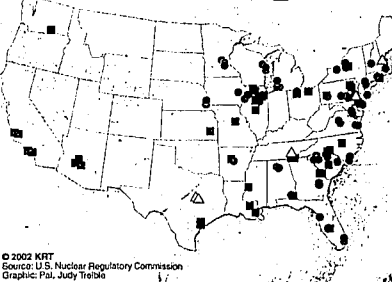
Bush's revelation, in Tuesday night's State of the Union speech, provoked new concern over security at the nation's 103 nuclear power plants, even though an attack would not trigger a nuclear explosion. Experts say the worst result would be massive clouds of poisonous radiation.

Some of the nuclear plant diagrams came off the Internet and were not interior blueprints, said a senior intelligence official who asked not to be identified. But some materials found in al-Qaida caches in Afghanistan, the official continued, "might lead you to believe they're doing casing" of U.S. nuclear power plants. The strategy fits al-Qaida's pattern of careful pre-attack surveillance of potential targets.

## U.S. nuclear power plants

Security at nuclear facilities has been tightened since Sept. 11. Location of the 103 active nuclear reactors and decade operation began:

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There is "pretty convincing evidence," that al-Qaida terrorists have been watching U.S. nuclear power plants, said a second, senior intelligence official, speaking on

the same conditions. The al-Qaida teams may have been reporting to a control officer in Canada, the second official said. The diagrams showed more

than one U.S. nuclear plant, the officials said, and depicted specific facilities and their security perimeters.

The officials declined to identify the plants, but said intelligence suggests that al-Qaida members have been considering attacking the plants with car or truck bombs, boats or aircraft.

Experts disagreed on how useful the diagrams are and how devastating such an attack could be. Even with the diagrams, "it's not obvious that you could do something dangerous," said Michael Golay, a nuclear engineering professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. While an attack could spread radiation, "it's not a very attractive way to do it ..."

"I don't think it's something we should be worrying about."

Others are worried about the plants. "It does tell you we have to do even more to secure them," said Rob Housman, a homeland security planner at Bracewell & Patterson, a Houston law firm with many energy industry clients. "This stuff is of real serious concern."

## Prisons

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Many don't have shoes. The mud-walled compound provides a lesson of sorts with local militiamen in charge in much of Afghanistan, there's an ad hoc approach toward rank-and-file Taliban prisoners.

Prisoners from the region, there are different ways Afghan authorities are dealing with "Taliban prisoners," said Samuel Emonet, who heads the Red Cross team inspecting detention facilities in the region. "Shibergan stands out because of its size and the uncertainty of what will happen to the prisoners."

The prison about 75 miles west of Mazar-e-Sharif is controlled by the forces of Gen. Rashid Dostum, an ethnic Uzbek who rules much of northern Afghanistan. He and other militia leaders are under international pressure to help build a credible central authority in Kabul.

But Dostum still apparently answers to no one about many aspects of his fiefdom. Prison doctors have begged for medicine from Dostum's military hospital in Shibergan. Only a few boxes of antibiotics and rehydration salts have been sent to Shibergan, one of the largest detention camps in the country.

An official at the hospital, speaking on condition of anonymity, said supplies are critically low and there is little money to buy more. "The Taliban prisoners are not a priority," he said.

# Afghan factions reportedly clash

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan factions battled Wednesday for the capital of a province where U.S. forces are hunting al-Qaida fugitives, a warlord's brother said. Residents streamed out of the town seeking safety.

The fighting for Gardez highlighted the fragility of Afghanistan's newfound peace and threatened to complicate U.S.-led efforts to destroy pocket

of al-Qaida resistance in the surrounding mountains of Paktia province, in southeast Afghanistan.

There were dead and injured in the battle that erupted Wednesday and continued into the night, said Wazir Khan, brother of warlord Pacha Khan, speaking from Khost, another town in the province. He said he did not know who was fighting or

how many were killed.

Pacha Khan, a Pashtun tribal leader with ties to the northern alliance that toppled Afghanistan's former Taliban rulers after two months of U.S. bombing, wants to be installed as governor of Paktia but faces strong local opposition. Lucrative smuggling routes pass through the border province into Pakistan.

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ple in the state who want the wildlife taken care of."

Sando resigned on Jan. 23. The federation said a commission faction led by John Burns of Salmon, Chairman Marcus Gibbs of Grace and Roy of the coalition of Driggs directed Sando to resign or be fired.

The federation added the reappointment of Commissioner Nancy Hadley of Sandpoint could be rejected by the Idaho Senate because she voted to terminate Sando's predecessor Steve Mealey and supported Sando.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne thanked Sando and stressed the commission is responsible for personnel matters regarding the director. Fisher and others disagree.

"If he would have admitted his part in the process, but he denied

it and said it was completely a commission activity," Fisher said of Kempthorne. "That's just not true."

"What you'll come to find out is he issued explicit instructions," House Speaker Bruce Newcomb said of the governor. "Hadley, even though she was his appointee, maybe got caught in the crossfire. But I think when you get into this business, there are going to be people that are shot by friendly fire."

The initiative would reduce the number of commissioners from seven to five and change the board's geographical boundaries back to those of the 1938 initiative which formed the panel to curb the politics which plagued earlier game conservation.

"We modeled this after 1938," Fisher said. "A lot of the words on the qualities a commissioner

should have, we didn't change a period. They were valid and we think they're still valid."

Citizen Wildlife Advisory Councils would be established in each region to select two qualified nominees for the governor to select a commissioner. The commissioners would be selected based solely on the welfare of fish and wildlife. They cannot hold any other elected or appointed office or political party office. But the restriction on party affiliation would be removed.

The governor or designee would visit each region in February 2003. At an initial council meeting, the governor would conduct an election from citizen nominations to create each nine-member council. The names of commission nominees would go to the governor by May 15, 2003.

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## Teachers reconsider using history books

### Complaints of plagiarism plague famous historian

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When best-selling historian Stephen Ambrose was accused of stealing material for his books, Andrew Erdlen seethed.

"We've been told our whole lives not to plagiarize, and when a famous professional does it, it undermines that message completely," said Erdlen, 22, a history major at the University of Pennsylvania.

The allegations against Ambrose have caused a minor stir on college campuses, where penalties for plagiarism can include a failing grade, suspension or expulsion. Students and academics predict the case will spur classroom discussion about what not to do.

"There are some real teachable moments," said Diane Waryold, executive director of the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University. "I would hope that faculty would engage students in a discussion about what it means to get an honest education."

Some students go further, arguing Ambrose's books should no

longer be used in class. "This runs counter to everything that we're trying to do," said Dave Chokshi, 20, a junior at Duke University and chairman of the student-run honor council.

Questions have been raised about five books by Ambrose, including "The Wild Blue," his latest best seller.

Ambrose is among several prominent historians whose mistakes have been exposed recently, including Doris Kearns Goodwin, who is also accused of failing to attribute properly, and Joseph Ellis, who acknowledged lying to his Mount Holyoke students about serving in Vietnam.

Childers, who teaches a course on World War II, initially said he'd continue using the Ambrose best seller "Band of Brothers." But this month, as allegations against Ambrose mounted, he told his class of some 250 students he would drop the book from the syllabus starting with the fall semester.

"This is not just academic minutia or nitpicking on the part of a bunch of egghead scholars," Childers said. "These are your words, your images, your expressions, and for somebody simply to take them and use them as if they are his own or her own, it's not right."



Jillian Alexander, a high school senior in Northampton, Mass., stands with some of the tools of her trade in her school's culinary arts room Tuesday. Alexander was accepted to Johnson & Wales University, a private school in Rhode Island, before even completing her application.

## Students get faster acceptance to schools

The Associated Press

Jillian Alexander felt the joy of being admitted to Johnson & Wales University even before completing her application. The teenager simply gave her transcript to a recruiter from the private school in Providence, R.I., and soon heard those golden words: "You've been accepted."

"She just told me right on the spot," recalled Alexander, whose grades (a 3.8 GPA) and test scores (1,000 SATs) won her admission back in November.

Among high school seniors aiming for college, experiences like Alexander's are becoming more common. The traditional February-to-April admissions period — when colleges mail fat envelopes to those they accept and one-pagers to those they reject — is quietly eroding.

Schools are recognizing that today's prospective freshman grew up with the immediacy of the Internet and doesn't like to wait by the mailbox for an answer.

Some colleges now hold open houses and similar events where they admit worthy students right then and there. Others shorten the wait by giving applicants access to a Web page where their

decision is posted, or send the news by e-mail. (All these methods are typically followed by mailed letters.)

How many schools employ these practices is unknown, but they're clearly growing with the technology. And they're in addition to the ways hundreds of schools already break out of the traditional waiting period by offering applicants early admission in the fall or rolling admission throughout the year.

"We want to treat them well, and we want to take into account their convenience," said Harvard admissions director Marilyn McGrath Lewis.

Harvard inaugurated e-mail notification in December for early admission applicants, though some 100 messages bounced back to the school. Lewis says the university will have working e-mail addresses on April 3, when it will email another batch of admissions decisions on the same day it sends admissions packets via the U.S. Postal Service.

The University of Colorado gives applicants PIN numbers to a Web site where they can track their application's status. There they can find out, for instance, if their file is in a committee or missing a transcript.

## Woman dies after giving birth in dorm

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — A 19-year-old college student died after giving birth in a dormitory bathroom as other students came and went, thinking she was just sick, school officials said Wednesday. The baby was in critical condition.

Karen Marie Hubbard was not breathing when a resident assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire found her in a bathroom stall Tuesday night, said Charles Major, director of housing. She was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The cause of death was under investigation. But Eau Claire County Medical Examiner John Folstead said it is believed she died of complications related to childbirth.

"From everything we understand, her roommate did not know she was pregnant. We're not sure whether the girl herself knew she was pregnant," Major said.

Carla David, spokeswoman for St. Joseph's Hospital, would not say whether the baby was born full-term.

Other students in the all-women dorm were coming and going in the bathroom, heard noises and asked Hubbard if she was OK, but she told them that she thought she was just sick, according to Major.

"It's a very tragic situation," he said. "We just wish that the girl could've cried out for help at some point in time. Maybe this could have been avoided."

Paramedics found the newborn girl when they removed Hubbard from the stall.

Hubbard was a freshman prepharmacy major from Withee, a small town about 40 miles east of Eau Claire. Her mother, Carol Hubbard, had no comment when called at her home Wednesday.

"She was just a sweetheart. One of the nicest kids you would ever meet," David Nelson, a guidance counselor at Owen-Withee High School, where Hubbard was co-valedictorian in 2001. "She would be the person that you would say was definitely going to make it."

## Pioneering AIDS researcher dies of heart attack

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Dr. David W. Barry, the scientist who helped develop the first AIDS treatment, has died of a heart attack during a business trip. He was 58.

Barry, who died Monday, was best known as a co-developer of AZT, the first drug developed to treat the virus. He also advocated the "cocktail" treatment of using more than one drug.

AZT has been shown to cut the risk of AIDS transmission from mother to child in half and is used worldwide for that purpose.

"He was a true advocate for drug development for serious and life-threatening diseases," said Dr. Debra Birnkant, director of the Food and Drug Administration's division of antiviral drugs.

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## EDITORIAL

# Decision affirms public access to local officials

A key duty of any government is to ensure its citizens can talk to elected leaders about issues. (The Bill of Rights guarantees the right to petition for redress of grievances.) Officials also have a duty to keep public discourse open to the light of day.

Thanks to a ruling by 5th District Judge Barry Wood, officials know how those keep those assurances in place while using the new practice of mediation.

Wood's ruling came from the ongoing disagreement between Jerome Cheese Co. and Gooding County. The county's planning and zoning board twice has turned down Jerome Cheese's application for a wastewater facility permit. The company requested mediation before appealing to county commissioners.

Mediation is less formal than a court trial or a county public hearing. It's also conducted behind closed doors. Both facts can make compromise easier - but they also carry a certain risk of improper shortcuts.

County leaders' participation in the mediation raised legal red flags. County zoning decisions are considered "quasi-judicial," which means they function much like judges.

They're supposed to conduct fair hearings, guaranteeing everyone's right to due process.

The question was: Could Gooding County state's attorney Jerome Cheese meet behind closed doors without violating the quasi-judicial status force them to copy the same strict rules that keep judges from discussing cases outside the courtroom?

Wood's ruling provides a useful answer. Yes, he said, public officials can take part in closed-door mediations. But they must provide minutes of these meetings to the public. And they must allow due process by holding a follow-up public hearing.

Wood ruled that county and zoning commissioners aren't quite in the same boat as judges. Although zoning hearings are a public process, decision makers can and should discuss land-use issues with their constituents.

The ruling strengthens the mediation process, by allowing decision makers to participate. It also upholds access to information and the public's right to due process. Perhaps more important, it affirms the right of citizens to approach their elected leaders. Some state's attorney local leaders with judicial-style restrictions. Idaho, however, has retained political responsiveness and open-door access to public officials. The ruling is an assuring sign that local voters have a voice in local government.

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# Media pundits were also paid by Enron

HOWARD KURTZ

The debate about campaign finance reform can be boiled down to one question: What exactly are corporations buying when they give millions of dollars to politicians?

Now, there's some heated talk about journalistic finance reform - that is, what are corporations buying when they land their payrolls with prominent media folks? Should columnists and commentators be taking cash from companies such as Enron, about which they later find themselves delivering strong opinions?

The con-temps has exposed just how cozy the relationships are between some in the pundit class and the corporate world, in which \$50,000 can change hands for what the average cubicle dweller would consider remarkably little work.

The journalists involved have, with varying degrees of candor, disclosed their Enron ties while writing about the collapse of America's seventh-largest corporation. But they find themselves facing the sort of hostile questions usually reserved for committee chairman who do legislative favors for big-time donors.

I've been critical of journalistic buckraking since the mid-1990s, when I wrote about a \$30,000 speech that Sam Donaldson had given to an insurance group. The gilded trail of corporate honoraria quickly led to such luminaries as David Brinkley, Robert Novak, David Gergen, Cokie Roberts, Christopher Matthews, Larry King, Mark Shields, Fred Barnes, George Will and Michael Kinsley, who memorably said: "I didn't do it for years, but it became more socially acceptable." King likened it to "white-collar crime." Many refused to discuss it on grounds that they weren't public officials.

The issue began to fade as a number

of news organizations, including ABC and NBC, banned the practice. (The Washington Post had long barred honoraria from corporations or trade groups that lobby Congress.) But now, for those who took Enron money, there's no place to hide, the burgeoning scandal having replaced the war as the Beltway's reigning obsession. The journalists involved (with one exception) have whacked Kenneth Lay & Co. pretty hard.

New York Times columnist Paul Krugman, who got \$50,000 from an Enron advisory board before joining the Times, blamed the criticism on an "effort by conservatives to sling Enron muck toward their left." Unfortunately for this argument, most of the Enron journalists are free-marketeters on the right.

Wall Street Journal columnist Peggy Noonan, who received \$25,000 to \$50,000 for speechwriting help, told me: "I don't regret having done the work-it was honest work, honestly done, hard work too, reported on my taxes, not hidden in any way.... But my feeling is: I have to talk about my experience in order to talk about Enron, and I have to talk about Enron because I have strong feelings about what they did."

Lawrence Kudlow of CNBC and National Review said that he should have disclosed earlier that he'd gotten \$50,000 for consulting and research; but he also said that he's tougher on the energy company because he feels betrayed.

Weekly Standard Editor Bill Kristol, who received \$100,000 from the advisory board, sees nothing wrong with such work. His role was disclosed in a

Standard piece by another Enron beneficiary, contributing editor Irwin Stelzler, who praised Lay and Enron for "leading the fight for competition."

Other than Stelzler, who failed to disclose the arrangement in articles for the British press, the other writers can boast that their criticism of Enron demonstrates they can't be swayed by mere money. Of course, had Enron not suffered a spectacular meltdown, we likely wouldn't have known about most of these financial ties - and still don't know about other such moonlighting. The Enron pundits have put themselves in a weird box. If they recused themselves and wrote nothing, as some critics suggest, then the company would in effect have bought their silence. By writing on Enron, they risk the appearance of biting the hand that fed them just to flout their journalistic courage.

Perhaps what rankles most is the notion that Enron was trying to do what it did with George W. Bush, John Ashcroft, Joe Lieberman, Lawrence Lindsey, Ralph Reed and about half of official Washington - making an investment that could pay off later on. What, after all, did the commentators do for Enron? "This was an advisory panel that had no function that I was aware of," Krugman told his newspaper. Exactly.

It's hard for journalists who work for public companies, write books and appear on television to avoid all conflicts these days. But many of these commentators was indignant when politicians of all stripes appear to be doing the bidding of those who fill their campaign coffers. For media people to line up at the same corporate trough is just asking for trouble.

Howard Kurtz is the media reporter for the Washington Post.

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## LETTERS

### Term limits won't kill government

The major focus and efforts of the Legislature for the past two weeks of the session has been the repeal of term limits, or, in plain English, "how to snow the voters and keep our jobs." The talk all over the valley - in the coffee shops, the doctors' offices, schools, on the street or in church is the same. Who do those legislators think they are?

I was not sold on term limits by any out-of-state advertising campaign. I have friends and relatives throughout the state of California who all agree that term limits was the best thing that happened to that state. If Speaker Newcomb believes that the electorate is ignorant and unable to make a decision, he should remember that the same electorate put him into office.

The state of Idaho has some of the most serious financial problems it has faced in years, but there hasn't been time to address where cutbacks should and should not be made because of pre-occupation by legislators with saving their jobs. It's too bad that the same energy wasn't put into saving the jobs of state personnel recently laid off and those who are a high risk of being laid off soon while, at the same time, legislative approval and maintenance programs continue to grow at an alarming rate.

There are many intelligent people in this state. No one has ever had to be appointed to run for a legislative seat. Even if there were a 100 percent turnover tomorrow, our government would survive and perhaps even be in better shape. The only persons who disagree with that are the ones who fear losing their power. As to those county and local leaders, new prosecuting attorneys were elected in many counties last election. I haven't noticed any disasters. And for the small municipalities, a write-in vote is simple.

I guess the legislators have a choice to make. "Do I keep my job or do I keep

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AMANDA THIEMAN  
Twin Falls

### Pay attention to common ground

In an attempt to appear fair and balanced, news editors often times ask their writers to show the "two sides to every story."

Unfortunately, this approach overlooks the common ground where the two sides might agree. A fine example of this is evident in the issue of Idaho's salmon and Washington's Snake River dams.

Among the many concerns of dam supporters are those of the 13 farmers along the Lower Snake River who pump water from the reservoir behind Little Goose Dam. On average, this Little is pumped 400 feet to irrigate approximately 36,000 acres, 23 percent of which is planted in Cottonwood and Poplar trees for paper production. On average, the intakes are located where the reservoir is roughly 80 feet deep, thereby saving a fifth of their electric pumping cost as compared to pumping from a free-flowing river 80

feet below.

This irrigation/pumping benefit is one of the chief concerns for those that wish to protect the lower Snake River dams and, as a legitimate concern, it should be properly addressed.

But nowhere in the public debate over the existence of these dams and the existence of Idaho's wild salmon have I seen an attempt to assuage these legitimate concerns. Instead, the news media apparently wishes to only reveal the "two sides of the story" while neglecting the solutions that lay in between.

Has anyone considered a pipeline along the current shoreline to provide these irrigators with the same amount of water at the same elevation head at no extra cost to the irrigators? This simple solution is readily available yet has never gained attention in newsprint. Why is that?

Recent world events have emphasized the importance of reading diverse opin-

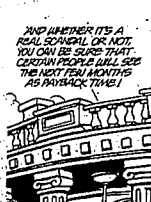
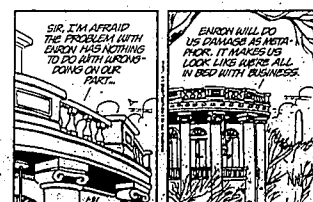
ions in an effort to understand the backgrounds and concerns of everyone involved with an issue. It is not necessary that we agree with every angle but it is important that we listen to each other's concerns.

Is it reasonable to ask our news media to be "fair and objective" while exploring more than just the "two sides to every story"? If all of us were to collectively seek to resolve our differences rather than to highlight and accentuate them, what a different world we might create.

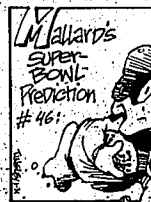
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### By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

# Bush should follow T.R.'s era of regulation

A century ago, Theodore Roosevelt, surveying an American economic landscape in which the brilliant entrepreneurs of his generation - J.P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, James J. Hill and the rest - had organized financial and industrial trusts of a scale never seen before, spoke what was heresy from a Republican president.

"The vast individual and corporate fortunes, the vast combinations of capital which have marked the development of our industrial system, create new conditions, and necessitate a change from the old attitude of the state and the nation toward property," Roosevelt said. "From now on, it is evident that the state, and if necessary the nation, has got to possess the right of supervision and control as regards the great corporations which are its creatures."

As Edmund Morris points out in his splendid new study of the Roosevelt presidency, "Theodore Rex," that bold rhetoric was followed by a decidedly gradualist and incremental effort to curb the most egregious of the economic and social outrages of the economic barons. But it was a signal, reinforced by Justice Department lawsuits and White House-drafted legislation, that even a business-oriented administration would rein in those in industry and commerce whose ingenuity and ambition so exceeded their sense of responsibility that they were leaving havoc in their wake.

Reading the second volume of Morris' TR biography in the age of Enron is a sure-fire way to remind yourself of the cyclical recurrence of certain great struggles - regional, ideological and economic - in American history. And if President Bush took the same lesson from his perusal of the Morris book as I did, it will prompt him to action to save the current generation of runaway capitalists - embodied in bankrupt Enron and its disgraced auditing firm Arthur Andersen - from themselves.

These people have become too clever, too artful for their own good - or for this society's safety. Enron played in something called the "derivatives" market, an area so arcane that even the great investor Warren Buffet is reported to have said that it is too murky a water for him to navigate.

Taking advantage of a time in which markets were being removed from government supervision in the belief that deregulation would provide a shortcut to economic efficiency, Enron developed schemes that evaded the scrutiny of both Wall Street analysts and securities and commodities rule-makers. With the apparent connivance of its compliant auditors, it cooked the books successfully for a number of years, then arranged for the top insiders to cash out before other investors and employees figured out that they were in jeopardy.

The damage is widespread. To take but one example, Georgia Sen. Max Cleland told me that the public school teachers' pension fund in his state took such a heavy hit on its Enron stock that he has been besieged by questions from worried teachers wondering if they will be able to retire when they had planned.

The question that cries out from the Enron-Andersen debacle is whether another Republican administration will move to restore the "supervision and control" of corporations needed to restore public confidence in the conduct of business leaders.

The question is larger and more important than the question of what - if anything - the Bush administration did for Enron in return for the lavish campaign contributions the company and its legal-accounting network provided to the president's campaign.

Enron flooded the political market with money and sent platoon of insider lobbyists to Capitol Hill and the White House to keep government off its back. The accounting giants did the same thing.

As in Roosevelt's day, these clever operators found plenty of politicians in both parties who were prepared to see things



DAVID S. BRODER

their way. They blocked the efforts of regulators like former Securities and Exchange Commission chairman Arthur

Levitt who were smart enough to see through the scams and brave enough to try to blow the whistle on them.

Teddy Roosevelt bucked his party's tradition - and such power brokers as Mark Hanna - to take on the runaway capitalists of his era. It only made him more popular with the people. When J.P. Morgan tried to persuade Hanna to challenge

Roosevelt for the 1904 Republican nomination, the Ohio senator told the tycoon it would be futile. Roosevelt went on to win a historic landslide victory.

There is a lesson there for George Bush - if he cares to heed it.

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SPORTS

Shoshone girls win berth to state

The Times-News

CAREY - Back on track after an early tournament loss, Shoshone's girls guaranteed themselves a IA state tournament berth, finishing off sports Camas 49-35 at the Northside Conference ... Tournament Wednesday night at Carey High School.

With the win, the Indians (21-2) advanced to play Dietrich in one of two possible finals tonight. Shoshone must win to force a deciding Game 2 on Friday. The winner takes the No. 1 seed to next week's district tournament at Murtaugh.

But the Indians were without leading scorer Monica Uhrig, who was diagnosed with a fractured tibia earlier in the week. It is unknown if Uhrig's season is over.

Jazz Harris scored 19 points to lead Shoshone. Annika Backstrom led the Musters with 12 points. Camas County (8-13) heads to district the No. 3 seed and must defeat the third seed from the Magic Valley Conference to advance to state.

Shoshone 49, Camas County 35
Shoshone 10-19-36
Camas County 12-19-35

Magie Valley Conference Tournament

Castelford 67, Oakley 61
MURTAUGH - The Wolves advanced in the consolation

bracket of the Magic Valley Conference Tournament on Wednesday, defeating Oakley 67-61 in Murtaugh.

An explosive fourth quarter saw Castelford hit four 3-pointers, outscoring the Hornets 25-17 for the win. Diana Corta rallied the Wolves with a game-high 28 points, backed up by Malorie Graybeal's 14. All Cranney finished with 20 points, and Valerie Bedke had 16 to lead Oakley (13-13).

Castelford (5-17) now faces Raft River (4-19) at 6 p.m. in Murtaugh in a loser-out match. The winner will earn a berth to the district tournament.

"We're going to have to stop their big girls underneath," Wolves coach Gary Reynolds said of Raft River. "Put pressure on them up front."

Castelford 67, Oakley 61
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Boys basketball

Burley 59, Wood River 22

HAILEY - Jono Barker scored a game-high 16 points and Cole Nelson added 12 to lead Burley (10-7) over Wood River 59-22 Wednesday in Hailey.

Burley 59, Wood River 22
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Woods grabs another player of the year award

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Tiger Woods was presented the PGA Tour's top awards for the third straight year Wednesday night, not bad for a guy supposed to be in a slump.

In a ceremony about 200 yards from where he won the 2000 U.S. Open to start his historic romp through the majors, Woods

received the Jack Nicklaus Award as player of the year, the Byron Nelson Award for having the lowest scoring average and the Arnold Palmer Award for winning the money title.

Charles Howell III was honored as the PGA Tour rookie of the year and got choked up as he remembered Ely Callaway, the

equipment pioneer who died July 5 of pancreatic cancer.

The Nicklaus Award is a vote of the players. Woods won that for the fourth time in the past five seasons after a year in which he won five times, including the Masters to become the first player to hold all four majors at the same time. "It was an interesting year,"

Hot Hands

Girls high school basketball coaches nura Thursdays throughout the season. Coaches should poststate weekly by noon Tuesday to 877-4543, Attn: Scott Thompson.

Stats are based on a minimum seven games played in. Coaches who need stat forms, call Scott at 877-4042, Ext. 106.

Wendell 57, Valley 48
18 11 15 47
18 11 15 47

Scoring
Name O Tot. Avg.
Amy Walker, Glenna Ferry 20 269 15.0

Rebounds
Name O Tot. Avg.
Amy Walker, Glenna Ferry 20 154 7.7

Assists
Name O Tot. Avg.
Katie McCaslin, Valley 20 61 3.1

Minico wrestling sweeps Burley, Buhl in tri-meet

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT - The home-standing Minico Spartans wrestling team continued its torrid ways, thumping Burley and Buhl in a tri-meet Wednesday.

The Spartans demolished Twin Falls in a dual last week, then won their own Red Halverson Memorial Tournament over the weekend and capped the streak off with 56-16 victory over Buhl and a 71-5 demolition of cross-rival Burley in the nightcap.

The Bobcats defeated Buhl 39-31 in the other match of the night.

"We're just doing what we're training to do," Minico coach Brad Cooper said. "We're supposed to be improving."

Spartan 171-pounder Joey Vail has the secret to Minico's success: Early morning running.

Vail's 4-2 victory over Burley standout Gerardo Vega was one of the few close matches in a night of runaways.

Vail and Vega were 3-3 against one another in their careers going into the night, with Vail trailing Vega 2-1 this season.

"He's always escaped from me before, so coach wanted me to give it to him early so that I had all period to score a takedown," Vail explained.

With 33 seconds remaining, Vail got the takedown and took home the rubber match.

"I'm not going to fault my kid at all," Milliron said. "All I ask

for is max effort and that's what Gordon gave me."

The only other highlight for the Bobcats came on a pin by 112-pounder Jason Brunk, who took down freshman Andrew Kent. Kent was wrestling because Eric Adams is down with the flu.

Burley ended the match with five takedown points because the Bobcats had a point docked when Milliron contested a call by the referee.

The Bobcats downed the Buhl Indians thanks to five forfeits by the Indians, who were missing three wrestlers due to illness.

"We believe in Buhl and we just didn't believe against Minico," Milliron said. "I don't know if we lost focus or what. But Minico is a very good team."

Wednesday's losses were only the third and fourth of the season for the Indians.

"When you have five forfeits, that's just not very much fun," Indians coach Stacy Wilson said.

Wilson said Josh Strucel (145), Dave Alves (125) and Matt Busby (189) will most likely wrestle this weekend when Buhl and Burley meet. But he said there was no reason to wrestle and risk getting even more sick for out-of-classification matches.

Undefeated Burley heavyweight Jackson Jones also missed the meet because of sickness, while Minico's Josh and Jeff Anderson both remained unbeaten.

Burley 39, Buhl 31
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Minico 56, Buhl 16
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Minico 71, Burley 5
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Ski

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Soldier Hollow, the venue for this year's Olympics Nordic events.

Several countries were represented, including the United States, Norway, Italy, Sweden, Canada, Ukraine, and Liechtenstein.

Muehlelegg came to Sun Valley without his team, which is training in Italy, in hopes that training at high-altitude would give him a leg up at the games, which begin Feb. 8.

He charged out of the starting gate of the men's 10-kilometer skate race with a ferocious V2 ski-pole combination and never let up. He planted his poles on the hills in quick staccato motion. And he continued his ski and pole motion on the downhill while others took a breath, bending their bodies into a tuck.

"This was an important test for the Olympics. It was a hard track today but I felt like I did well on it," he said.

Two of Muehlelegg's toughest competitors - Thomas Alsgaard and Bente Skari of Norway - sat out the race, claiming it didn't mesh with their training schedules.

In their absence, Markus Hasler and Stephan Kunz of Liechtenstein took second and third place, respectively.

U.S. skier Justin Wadsworth, who raced in second place a third of the way through the event, just missed claiming third by a fraction of a second.

"I'm finally starting to come around," he said. "I've been re-



Johann Muehlelegg, the German-born reigning Nordic World Cup champion from Spain, plows through the snow in Sun Valley during Wednesday's Idaho International Grand Prix.

ing up and I think it's paying off in my skiing."

Belmondoo, a 33-year-old, 95-pound blur on skis, led a handful of other skiers kept her in their sight the first lap. Then, she hammered it home, besting Canadian Beckie Scott by 15 seconds.

"Today was very important," she said. "Sun Valley's a little

higher than our training center in Canmore, (Alberta) and I can feel it," said Scott, who outspurred Ukrainian skier Valentin Schevchenko at the finish line by one tenth of a second.

"But it was good to race. It's been couple weeks since we've raced."

Tessa Benoit, a Nordic Olympian, who lives in Hailey,

finished 19th with a time of 18 minutes, 15.2 seconds.

U.S. skier Nina Kentuppl, who is headed to her fourth Winter Games, came in ninth with a time of 17:22.2. "I was winded today, but I haven't been at altitude that long," she said.

Sun Valley's head Nordic coach Rick Kapala said the race accomplished everything he had hoped it would.

"We wanted a fair, safe competition for the skiers. And we wanted to show the people of Sun Valley how cool cross country racing is," he said. "Most people think of cross country skiing as putting on wool knickers and shuffling through the woods. That's like comparing a bike ride to Baskin-Robbins with what Lance Armstrong does."

"These guys are so quick, so powerful, it blows people away when they see it."

Results
Men's 10K Skate
1. Johann Muehlelegg, Spain, 20:17.2. Marko Hietalahti, Liechtenstein, 20:58.8. Stephan Kunz, Liechtenstein, 21:23.1.



Countdown to Salt Lake 8 days until

Opening Ceremony

The Torch Tour: The Olympic flame continues the Colorado leg of its journey. It stops in Littleton, Castle Rock and Colorado Springs.

March to the Medals: Third-generation Olympian Jim Shea Jr. was among the guests seated in first lady Laura Bush's box as President Bush delivered his State of the Union address Tuesday night. Also in the box, Mitt Romney, president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Mr. Bill's holds boxing smoker Saturday
JEROME - The third annual Mr. Bill's Boxing Smoker will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder. Jerome Admission is \$10. For more information, call 324-9928.

Heart attack claims 'Night Train' Lane at 73
AUSTIN, Texas - Dick "Night Train" Lane hounded wide receivers with his ferocious tackles and quarterback with his interceptions.

An undrafted free agent who would become one of the greatest defensive backs in NFL history during his 14-year career, Lane died Tuesday night after a heart attack at the assisted living facility where he lived. He was 73.

A member of the NFL's All-Time team for its first 75 years, Lane was an aggressive tackler whose signature hit - a clothesline-type move dubbed the "Night Train Necktie" - was banned by the league because it was too dangerous.

Lane was a big hit his rookie season when he had 14 interceptions in a 12 game season, a mark that has stood for 50 years despite the schedule increasing to 16 games.

At 6-foot-3, 185 pounds, Lane was often bigger and faster than wide receivers. His 68 career interceptions remain among the most in league history, and he returned them for 1,207 yards and five touchdowns.

Former Olympian headlines fund-raiser
SUN VALLEY - Four-time Olympian Dara Torres, who won her ninth swimming medal at the Sydney Olympics two years ago, is the featured guest speaker at a fund-raiser for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team tonight.

The fund-raiser will be held from 5-7 p.m. at Bigwood Bread in Ketchum's Northwood Industrial Park.

Also on hand will be 1998 and 2002 Paralympic alpine skier Muffy Davis and Swedish tennis star Mats Wilander, who now lives in Hailey.

Admission to the "Night of Champions" is \$5 and includes food, beer, wine and soft drinks, as well as live music.

Those who pitch \$20 toward the cause will become members of Sun Valley Adaptive Sports and eligible to win a 2002-2003 Sun Valley season ski pass.

Wendell High awards boosters
WENDELL - Dennis Chandler and Wendy Schwendiman were recently named Wendell High Boosters of the Month for January. Each received a plaque and a reserved parking spot for the month.

Wendell High Boosters will meet on Monday Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in the school library. Boosters meet the first Monday of each month.

Glenn sues NFL for disability discrimination
NEW YORK - New England wide receiver Terry Glenn sued the NFL Wednesday, saying it discriminated against him for a disability that prevented him from following certain rules in the league's substance abuse policy.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, four days before the Patriots face the St. Louis Rams in the Super Bowl in New Orleans, alleged that since at least 1999 Glenn has had chronic depression, a disability recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Lewis still wants to fight Tyson
LONDON - Lennox Lewis still wants Mike Tyson. He talks like a fighter who needs Mike Tyson.

"My main aim for staying around is Mike Tyson," Lewis said Wednesday. "It's the last notch on my belt, icing on my cake. I would love to fight him before he retires."

Tourney

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Today's games will all be played at ISDB but Gooding High School will host some of the action Friday and Saturday, including the championship games Saturday evening.

Phoenix is the defending boys champion and California-Fremont is the reigning girls champion after winning titles at Riverside last year.

If history means anything, Fremont will be the favorite in the boys competition since the California team has won 12 of the 24 tournaments held, while the California schools Fremont and Riverside also dominate the girls tourney with 10 titles in 22 years.

However, the Oregon girls

have won all three of their titles since 1997.

TSDB, by far the smallest school in the tournament, traditionally doesn't do too well but "that just makes it more special when we do win."

Both the boys and girls teams last played in 1995 when the girls took home their second straight title and the boys finished third.

Those were the only two titles the girls have won and the boys have a lone championship back in 1982.

Houser said his favorite moment from last year's tournament was when Randy Warren, a visually impaired student at ISDB, sank a basket.

"The whole crowd just jumped up and roared," Houser said, adding that it's very rare for a visually impaired student to compete in basketball.

Those coming to the tournament will not only get to "experience a different way to play basketball but will experience deaf culture at its biggest and finest," Houser said.

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# Predators surprise slayers; Avalanche hits milestone; Mailman hits milestone; Jazz knock off Chicago

**DENVER** — Scott Hartnell scored two goals and the Nashville Predators capitalized on sloppy play by Colorado to beat the Avalanche 5-2 on Wednesday night.

Hartnell stole the puck from Brian Wiltsie and scored on a backhand at 1:27 of the second period to lead the Predators into a 1-0 tie.

**Mlanders 6, Rangers 3**

**NEW YORK** — Alexei Yashin scored three goals in the first period and got involved in a second-period melee as the New York Islanders beat the New York Rangers 6-3 Wednesday night.

Yashin entered the game with just one goal in his previous 15 games.

**Kings 2, Wild 0**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** — Felix Potvin made 20 saves for his third shutout of the month as Los Angeles beat Minnesota.

Philippe Boucher and Nelson Emerson scored to help the Kings finish January with an 11-3-0 record, the first 11-win month in franchise history.

"We've just kept working and tried to stay consistent from day one," Kings coach Andy Murray said. "We were one win away from the best December ever here, so that's two pretty good months of hockey. But with the teams around us, there's no comfort zone."

**Senators 3, Flyers 1**

**OTTAWA** — Marian Hossa scored the go-ahead goal with 3:39 left and Patrick Lalime made 18 saves as Ottawa beat Philadelphia.

Zdeno Chara tied with a power-play goal midway through the third period, and

Todd White added an empty-net goal. Jeremy Roenick reached 1,000 career points with a first-period goal for Philadelphia, 10-2-1 in his last 14 games.

**Bruins 4, Canadiens 3, OT**

**MONTREAL** — Sean O'Donnell scored 11:16 into overtime as Boston recovered from blowing a two-goal lead late in the third period to beat Montreal and extend its winning streak to three games.

**Maple Leafs 6, Thrashers 0**

**ATLANTA** — Curtis Joseph made 17 saves for his fourth shutout of the season, and six players scored as Toronto beat Atlanta.

**Coyotes 3, Panthers 1**

**SUNRISE, Fla.** — Radoslaw Suchy snipped a 30-game scoreless streak and Sean Burke made 41 saves to lead Phoenix past Florida.

Phoenix extended its winning streak to three games and won for the fifth time in six games.

**Hurricanes 3, Lightning 1**

**TAMPA, Fla.** — Arturs Irbe made 18 saves and Bates Battaglia scored the go-ahead goal to lead Carolina to a victory over Tampa Bay.

Sami Kapapanen and Rod Brind'Amour also flipped for the Hurricanes, who outshot Tampa Bay 40:19 to snap a seven-game (0-2-5) winless streak.

**Blues 4, Capitals 1**

**WASHINGTON** — Pavol Demitra scored two goals in a three-goal second

period and St. Louis snapped a three-game losing streak with a victory over Washington.

**Sharks 6, Penguins 3**

**PITTSBURGH** — Alexander Korolyuk scored the go-ahead goal and set up another as San Jose scored four goals in less than 18 minutes to beat Pittsburgh.

Alexei Kovalev scored twice as the Sharks took a 2-1 lead, but the Sharks - 0-3-1 in the first four games of a five-game road trip - responded with goals by Vincent Damphousse and Scott Thornton 26 seconds apart in the second period. The Sharks scored the final four goals.

**Devils 3, Blackhawks 1**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** — Scott Gomez set up goals by veteran linemates Bobholz and Sergei Brylin and Martin Brodeur had 27 saves as New Jersey beat Chicago, its second victory in as many nights under new coach Kevin Constantine.

**Flames 4, Red Wings 3**

**CALGARY, Alberta** — Marc Savard scored three goals to lead Calgary to a 4-3 victory over Detroit on Wednesday night, the Flames' third victory of the season over NHL's top team.

Savard completed the scoring on a power-play at 8:33 of the third period, flipping a backhand shot over Manny Legace's glove just 1:24 after Detroit's Brendan Shanahan tied it at 3.

Savard, who has 10 goals this season, also had an assist to help the Flames snap Detroit's six-game unbeaten streak.

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Karl Malone scored 18 points, putting him squarely at 34,000 points in his 17-year career, as Utah beat Chicago 90-78.

Picked for his 14th All-Star team this week, Malone came out of the matchup against the Bulls needing 18 points to reach 34,000. Despite a 5-of-14 shooting night, he got it on a free throw with 1:27 to play.

John Stockton scored 16 points and had 10 assists as Utah beat Chicago for the ninth straight time in the regular season. Eddie Robinson led the Bulls with 18 points.

**Lakers 111, Magic 93**

**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Shaquille O'Neal had 30 points and 14 rebounds and Kobe Bryant had 12 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Orlando Magic 111-93 Wednesday night.

The Lakers outscored Orlando 18-2 to open the final period, as the Magic missed their first nine shots. O'Neal hit a free throw with 5:37 remaining for a 93-79 lead, and Orlando never again came closer than 11 points.

Pat Garrity and Tracy McGrady each scored 22 points to lead the Magic, who have lost seven straight to the Lakers.

**76ers 96, Timberwolves 91**

**PHILADELPHIA** — Allen Iverson scored 38 points and Derrick Coleman added 18 points and nine rebounds, leading Philadelphia to a 96-91 victory over Minnesota on Tuesday night.

Iverson scored 15 points in the second half, including a 3-point shot with 1:11 left to seal the win. Iverson's 38 points are a franchise record.

by Eric Snow broke an 88-88 tie with 56.4 seconds left and Iverson hit a long jumper to make it 92-88 with 18.7 remaining. Iverson then tied it with a pair of free throws.

Wally Szczerbiak had 31 points and Kevin Garnett added 18 points and nine rebounds for Minnesota, which has lost four of five after winning 11 of 12.

**Pacers 83, Grizzlies 82**

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Reggie Miller hit two 3-pointers in the final minute - his only field goals of the game - and Indiana used a game-ending 17-3 run to beat Memphis.

Jalen Rose scored 25 points and Jermaine O'Neal had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Pacers, who trailed by 13 with 4:51 minutes left in the game.

Shane Battier had 27 points and Pau Gasol added 18 points and 13 rebounds for Memphis.

**Pistons 88, Hawks 77**

**ABURRN HILLS, Mich.** — Jerry Stackhouse had 32 points and Ben Wallace added 10 points and a season-high 19 rebounds to help Detroit beat Detroit won its fourth in a row and the 2,000th game in franchise history, becoming the sixth team to reach that milestone. The Hawks have lost five straight and 11 of 12.

Chuck Atkins added 15 points for the Pistons and Corliss Williamson had 12. Jason Terry led Atlanta with 18 while Hawks All-Star Shaquille O'Neal had just 10 on 4-of-14 shooting.

## SCORES AND STATS

### BASKETBALL

#### National Basketball

##### Association

##### Atlantic Division

New Jersey	21	17	31
Philadelphia	22	20	31
Brooklyn	22	20	31
Orlando	21	20	31
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##### Central Division

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AROUND THE VALLEY

House fire causes \$15,000 in damage

JEROME - A fire Wednesday morning caused several thousand dollars in damage to a rental house in Jerome.
The fire started in the attic of a home on the 400 block of East Fifth Street in Jerome, and is believed to have been caused by overloaded wiring, said Jerome Fire Chief Jim Auclair.
Firefighters believe the wires overheated Tuesday and then smoldered overnight, Auclair said.
There was no evidence inside the house Wednesday morning of a fire taking place, Auclair said. It wasn't until about 8 a.m. the tenant discovered that smoke outside was actually coming from the attic.
Auclair said it took firefighters 30 minutes to contain the fire, which caused an estimated \$15,000 in damage. He said he didn't know if the house would be worth remodeling. No one was injured.

UI hosts 'Winterfest' Thursday in Twin Falls

MOSCOW - The University of Idaho is hosting a "Winterfest" gathering today at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.
The social will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. The menu includes steak and fish. Cost is \$25 per person, and \$40 per couple.
Becky and Mary Anne Blick of Castleford will receive the UI Jim Lyle Award for their long-term dedication and volunteer service to the university and its Alumni Association.
Guests include UI President Bob Hoover, Mike Bohm, executive director, Harold Gibson, alumni director and Wright Waters, commissioner of the South Belt Conference.
"Winterfest is sponsored by the Magic Valley chapter of the Vandal Scholarship Fund and the UI Alumni Association."
To attend, call Jeff Blick at 733-7653 or e-mail him at jblick@west.era.cc. Those planning to attend should RSVP.
For more information, call Hugh Cooke at the UI Alumni Office in Moscow, 835-5106, or e-mail him at hcooke@idahovandals.com.

Opening reception is Friday for Kimberly artist

TWIN FALLS - An opening reception for Kimberly artist Virginia Carter's handmade paper art exhibit is scheduled for Friday night at the Magic Valley Arts Council office.
Carter's art reveals canvases of handmade paper with various shapes, watercolor and ink abstractly integrated into the paper. It will be on display through Feb. 22 in the arts council's Galeria Pequena.
The reception will be from 7-8 p.m. The arts council office is located at 132 Main Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

Kimberly fund-raiser supper scheduled Friday

KIMBERLY - The annual potato-chili supper sponsored by Winco Food Store and the Kimberly Middle Teacher Student Organization will be Friday.
The supper will last from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the new Kimberly High School commons area. The menu will feature chili, potatoes and cinnamon rolls. Meal tickets are \$3 per person or \$15 per family. Children under 5 eat free.
Raffle tickets that were sold by students this month will be drawn during the meal for prizes.

Sun Valley police look for Olympian's stolen skis

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley Police are looking for eight pairs of cross-country skis that were taken from the Italian trailer at the Sun Valley Nordic Center Tuesday.
The yellow and black Fischer skis belong to Olympic racer Stephanie Belmont, one of the top female competitors in the Idaho International Grand Prix, which took place Wednesday.
Among the skis were a few that she won gold medals on in past years. They have sentimental value to her, said Sun Valley Police Chief Cam Daggett.
The incident is the second involving Olympian athletes training at Sun Valley before the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.
Last week a vehicle slid into a van carrying the Norwegian Nordic men's team en route from Friedman Memorial Airport in Inlay to Sun Valley. There were no injuries reported.

Compiled from staff reports

The power of space



A view from the road near Shoshone.

LISA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

The gaping West consumes both mind and heart

Stark, barren, desolate, vast - all describe the rapidly shrinking wide-open spaces of "The West," the mystical land where cowboys are real, cattle wander and where, for many decades, people who aren't "from there" go seeking a better life.
Part of the draw is a landscape of sparse minimalism - few plants and only the hardiest of native fauna. The long stretches of open road let you see for miles across the desert, and there are spaces for the mind to have its own thoughts unhampered by the rapid-fire pace that information is usually delivered, the hallmark of a high-tech society. Consumers of television and the Internet rarely have an image before them for more than a glimpse, much less a soul-searching look.



IMAGES Lisa M. Collard

The pace of metropolitan areas is such that just surviving getting to and from work can be a challenge, not to mention taking a look around to contemplate your surroundings.
Much of the West is a landscape that draws you into it by making you pay attention and take nothing for granted. Often the colors are gentle and similar - the pale greys of sage and the tones of beige of sand and rock. Occasionally the gift of an awe-

striking sunset comes along with its fiery brilliance. The land can be gently rolling and suddenly dip into a craggy canyon or shoot up into a jagged mountain tipped with snow. It's a land that can appear to be bathed in sameness, until you stop to pay attention.
It's a landscape where you can be anonymous, where it doesn't matter who you are or what you've done because, clearly, one human is insignificant in the face of all that tremendous space. Nothing is obvious - it's a land of no halfway, and it can be deadly if you don't know what you're doing.
There are books written about people, mostly young men, who come to the West and wander into a desert or canyon never to be heard from again. Did they

meet a terrible end or make a new beginning? Of course, some may argue that the gift of anonymity may have been a refuge for bandits and those seeking religious or lifestyle freedom years ago, but surely that is no longer the case. Just take a look at a road atlas of the United States that shows the entire highway system for the nation, and you will see the appeal of the uncluttered Western states.
The power and draw of the open spaces of the West are still quite real, whether you live here or just dream of it.
Images is an occasional column featuring the words and photographs of Times-News photographers. Lisa Collard can be reached at 735-3251, or by e-mail at lcollard@magicvalley.com.

FBI arrests Burley bank robbery suspect

BURLEY - A Twin Falls man wanted for a Burley bank robbery was apprehended in Amarillo, Texas, by federal and Texas law enforcement agents Tuesday.
Steven James Parker, 29, has been indicted for an Aug. 21 robbery at Zions Bank.
FBI agents located Parker in an Amarillo house. Accompanied by Amarillo police officers, FBI agents knocked on the door. Parker answered the door and gave up without a fight, said Sgt. Randy Tenbrink of the Amarillo Police Department.
Parker was in possession of a vehicle stolen from an Amarillo

Saturn dealership. FBI agents didn't want charges pressed for the stolen vehicle, preferring to pursue the federal warrant for bank robbery, Tenbrink said.
Parker is charged with approaching three tellers at Zions Bank and handing them a note demanding money. In that approach, the suspect didn't brandish a weapon but was wearing a surgical mask. He placed the money in a white garbage bag and fled.
The FBI was able to request an indictment after receiving numerous phone calls from people, including people who knew Parker well, who helped identify him as the suspect, said Agent Jim Hilburda of the Twin Falls FBI office. The indictment was

handed down in U.S. District Court in Boise Sept. 26 while Parker was at large.
Parker's journey apparently took him through New Mexico, where a trailer he had been using was found.
He is also wanted in Twin Falls County for a probation violation on Oct. 4, 1999. In the second incident, he was booked on July 19, 2000, and released on Feb. 26, 2001.
Parker remains in custody in a Texas jail but is expected to return to Idaho to face charges, said Cassia County Sheriff James Higgs.

Wolf 'delisting' plan goes to legislative committee

BOISE - Initial reintroduction of wolves into Idaho was rough, but now the animals are reproducing like noxious weeds, the Senate Resources and Environment Committee was told Wednesday.
Getting the animal off the federal endangered species list won't come too soon for the state, those who oversee the project said.
The Idaho Wolf Oversight Committee presented a plan - the

17th draft - to the legislative committee with hope that the panel will pass it on to the full Legislature for approval this session. The seven-member group has been working on a "delisting" plan for 10 years. The legislatures of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming must approve delisting plans before the conservation and management phase begins.
A plan for reintroducing the wolf into the three-state area was approved in 1987. In 1995 and 1996, 31 wolves from southwest- Please see WOLVES, Page C3

United Way's new leadership manages donations

By Sandy Miller The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - United Way of South Central Idaho has been busy raising funds to help senior citizens, children and others in need.
Now it's time to decide how to divvy up the dollars.
Seventeen people have been appointed to the 2002 United Way Allocation Hearing Committee to make those decisions. Their job will be to decide which agencies receive funding and just how much funding they'll receive.
Members of the committee will meet Monday through Friday next week to hear from representatives of nonprofit agencies that their organizations needs. They'll review applications, pour through agency budgets and then present their recommendations to the United Way of South Central Idaho Board on Feb. 15 for its approval.
The committee includes everyone from a city council member,

to a senior citizen to representatives of local businesses.
"This is the community deciding where to spend the money that was raised," said Jim Ponzio, director of the United Way of South Central Idaho. "They come from all over the community.
"I think it's a great honor," said Cheryl Kaatz, a retired teacher who has served on the committee four years. "After you participate for that week, you come away with an appreciation for all the groups who are working so hard to help abused children, battered wives, the homeless, the hungry and the victims of fires."
Ponzio said the United Way has raised just over \$300,000 toward its \$450,000 goal and will continue to receive contributions into the year. A number of businesses conducted workplace fund-raising campaigns, including Costco, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the College of Southern Idaho, Independent Meat, Lamb Weston, Target, Fred Meyer, First Federal Savings, Con

Paulos and JP Penney.
"I'm thrilled we matched last year's total available for the allocation committee, considering economic problems that impacted our pledge losses as well as the September 11 events," Ponzio said.
Ponzio said the committee will look at the success of the organizations to determine which ones to fund and how much funding they'll get.
"They'll do the decision making based on the outcomes of the programs that are asking for funding," Ponzio said. "If there's a change in agency funding it usually has to do with a program that doesn't meet outcome criteria."
Kaatz said the most difficult thing for the committee is not being able to give an organization all of the funding they ask for. The needs are great, but the dollars only go so far, Kaatz said.
"It's hard to tell an organization, 'We just can't give it to you,'" she said. "You just do the best you can."

2002 United Way Allocation Hearing Committee
List of names and roles: Elaine Steels, Twin Falls City Council; Nickl Kiese, Longview Florist Co.; Wholesale; Kim Ann Brown, Cactus; Pam Arnold, senior citizen; Debbie Myles, consumer services; Bob Richards, Jerome economic development director; Eddy Pouchman, Fred Meyer; Jamie Kelley, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center; David Carter, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center; Cindy Scott, CSI Head Start; Rod Burks, Burks Tractors; Chris Stalmetz, Wal-Mart; Jim Goodwin, JC Penney; Donating to the United Way; Contributions may be sent to the United Way of South Central Idaho, P.O. Box 65, Twin Falls, 83303; The organizations supported by the United Way of South Central Idaho; Resource: Crisis Center of Magic Valley; Grandparents of Grandchildren; Girl Scouts; Garden Ad Utem (CASA); Hageman Senior Center; Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers; Jerome Senior Center; Sun Valley SAFE; KIDS Coalition; MindKos Senior Center; Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Salvation Army; Senior Companions; Silver & Gold Senior Center; Edgemoor Senior Center; Twin Falls Senior Center; Valley House; Women's Center (Apostrophe of Halley); West End Senior Center; Senior-Built YMCA.

Group may offer food distribution program

By Lorraine Cavener Times-News correspondent
PAUL - A Paul man is reacting in a unique way to recent problems with distribution of food to needy people.
Because the Idaho Community Action Network's food program has been suspended until April, Jason Wells has been working to form a new group.
REACT - Radio Emergency Association Community Team - a non-profit organization, might be able to start up a new food program.
How could a ham and CB radio club help with a food program?
At a meeting of disgruntled ICAN members Wednesday, Wells said REACT is a radio group that gets involved with the community and helps out in many ways.
As a nonprofit organization, the group could apply for grants for community projects.
"We would hope to help revive the food program," he said.
The new group would not be related to ICAN or any other organizations.
ICAN and other groups like it have so many leaders and committees involved that it often defeats the purpose of the group, he said.
"They depend so much time posturing and telling each other who is in charge," Wells said.
A REACT team could not operate under a vast organizational network, but rather as a simple team that could accomplish tasks such as food distribution to needy people, he said.
Wells said he no longer wants Please see ICAN, Page C3

MAGIC VALLEY

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

SHOSHONE



**Jeffrey D. Sage**  
Jeffrey D. Sage, 33, of Shoshone and Sun Valley, Idaho, died January 26, 2002, near Boise, Idaho, as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

Jeff was born October 18, 1968, in John Day, Oregon, to Don and Becky Sage. Jeff moved to southern Idaho with his family shortly after his birth, attending schools in Jerome and Valley before graduating from Richfield High School in 1987. In 1990, Jeff obtained employment with the Sun Valley Company as a member of the grounds crew. He continued to work for the company as the grounds supervisor until his death. Jeff loved the outdoors, adventure, traveling, bowling and was a collector of movie paraphernalia. Prior to his death he was able to fulfill lifelong dreams of skydiving and traveling to numerous national parks and areas of interest within the USA and foreign countries such as Lithuania and the former Soviet Union.

Although a bachelor, Jeff loved family and children, spending large quantities of quality time with his niece Ciara and nephew Riley. Jeff is survived by his parents Don (Eileen) Sage and Becky (Wes) Pascale, a sister, Cresta (Russ) Swainston, and a brother, Jeremiah Sage, all of Shoshone and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by an uncle and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Jeff was a generous, caring and loving person and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Services will be held on Friday, February 1, 2002, at 2 p.m. at the Church of Latter-day Saints in Shoshone. Following dedication of the grave, all family and friends are invited to attend a potluck dinner to be held in the multi purpose room of the church.

DEKAUWE

Bessie will be greatly missed by all of us who loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dave, a brother, Leo, and sisters Alverda and Laura, and friend Jenny Stewart.

The funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, February 4, 2002, at White Mortuary Chapel. Private interment will take place at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

WENDOVER, NEV.



**Roy Dee Conner**  
Roy Dee Conner, Sr., 61 of Wendover, Nevada, died Tuesday, January 29, 2002, at his home.

Roy was born January 7, 1941, in Buhl, Idaho, to Carl and Meta Harms Conner. He was raised in Buhl and graduated from Buhl High School. Following his graduation he moved to California to work with his uncle John.

In construction, in 1961, he married Ethel Ann Booth at Buhl and they were later divorced. In 1988, he married Betty Ann Connell at Wendover, Nevada. Roy lived in Jackpot, Nevada, for many years, serving as an Eiko County Deputy Sheriff and later working at the Wendover, Nevada. Roy loved hunting, camping, golfing, and gardening, cars and motorcycles. His greatest love, though was making memories for his wife, kids and grandkids.

Roy is survived by his wife Betty of Wendover; his children, Jeff Conner of Hollister, Idaho, Barry (Shelley) Conner of Filer, Idaho, Anna (Elwyn) Slagowski of Wendover, Roy Dee (Traci) Conner, Jr., also of Wendover, and Dion (Annette) Connel of Meridian, Idaho; his twin brother, Ray Conner of Bellonte, Pennsylvania; his sisters, Doris Millard of Boise, and Carlean Huntington of Durango, Colorado; and 12 grandchildren.

Roy now joins the spirit of his parents and his brother Larry who are watching over those of us who are left behind.

The funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, February 1, 2002, at White Mortuary Chapel. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Camin officiating. Burial will follow at Wendell Cemetery in Wendell. Memorials may be made to Lutheran Care Center, at the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise, ID. Friends may call at Demaray's Wendell Chapel on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

HEYBURN



**William (Bill) D. Beck**  
William (Bill) D. Beck, a 66 year old Heyburn resident, passed away January 28, 2002, in Heyburn, Idaho.

Bill was born on February 5, 1935, to Merle and Alameda Garrett Beck in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Bill farmed with his father as he was growing up. After graduating from high school he attended college at Idaho State University and served in the U.S. Army. Bill worked several years for Wonder Bread in Twin Falls and managed the Wonder Bread Heyburn store. He also worked for Four Seasons and was a dry waller. He was currently working for McBride Insulating.

Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, playing darts and shooting pool.

Bill is survived by his wife, Linda of Heyburn, his sons, Cory (Feliz) Eames of Heyburn, Mike (Brenda) Tilley of Kimberly, ID; and Ron (Pam) Tilley of Jerome, ID; daughters, Billie K. Beck of Oregon; Dena (Paul) Govea of Boise, ID; and Bobbie (Jeff) Mahler of Kimberly, ID; seven grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren; his father M.M. Dick Beck of Wendell, sister Virginia (Darrell) Watts of Wendell, Idaho and brothers Ron Beck of Carson City, Nevada.

He was preceded in death by his mother and one brother, Richard Beck and one infant sister Lois Ann Beck.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, February 1, 2002, at the Hansen Mortuary Ruptert Chapel, 710 6th Street with his brother-in-law Les Simpson officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Family and friends may call Thursday, January 31, 2002, at the Hansen Mortuary Ruptert Chapel from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Friday.

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JEROME



**Lucilla L. Thaeate Erickson**  
Lucilla L. Thaeate Erickson, 84, of Jerome, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise.

She was born Nov. 1, 1917, in Buhl, Idaho, a daughter of Edwin and Thekla Thaeate. On April 1, 1937, she married Oscar H. Thaeate in Twin Falls, ID. They farmed in Hansen and Wendell, ID, for many years. She worked for Simerly's in Wendell for a number of years. Oscar passed away in 1982. In 1984, she married Walt Erickson and has resided in Jerome since.

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Wendell and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome. She was active in many organizations in the Lutheran Church. Lucilla was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a very loving and forgiving person. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends who loved her.

She is survived by her husband Walt Erickson, sons Mel (Debbie) Thaeate of Fairfield, ID, Kenneth (Diana) Thaeate of Twin Falls, ID, daughters, Melva (Jim) Burns, of Milton-Freewater, OR, and Mary (Roy) Murray of Nampa, ID, brother Ewald Thaeate of Twin Falls, ID, and sister Adelme Dohse of Twin Falls, ID.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Oscar, and son Fredrick.

Funeral services for Lucilla will be held Friday, Feb. 1, 2002 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome, ID, with Pastor Baldwin

PAUL



**Sam Ogawa**  
Sam Ogawa, age 80 of Paul, passed away Monday, January 28, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Ogawa was born May 28, 1921, the son of Sempel and Kimi Amako Ogawa at Colico, Wyoming. Sam served his country during WWII in the United States Army, he married Mary Onishi at Salt Lake City, Utah, on December 19, 1946.

Sam farmed from 1946 to 1984 in the Burley and Paul area. Sam liked to work with wood. He always had a 'project' to do. He enjoyed taking pictures and camping at Challis, Idaho. Sam took great joy in his grandchildren. He was a member of the Heyburn Lions and a member of the Paul United Methodist Church. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors in addition to his wife Mary of Paul include 3 sons: Tom Ogawa of Salt Lake City, Utah, Mark (Loretta) Ogawa of Rupert, Idaho, Dave Ogawa of Sacramento,

TWIN FALLS



**Bessie M. Irons**  
Bessie M. Irons, daughter of Robert and Estelle Gibson Harrison-Bassett passed away January 29, 2002, at Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born in Shambaugh, Iowa, on July 4, 1904. After moving to the Twin Falls area spent her early years on a Cottonwood ranch south of Twin Falls. She married Frank McCleary in 1926 and they were in the restaurant business, including Wegner's Coffee Shop where they were later divorced. She then moved to Boise where she took care of her mother for several years. She later married Charles David Irons on September 23, 1975.

She lived in Boise until 1986 when she moved back to Twin Falls to be near her family and good friends. She enjoyed many trips and fishing excursions with her friend for over 85 years, Jenny Stewart.

Bessie is survived by her daughter Ethel (Jack) Young of Twin Falls, a granddaughter Jeanne (Mick) Grant of Gooding, a great-granddaughter Ingrid and her children, Matthew and Laura

SERVICES

Josephine L. Zeller of Twin Falls, service at 10:30 a.m. today at Farner Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl; burial will be held in Woodbine Cemetery in Puyallup, Wash. following a graveside service Monday.

White Mortuary.  
Willard Harry Mumm of Kimberley, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Joseph Earl Shobe of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Allene Pratt Kesterson of Twin Falls and formerly of Baker City, Ore., service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Coles Funeral Home, 1950 Place St.; Baker City; burial will follow at Mr. Hope Cemetery in Baker City (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Tom Eiji Koto of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary.

Elsie P. Allen of Burley, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 27th and Alamo; burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Pattie "Pat" R. Jeffries of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at the Gooding United Methodist Church; interment services will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Norma C. Larson of Challis, private family graveside service at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Challis Cemetery; public memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. in the Challis American Legion Hall (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Phil W. Crane of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave.; interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Ragmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

D. 'Dee' Dixon Anderson of Glens Ferry, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home; graveside service will follow at Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glens Ferry; visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. Saturday at Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel.

William Phillip Riedel of Hagerman, service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hagerman LDS Chapel; interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at

BOISE



**Zenia A. Hobson**  
Zenia A. Hobson, 98, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2002, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 1, 2002 at 11:30 a.m. at Summers Funeral Home, 1208 West Banck Street, Boise. Burial will follow at Cloverdale Cemetery. A visitation for family and friends will be at Summers Funeral Home, Boise, Idaho on Thursday, January 31st (tonight) from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Zenia was born September 9, 1903, in Crossville, Tennessee, to Jim and Mary Adams. At an early age she lost her mother and saved a great part in helping to raise her youngest sister, Clara. Zenia began her early education in Tennessee before moving to New Mexico to be near her mother's people. Later she moved to Buhl, Idaho, and then to Boise, Idaho, where she attended Albion State Normal School before starting her teaching career which lasted 35 years.

In 1926, Zenia married Everett (Hobbs) Hobson in Buhl where they lived for several years before moving to Gooding, Idaho. Zenia worked at the Gooding Garage. Later they moved to Hereford, Texas, and then to Lubbock, Texas.

She received her Bachelor's degree from West Texas State University by attending night school while teaching. Later she did graduate work at Texas Tech University.

After retiring, Zenia returned to Boise. About this time she decided to take up oil painting and did quite well at it. She enjoyed being back in Boise with her family. She was not one to sit around and wonder what to do and was active in everything that she joined. Her interests were White House, Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile #40, Women of the Moose, being a charter member in Buhl, Idaho. She was in the Elks Club, Gamma Honor Society and the Retired Teacher's Association in Idaho and Texas.

Zenia loved gardening and raised lots of flowers which she sold. She also enjoyed crocheting and reading. She loved to travel, both in the U.S.A. and abroad including Austria and New Zealand, China, Caribbean Cruises, Mexico, Canada, the Kentucky Derby, and Hawaii.

Surviving Zenia is one sister, Clara Averitt and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death was her husband, Hobbs, her parents; and five brothers, Clarence, Virgil, Ed, Tobie, and Charles Adams.

Memorials may be sent to Whitney United Methodist Church, 3215 Overland, Boise, Idaho 83707; the Shriners Hospital for Children, Fairfax & Virginia Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103; or a favorite charity.

Frances May Vansant MURTAUGH - Frances May Vansant, 89, of Murtaugh died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002, at her home.

Services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending under direction of Farner Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

HAROLD L. HEATH

**Harold L. Heath**  
GLENN'S FERRY - Harold L. Heath, 75, of Glens Ferry died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, at a Boise hospital.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1 at the VFW Hall in Glens Ferry. A lunch will follow at the Glens Ferry Senior Citizen Center.

Cremation is under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel.

Harry A. Newnham  
BUHL - Harry A. Newnham, 68, of Buhl died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002.

The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, at Farner Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl.

Interment will follow at West End Cemetery.

JEFFREY D. SAGE

**JEFFREY D. SAGE**  
SHOSHONE - Jeffrey D. Sage, 33, of Shoshone died Jan. 26, 2002, near Boise as the result of an auto accident.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Shoshone. Following the dedication of the grave, a potluck dinner will be held in the multi-purpose room of the church.

Elsie Louise Noxon  
BELLEVUE - Elsie Louise Noxon, 79, of Bellevue died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2002, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The service will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at the Wood River Chapel in Halley. Friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Friday and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the Wood River Chapel.

Arrangements are under the care of the Wood River Chapel in Halley.

SEAN PATRICK MCCORMICK

**SEAN PATRICK MCCORMICK**  
WENDELL - Sean Patrick McCormick, 29, of Wendell died Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at his home.

A memorial gathering will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 2002, at St. Anthony Catholic Church Parish Hall. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Rollie Law  
KETCHUM - Rollie Law of Ketchum died Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, in Yuma, Ariz.

Services are pending. Arrangements are under the care of the Wood River Chapel in Halley.

CLYDE W. SHAFFER

**CLYDE W. SHAFFER**  
TWIN FALLS - Clyde W. Shaffer, 72, died Tuesday, Jan. 29,

Dorothy Wright  
PAUL - Dorothy Mae Wright, 66, of Paul died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2002.

The funeral is pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

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Dwinnelle Allred, chairman of the Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee, stands on the brink where an old road crossed a canal near Rupert. The Cameron corner project was completed about two years ago, in part because of an endorsement by the transportation committee.

## Cooperative transportation planning means more money

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cooperative planning between Mini-Cassia highway districts has boosted funding chances for area transportation projects, officials say.

"There's absolutely no question in my mind... collaboration has helped bring in grant money for area projects," said Galen Smyer, chairman of the Burley Highway District.

The Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee, organized in 1992, brings the highway districts of Cassia and Minidoka counties together, along with city and county elected officials. The committee continues to grow as a representative from the volunteer emergency response units, a school bus superintendent and law enforcement officials have been asked to add input, said Dwinnelle Allred, committee chairman. The committee identifies likely areas for transportation projects and makes a priority list of those proposals.

"The committee's practice of evaluating the needs of the area

and making a list of priorities gives its proposed projects a reputation of legitimacy, which the proposals of more isolated highway districts often lack, members say.

"Their cooperation provides us with information that is fairly consistent and represents the community. That is very important as we are evaluating projects to recommend to the (state transportation) board, for funding," said Devin Rigby, district engineer for the Idaho Transportation Department.

Perhaps the most important part of the cooperation is the opportunity for unrelated entities to support each other's projects.

"A key factor is having multiple groups sit down and come up with a common recommendation," Rigby said.

When the committee prioritizes the proposed transportation projects the effort is hardly ever tainted by politics.

"It's quite amazing. We're extremely cooperative with each other's proposals," Allred said.

The transportation committee has given Mini-Cassia a leg up on

other areas, but success draws imitators. The committee has a better chance to win transportation grants if it strikes while the iron is hot, before other regional committees emerge, Smyer said.

The idea for the Mini-Cassia committee came from a similar organization in Twin Falls, Allred said.

The committee that brings together the Twin Falls, Murtaugh, Filer and Buhl highway districts calls itself the Magic Valley Transportation Committee, to allow for expansion, said Dave Burgess, manager of the Twin Falls Highway District. The Magic Valley committee is in the process of producing a comprehensive mapping system of area roads. Mapping and planning done by regional transportation committees will only become more important, Burgess said.

"This is a process you will have to have in place to secure future federal funds," he said.

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## Former Olympian will speak at fund raiser today

KETCHUM - Four-time Olympian Dara Torres, who came back to the Sydney Olympics two years ago to win her ninth swimming medal at the age of 33, will speak at a fund-raiser for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team today.

The fund-raiser will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bigwood Bread in Ketchum's Northwood Industrial Park.

Also on hand will be 1998 and 2002 Paralympic alpine skier Murfy Davis; Swedish tennis star Mats Wilander, who now lives in Hailey, U.S. Nordic coach Laura Todd and former skiing phenoms Terry and Tyler Palmer.

Admission to the Night of Champions is \$5 and includes hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soft drinks, as well as live music.

Those who pitch \$20 toward the cause will become members of Sun Valley Adaptive Sports and be eligible to win a 2002-2003 Sun Valley season ski pass.

Proceeds will go to Sun Valley's adaptive sports program, which is expanding to offer cross-country skiing this year, in addition to downhill skiing and water-skiing activities.

## Record number of students sign up for classes

MOSCOW (AP) - The University of Idaho is experiencing the highest spring semester enrollment in the history of the institution.

The total number of students grew by 17 percent for spring semester compared to a year ago. Graduate student enrollment grew by more than 5 percent. It is the fourth year in a row that

numbers have increased overall in the spring.

"That means more students are taking more classes, which reflects our work to become a residential campus of choice," President Bob Hoover said.

The number of international student is up by almost 17 percent.

"That is very welcome news

given the uncertainty following the events of Sept. 11," Mike Whiteman, interim vice provost for academic affairs, said.

The increase can also be attributed to increased recruitment efforts.

Enrollment was also up at the university's three residential centers in Coeur d'Alene, Boise and Idaho Falls.

## Over-abundance of corn chips heads to Salt Lake Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Don Pritchard needed about half a tractor-trailer load of corn chips for the Winter Olympics.

"But when the shipment arrived last week, he got 25 truckloads.

"We have a lot of chips," said

ICAN

frichard, the food service director for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, who was saddled with more than 1.3 million of the three-quarter-ounce bags of chips, multiplying an order for the snack almost 47-fold.

The mix up underscores the

daunting logistics of feeding 150,000 spectators, Olympic workers, officials and athletes, journalists and sponsors. And it could make General Mills' "Wahoo" chips the most ubiquitous item at the Olympics. Please, take some chips.

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anything to do with ICAN but is staying involved long enough to see that something is done about problems experienced with the group. Those problems include 150 pages of grievances and accusations, including stealing and mishandling of money.

"The group is funded by a long list of churches and organizations.

"A pre-Thanksgiving food distribution day turned ugly when committee members were confronted about problems.

"They made extra boxes off to the side and walked away with them," said ICAN member Larry Archuleta.

Janet Freeman, assistant food coordinator, agreed. She said so much happened with the food boxes that she was unable to control the situation or keep a record of who took what.

"That was worse than a fiasco," she said.

And similar problems had been happening for many months, members said.

The organization's board of directors told members that their grievances would be reviewed and decisions would be made. While board members have said it would take a long time to sort through all the issues, several members are dissatisfied with progress being made in the investigation. They said they fear nothing will be done and the organization will resume without disciplinary action.

But Adan Ramirez, who originally organized the food program in Burley, said there is no evidence of stealing or of any other misconduct on the part of committee members. The situation should be allowed to die

down, he said.

"Are we trying to destroy this organization?" Ramirez asked. "The situation is," he said, she said.

When Ramirez, a local ICAN member, started the food program, the only thing he had in mind was trying to help people, he said.

While accusations continue between members and leaders, Wells said the best thing to do would be to start fresh with a new organization. And he is planning to put that new group together.

"If you're interested in helping out your community in some way, we want you," he said. "There's a position for everybody in REACT."

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# Rupert's St. Nicholas School celebrates Catholic school week

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - St. Nicholas School in Rupert is celebrating, along with other Catholic schools in the nation, the ability to have both God and academics under one roof.

Jan. 27 through Feb. 2 is Catholic Schools Week.

"It's a very busy week for us," said Principal Susette Miller.

On Tuesday, various alumni of St. Nicholas School came and read with the students. Minico High School girls basketball stand-out Claire Bodensteiner was one of the alumni; she signed T-shirts for the students which were then "Claire Wear."

Today, students from St. Edwards Catholic School in Twin Falls will visit St. Nicholas students. A group from the Shoshone-Bannock tribe at Fort Hall is set to present a variety of dances and talk about Native American culture and customs, Miller said.

On Friday, fifth- and sixth-graders will take a ski trip to Pomerelle Ski Resort; other students will participate in relay races at the Civic Gym. Saturday is the school carnival from 4 until 8 p.m. at the parish hall. The carnival has a cowboy theme and will include games and activities for the whole family, Miller said.

The week began with a celebration Mass and the fifth- and sixth-grade breakfast. Students earn money for this trip to Boise later in the year, Miller said.

Other activities included a volunteer appreciation day on Monday and a staff appreciation day on Wednesday.

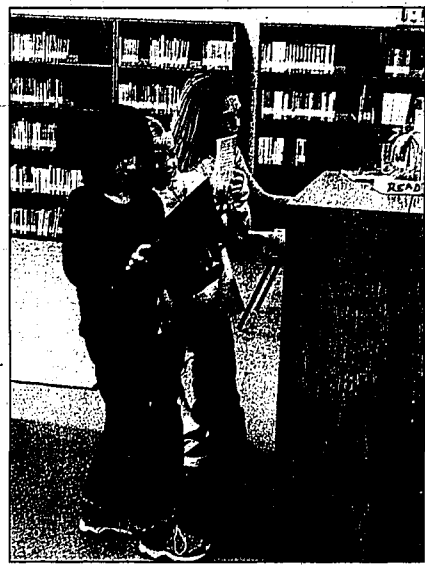
The theme for Catholic School week is, "Where Faith and Knowledge Meet."

Miller said she is happy to be able to discuss faith and have God as a living presence combined with strong academics.

Catholic schools present a unique opportunity outside of public school. Parents say it's worth it, especially after seeing how the experience has shaped the students, Miller said.

St. Nicholas in particular is "a big, extended family," she added.

Catholic schools have changed their face over the years, Miller said. Miller, an alumna of St. Nicholas as well, said that when she attended school all but two of the



Kaitlyn Rogers, left, Kayla Kerbs and Briana Sanders look at books in the expanded library and media center at St. Nicholas School.

staff were nuns.

Another change at St. Nicholas, occurring just this year, is the creation of a media center and expansion of the library, thanks to a \$102,000 grant from the E. L. Wiegand Foundation.

The project is moving along, Miller said. School officials are hoping to hold an open house in March when it is closer to finished.

Twelve computers and more than 1,000 books will arrive soon, Miller said. The library will also have a fully automated circulation system and the media center will house science lab equipment for the students to do more hands-on experiments, Miller said.

Through the Internet and new software called Galaxy Science Lab, St. Nicholas students will be able to interact with other classrooms when they work on science

activities.

"It opens us up to the whole world out there," Miller said.

Most of the systems will be fully operating by March; all programs will be fully implemented by next school year, Miller said.

"It's like getting a million dollars to us," Miller said of the grant.

The E. L. Wiegand Foundation was established in 1982 in Reno, Nev. The foundation focuses on grants for education, health and medical research, public affairs, civic and community affairs and arts and cultural affairs in a limited geographic area. A part of the annual grants are made to Roman Catholic charitable institutions.

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## Conservationists say Idaho leaders ignore their own salmon positions

BOISE (AP) - A river conservation group accuses Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Attorney General Al Lance of ignoring the state's own biologists when the two filed documents defending useless federal salmon discovery plans.

Idaho Rivers United said the leaders "quietly" filed documents this month to intervene in a lawsuit on the side of the National Marine Fisheries Service's salmon recovery plan, known as the

"Biological Opinion."

Idaho Rivers was among a coalition of environmental groups which sued the federal government in May 2001, alleging its policy for Columbia and Snake river dams is driving endangered salmon toward extinction.

Neither Lance nor Kempthorne made a public announcement about the latest filing, Idaho Rivers said.

"We all need to ask the attorney general and Gov. Dirk

Kempthorne just what they're doing defending a doomed salmon recovery plan that the fed's own scientific review - and Idaho's biologists - say will fail," Idaho Rivers Executive Director Bill Sedivy said Wednesday.

"Just who is Al Lance representing here?" Sedivy asked. "Idaho has the most to gain from salmon recovery and here we are supporting a doomed federal plan that no other state in Northwest will defend."

## Wolves

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ern Canada were transplanted to Yellowstone National Park and 35 were transplanted to central Idaho. Now biologists estimate Idaho has about the first three years, the rate of population increase was between 50 and 60 percent, but it is down to between 25 and 30 percent now, he said.

But because of a pack's need for large territories of about 350 square miles, the animals are being forced into areas where they encounter humans and domesticated animals. And they get into trouble.

Committee Chairman Sen. Laird Nord, R-Kimberly, runs sheep ranches in the South Hills to the Jarbidge area. He said it's not a far stretch to envision the day when wolves are forced to travel from the mountains of eastern Idaho to those that separate Idaho from Utah and then west to the South Hills and on over to

Three Creek. He worries about the impact wolves would have on his flocks, but he knows that as the law stands now, he wouldn't have much ability to control them. Delisting could change that.

During 2001, 62 sheep and 11 cows were confirmed killed by wolves in the state, but it isn't just the killing of domesticated animals that is a problem.

Sen. Clint Stennett, R-Ketchum, noted that outfitters depending on elk herds to make their living are affected.

Stan Boyer, who co-chairs the Wolf Oversight Committee, told a story about a sheep rancher who suffered thousands of dollars in losses. The rancher's tormented sheep couldn't gain weight when a pack of wolves settled in the same mountain area where the sheep normally summered.

It was this problem of wolves attacking hapless livestock that led to the wolf's eradication by the 1930s. Even the government had been involved in the killing. The government will have to get involved again, the committee heard.

When asked how wolf management would take place, Carter Niemeyer admitted that certain situations would likely call for euthanasia. Niemeyer works for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services in endangered species management. As for plan specifics, no popula-

tion size is identified. Instead, wolves would be managed the way black bears and mountain lions are. Wolves will be allowed to naturally expand their range provided they are not creating conflict.

Wolf numbers, distribution and breeding success would be determined to assure the long-term survival of wolves in Idaho, the plan says. Monitoring would rely on more intensive methods with fewer wolves and less intensive methods with larger populations.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game as well as USDA Wildlife Services would address wolf issues. Wolves will be allowed to naturally expand their range provided they are not creating conflict.

The plan advises that no hunting of wolves should be authorized for a period of five years following delisting.

The plan also calls for federal government funding, not state funding, for wolf population management, Boyer said.

Boyer emphasized that upon delisting, "every individual has the right to protect their person and property, on private, state and federal lands (from wolf depredation)."

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# Lawmakers may delay Capitol work

BOISE (AP) - It's looking more likely that lawmakers, struggling with money problems, will put off work to restore parts of the state Capitol for at least a year.

No final decisions have been made, but legislative leaders and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne have discussed postponing the interior work until at least spring 2004 because of the state's worst budget crisis in nearly two decades.

Legislative Budget Director Jeff Youtz told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on Wednesday that stretching out the restoration timetable gives lawmakers a chance to assess the \$64 million project.

Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, said restoration about continued with the project considering the serious budget problems. But Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert argued that the state cannot miss this

opportunity. "It's a difficult decision given the finances to move forward with this project," Cameron said. "But if we don't do it now, it won't be done until it is in such dire repair it will cost us \$120 million instead of just \$64 million."

A delay also could reduce relocation costs by giving the Legislature another chance to resolve the future of the adjacent Ada County Courthouse and the University of Idaho time to build its new facility - Idaho Place - near Boise State University.

The state could use both buildings to house the Legislature, its staff and others now working in the Capitol during the 20 months it will take to remodel the century-old building.



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The state already has money in the existing budget to finance either renovation or replacement of the courthouse, but the House and Senate have been unable to agree on which course to take.

A special task force also split on the issue last summer.

The delay would also cut \$741,000 from Kempthorne's austere budget since any moving expenses would not be incurred until the following budget.

Because of the severe financial straits the state finds itself in, Kempthorne has put a hold on the \$22.3 million in cash earmarked for the interior restoration, along with another \$32 million in bonds. The cash would be the first thing tapped if the state

runs into even more red ink that it already has had to cope with. Kempthorne already wants to cut \$55 million from this year's budget and \$100 million from basic spending levels in next year's to keep the state in the black without raising taxes.

The Capitol restoration money and the state's \$19 million April payment for the tobacco lawsuit settlement are also being eyed by some lawmakers as sources of cash to avoid severe cuts in education.

Roy Eiguren, chairman of the Capitol Commission, provided the committee with an alternative financing plan that assumes the \$22.3 million previously dedicated to the project will be diverted. That would require increasing the annual bond payment to \$4 million a year, up from the \$1.25 million estimated under the original financing plan.

# Panel seeks records law compromise

BOISE (AP) - A Legislative subcommittee will try to find a compromise between the state's attorney general and the media on 196 proposals that would restrict access to public records.

Attorney General Al Lance said the exemptions only would be used as "a last ditch effort" to ensure public safety.

State Affairs Committee members on Tuesday and Wednesday sent two bills to a House subcommittee that will work with

Lance's office and journalists on the proposals drafted after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Republican Rep. George Eskridge of Dover said: "This is a restriction on our freedom of information, and our right to know what our government is doing."

Lawmakers said they were unconvinced of the need for the exemptions, including one letting state agencies seek a judge's permission to close records they consider sensitive.

# Idaho House approves spending recommendation

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho House on Wednesday approved a nonbinding resolution calling for restoration about continued with the project considering the serious budget problems.

A 49-17 vote sent the measure to the Senate for final review.

The resolution mirrors federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for using funds distributed to states from the landmark settlement with the tobacco industry.

It calls for eventually spending between \$11.2 million and \$24 million a year in interest from the Idaho Millennium Fund - which has grown to

more than \$50 million - on smoking prevention and cessation programs.

Critics argued that the proposal would put the administration of millions of dollars a year on autopilot, taking it out of the hands of a legislative task force appointed to research and recommend how the money should be put to use.

But supporters pointed out that the resolution was only a policy statement, expressing the Legislature's position that tobacco-related programs should be the focus of the money.

"The truth is we can use the Millennium Fund for anything we want," Republican Rep. Bill Sali of Kuna said.

# Justice dissents over motorist's license loss

BOISE (AP) - A motorist whose driver's license was suspended for 180 days for refusing to submit to a blood-alcohol test in Latah County had no right to have an attorney present, the Idaho Supreme Court concluded.

But Justice Wayne Kidwell dissented, saying Brian E. Head received "wholly inaccurate legal information" from authorities, which sends the wrong message to law enforcement.

A sheriff's deputy responded to a single-vehicle accident on Nov. 1, 1997. Head was the lone occupant and was taken to a hospital where he was later interviewed and asked to submit to a blood-alcohol test. Head refused unless an attorney was present and was

arrested for drunken driving. For his refusal, he lost his license for 180 days.

The Idaho Court of Appeals ultimately ruled the advisory form the deputy read to Head had erroneous information about the consequences of failing the blood test.

The Supreme Court decided Head had no right to have counsel present before or at the time of the blood test.

Kidwell said the Supreme Court ruled in an earlier case that a motorist may avoid a suspension by showing he or she was not completely informed according to the law, without ever mentioning reliance on or prejudice resulting from the inaccurate advisory.

# Free condoms at Olympics sparks protest

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Christian activists protested the free condoms available inside the athlete's Olympic Village, which saw its first residents arrive this week.

Two protesters showed up for Tuesday's demonstration at the Delta Center. They disagreed with the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's decision to stock the village with 12,000 condoms, available free at first-aid stations.

The Olympics should be about "virtues, like the spirit of unity and sportsmanship, not recreational sex, not even safe sex," said Brandi Swindell, director of Generation Life, a group of college students, artists and musicians from Boise.

SLOC spokeswoman Caroline Shaw said the International Olympic Committee does not require condoms be stocked, but that one of the games' priorities is the health and safety of athletes. "We consider it a good public health practice," she said.

The condoms were donated by Cardinal Health, the official Olympic drug supplier, along with all medical supplies, from cough syrup to antacids.

The 1998 Winter Games in Nagano did not provide condoms, while the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney did. In fact, the condoms were such a hit in Sydney that the village was hard-pressed to keep them stocked.

# Law would give birth certificates for Utah stillbirths

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Utah Legislature has approved changing state law to allow for birth certificates for stillborn babies.

The House unanimously approved the bill Wednesday morning.

The Senate also unanimously signed off on the change last week.

It now goes to the governor to sign into law.

The bill was in result of campaigning by Ginny Shutt of West Valley City, who delivered a stillborn baby girl in 1999.

"She was so perfect. I tried to will life back into her," Shutt said. She has only a death certificate for the baby she named Allison - no birth certificate.

"She's not accounted for," Shutt said. "I want every memento that I have, that shows she's a person. She's one of my kids."

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## Tribe raises fees for float homes, docks

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - The Coeur d'Alene Tribe is raising fees for float homes, docks and boat garages on waterways within its jurisdiction, yet some of the structures' owners approve of paying more.

Last spring, the tribe won control over the lower third of Lake Coeur d'Alene. Homeowners wondered how the shift in government - upheld by a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June - would affect day-to-day life.

In one of its first lake management decisions, the tribe has announced increased fees for the floating structures tied up to the banks.

Annual leases for residential docks, which had cost nothing under state management, jumped to \$100 under the tribe's restructuring. The tribe raised yearly leases for float homes from the state's \$250 price to \$1,000. And it announced charges for boat garages, jetties and dikes.

Many homeowners have accepted the fees, saying they knew changes were coming and that they want to work with the tribe.

"These numbers are certainly in line with what we expected," said Buddy Paul, president of the Lake Coeur d'Alene Homeowners Association. "Our board of directors has been unanimous in terms of saying the tribe won their case, and we'll do the best we can to work with them."

Phil Carrara, the tribe's natural resource specialist, emphasized that the money would go toward improvements on the waterways.

The high court ruling upheld the tribe's authority over boating, fishing, environmental stewardship and marine patrols on the southern third of the lake and the St. Joe upstream to St. Maries.

The tribe must fund law enforcement, fisheries projects and environmental monitoring of new construction.

"The tribe is taking a very hands-on approach regarding the lake and its health," tribal spokesman Bob Bostwick said. "The general public wants management of the lake."



Rocky Mountain Rescue Dogs volunteers Dave Perks, left, and Curtis Allen from Tooele, Utah, let their rescue dogs Chief, left, and Gracie smell items belonging to missing person Tabatha Hines Tuesday north of Elko in the Adobe Heights subdivision where her abandoned car was discovered. The rescue dogs helped locate Hines' body about 150 yards from where her vehicle was abandoned.

## Rescue dogs find woman's body close to abandoned car near Elko

ELKO, Nev. (AP) - A Reno woman whose body was found near her abandoned car had given up making a trip to Idaho in the snow and was headed back to Elko to find a motel when she apparently became stranded, authorities said Wednesday.

The body of Tabatha Hines, 54, was found buried in the snow Tuesday just off the Mountain City Highway about 10 miles north of Elko.

Last seen on Jan. 21, she told workers at a gasoline station at Lone Mountain that day that she had run into heavy snow on the Mountain City Highway on her way to Boise, the Elko Daily Free Press said.

One employee of the station said Hines first got stuck in a snow bank in the drive at the

*'It appears she wandered off and may have laid down underneath the brush. She may have expired right there.'*

- Elko County Sheriff Neil Harris

Lone Mountain Station. She went inside, drank coffee and talked about 20 minutes with employees, who urged her to abandon the trip to Idaho because of the heavy snow.

Hines left, heading north toward Idaho, but she returned about 35 minutes later, stating

that the road was closed. She drank coffee for another 20 minutes, then told the workers she would head back to Elko, the newspaper said.

Her body, clothed in a shirt, pants and tennis shoes, was found Tuesday in a ravine about 300 yards from where Elko County sheriff's deputies found her vehicle.

Elko County Sheriff Neil Harris said an autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death, but foul play is not suspected.

Snowy conditions and subzero temperatures had hampered the search.

"It appears she wandered off and may have laid down underneath the brush. She may have expired right there," Harris said.

## Redistricting flap throws counties an election curve

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Several eastern Idaho counties are setting new voting precincts and commissioner districts for upcoming elections, although Bingham County is contesting the latest attempt at redistricting.

The Idaho Supreme Court is preparing to hear the county's lawsuit that could make them do it all over again.

Bonneville County commissioners have approved a tentative plan that redraws the county's precincts and reappoints the three commission districts.

Madison County officials also approved a precinct map earlier this month and are waiting to see if they will be affected by the latest lawsuit.

"We're just waiting to see what will happen and if it will affect us," said Shauna Ringel Lee, a Madison deputy election clerk. She said there is little time before

the primary filing date to notify people and update the computer.

Even Bingham County has set some tentative precincts, county Commissioner Wayne Brower said, although Bingham wants the proposed map changed.

The latest proposal splits Bingham County into three districts. Any changes there could affect Bonneville County.

County officials said they went ahead and set precincts anyway. They need a plan because filing for primary elections starts just three weeks after the Supreme Court is expected to hear the case, they said.

State law required precincts to be set by Jan. 15, but that deadline was waived because of the challenges to the redistricting plans.

The high court scheduled a Feb. 22 hearing on whether to void the latest plan as unconstitutional.

## INEEL plans ammo cleanup

ARCO (AP) - Officials have come up with a proposal to clean up unexploded ammunition left at sites on the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The materials are left over from the 1940s, when the site was used to test the aim of large guns.

The U.S. Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency and the state also plan to clean up an old shooting range, where lead bullet fragments still remain. None of the munitions on the 325-square mile site has exploded, but task leader Chris Haring said the agencies were removing them before an incident occurs.

Since the early 1990s, ordnance has been removed from the site and detonated in a secure location. The cleanup is part of a requirement of the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

Under the proposed plan, workers will use special equipment to detect unexploded items, dig them up by hand and detonate them in a safe place. Soil contaminated with TNT and Royal Demolition Explosive will be removed

and disposed of onsite.

At the former shooting range, officials plan to remove and recycle metal fragments and dispose of lead-contaminated soil.

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## Federal agency wants delay of legal challenge on Montana mine's impacts on bear, bull trout

The Associated Press

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wants a federal judge to delay a lawsuit challenging its analysis of the Rock Creek mine's impacts on threatened grizzly bears and bull trout, suggesting changes might be warranted.

The analysis, completed in December 2000, concluded the mine would jeopardize grizzly bear populations. But it stopped short of objecting to the mine as long as mining permits require adequate measures to minimize wildlife impacts.

Partly based on that analysis,

the Forest Service and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality issued those permits last month.

"They concluded that the mine can somehow be reconciled with the grizzly bear population in the Cabinet-Yank and the bull trout up there," said Sanjay Narayan, staff attorney for Earthjustice.

Representing eight conservation groups, Earthjustice filed a lawsuit last August challenging the service's biological opinion.

The wildlife agency filed the formal request for a delay "to re-evaluate the analysis and conclusions."

Ann Vandehey of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said the agency mainly intends to fortify the rationale for its decisions.

"We thought that the litigants brought up some points that... some of our analysis in the opinion is not clear," Vandehey said. "So we are going back in our analysis to see if we can state things more clearly."

Vandehey did not rule out the possibility that the service might end up with new conclusions in its biological opinion.

"Certainly, we are going to try to more clearly state our rationale."

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# Squalid camps appeal to desperately poor

## Afghan 'refugees' show reluctance to leave aid camps

By Doug Struck  
The Washington Post

HERAT, Afghanistan — A vast camp of mud huts stretching along a valley, Maslakh is a dusty crucible of Afghanistan's miseries of thousands of hungry, homeless, desperately poor people driven off their land by drought and war. It's a cheerless, earthen city where families who've lost all huddle against the cold with nothing, where former Taliban have melted into the crowd and where smuggling and theft are minor industries.

For all that, Maslakh is too appealing. So grim is the countryside of Afghanistan, after three years of withering drought and three decades of intermittent war, that aid agencies here fear the squalid refugee camps around the western city of Herat look so good to many poor Afghans that they're being lured from their homes.

"The camps are better than most of the villages around here. There's nothing in the district," said Rafael Robillard, head of the International Organization for Migration office here, which manages the camps.

Maslakh is one of the world's largest camps for internal refugees, who have left their homes because of war or famine but remain within the boundaries of their own country. There are perhaps 180,000 people here — no one knows for sure — and another 23,000 at two other camps on the outskirts of Herat near the Iranian border, almost 400 miles west of Kabul, the capital.

With most fighting ended and aid pouring into Afghanistan, the relief agencies that run the camps around Herat hope to send many residents home. They plan to give them food and goods, arrange to provide seeds and some farm tools



Darwiza, an Afghan refugee at Shaldai, fled his home in Faryab province after the Northern Alliance captured the area. Darwiza, a Pashtun, said he wouldn't feel safe in Faryab under the rule of an ethnic Tajik general.

and shift feeding programs to the villages.

"They're not sure it will work. The refugees have so little to return to that they may be reluctant to leave even the rough shelter they receive here. Expecting the worst, agencies are building another camp for new arrivals.

The irony is that a massive effort and outpouring of global goodwill has largely succeeded in averting what aid agencies warned could have been a human catastrophe, the starvation of 6 million Afghans. But that success

leave and go home, they say. No, we are happy," she said. "They have everything: food, clothes, a quilt."

That's not how Darwiza, who like many Afghans uses one name, would describe his bare mud house at Shaldai. It's a room about 10 feet by 12 feet, in which his family of nine has lived for two years. The single covering on the dirt floor is thin and threadbare. His only possessions are a couple of teacups, a dried animal-skin flask and a makeshift stove. He said his children are always sick, and the bread and porridge diet here isn't enough.

He said he fled his house in Faryab province, two days' drive to the east, after a commander with the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance, Abdurrahshid Dostum, captured the area and his troops ate all of his livestock. Darwiza, a Pashtun, said he wouldn't feel safe in Faryab under the rule of an ethnic Tajik general.

"Even if we could go back, what would we eat?" he asked.

Most of the refugees in the camps were forced there by the drought, which began three years ago. With each successive year of crop failure, the camps swelled.

"I've never seen a drought so bad," said Habibullah, 57, who brought his family of 10 to the Maslakh camp. "I lost everything. We had wheat fields. The first year, the wheat came up but then died. The second year, it didn't even come up; the land was just dry and cracked. Ten months ago, there was nothing left, and we had to come here.

"If we had stayed, we would have died."

has created a new problem: masses of people dependent on hand-outs.

"These people are like beggars. They are getting lazy, they don't want to work and just want to be fed," said Najeeba Saljoqi, 22. Her right to deliver such a harsh verdict has been earned: She braved punishment from the Taliban and walked 18 miles a day to help refugees, and now helps run a program in the Shindai camp that puts women to work making quilts.

"If you ask them if they want to

# Firefighters overcame horror to do their jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — Fire commanders responding to the World Trade Center disaster frantically called for evacuations over spotty radios as their colleagues gawked at the disaster, that would claim 343 of their brothers, according to interview transcripts.

One fire marshal had to calm down a colleague, who exclaimed, "Oh, my God, another one!" as he watched people jumping from the towers, according to a department interview transcript obtained by The New York Times and reported Wednesday.

"I remember turning to the marshal and saying 'Listen, we are professionals here, we got to compose ourselves,'" said Fire Marshal Richard McCahey. "Relax, don't be screaming that out. We got a job to do, OK."

The department has interviewed about 500 of its members since late September, following then-Commissioner Thomas Von Essen's order to examine how and why so many firefighters died. His successor, Nicholas Scoppetta, plans to hire a consultant to review the department's procedures.

Several chiefs said problems with radios may have prevented firefighters inside the towers from hearing repeated orders to evacuate.

The chiefs at a command center in the north tower's lobby called firefighters out several times, but "didn't get a lot of acknowledgment," said Chief Peter Hayden, then-deputy chief for Division 1.

After hearing from an engineer

that the north tower was in danger of "near-imminent collapse," John Peruggia, chief of the Emergency Medical Service division, sent a technician running to deliver the message to Chief Peter Ganci, who died in the collapse.

"We didn't have the tools that we normally have to communicate with our agency, you know, cellular phones were not working properly, radio was very difficult to get through," Peruggia said.

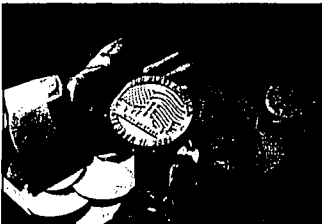
Several of those interviewed said they knew early on that the department could not extinguish the fire, and many said they voiced concerns that the towers could collapse.

"The potential and the reality of the collapse was discussed early on," Hayden said. "But we were at a level of commitment. We also received numerous distress calls. We realized we had a lot of dying and fire up there."

Walter Kowalczyk, the senior Emergency Medical Service officer on duty that day, described how he dodged what appeared to be body parts and debris as he drove to the scene.

"My mouth went dry," he said. "I had the sensation that I had a job to do. I had to ensure the safety of the EMS work force. But, how do I do this if I can't talk?"

Hayden said the command center began to lose track of the companies, as some came onto the scene and did not report to the staging area. Some units even confused World Trade Center towers 1 and 2, adding to the chaos.



International Agile Manufacturing is melting 500 tons of steel from the World Trade Center into commemorative medallions that go for \$29.95 a pop.

# Metals dealer resells WTC steel in medallions

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — A Georgia metals company has bought 500 tons of steel from the World Trade Center and is melting it into "commemorative medallions" that go for \$29.95 a pop.

The enterprise has sparked outrage from victims' families, who say company officials are heartless profiteers cashing in on tragedy.

"I'm going to throw up," said an infuriated Monica Gabrielle. "My husband's remains have not been found and they are doing this. Bastards."

"This is ghoulish," said Sally Regenhard, whose son, Firefighter Christian Regenhard, died Sept. 11. "This is so inappropriate. I'm disgusted."

But officials at International Agile Manufacturing insist they mean no offense by hawking the "Eyewitness World Trade Center Commemorative Medallions" through their Web site and at collectible stores.

"At \$30 anybody can buy it," said Alfonso Hall, International Agile's president and chief executive officer. "That's a small token for anyone who wants a piece of history."

The Statesboro, Ga., foundry will make "just a small profit" through the sales, said Bruce Zutter, the company's national marketing representative.

The company has pledged 10 percent of its profits to the Fund for the City of New York — and names the charity in its literature.

Hall said the fund's vice president, the Rev. Alfonso Wyatt, visited the foundry. But a fund spokeswoman said it "never approved" the use of its name or agreed to take any money.

The 1-pound "individually crafted" medallions feature a flag waving behind the twin towers. They come with a certificate of authentication,

a plastic display easel and an American-flag fabric carrying pouch — and are forged from an alloy of which 25 percent is recycled Trade Center steel. Zutter said the company could have made the medallions completely out of the Trade Center steel, but that would have made them much more expensive.

International Agile Manufacturing says it has enough steel to forge 6 million medallions. It pledged to set aside 3,000 to 10,000 medallions that the victims' families could obtain at no charge.

"I don't want one," said Michael Carrier, co-founder of Give Your Voice, a civilian victims' families group. "There is going to be a large number of people never found because their bodies were pulverized. In all probability, their bodies could be with the steel in those medallions. Where would you display that?"

About 50,000 tons of steel from the Trade Center have been cut into manageable pieces and shipped to recyclers around the world. Most was sent to South Korea, but shipments also have gone to U.S. cities. The steel is used to make soup cans, appliances, car engines, buildings — and now medallions.

Hall said his company bought the steel from Metal Management Northeast of Newark, which did not return calls Tuesday. Metal Management is one of two New Jersey salvage yards that has bought Trade Center steel from the city to recycle.

The city's decision — made in the days after Sept. 11 — to sell the steel so quickly has infuriated many victims' families and engineers who want the recycling halted so the steel can be more thoroughly examined. A federally commissioned team of engineers is trying to determine how the Trade Center collapsed.

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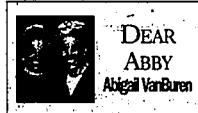
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# Wife's obesity indicates deeper problem

**DEAR ABBY:** Your response to "Frustrated wife," who had gained more than 100 pounds and whose husband had moved to another bedroom, was way out of line. If that man really loved his wife, he would urge her to go to counseling with him, and go with her to a diet clinic where he could learn to support her needs while overcoming her eating problem. If that is, indeed, what she has.

Abby, I am more than 100 pounds overweight. My husband would never, ever tell me it was food or him and to take my pick! He has encouraged me to join him on walks and eat healthier foods with him. This should be something they do together. This should be not only a healthier eating experience for her, but a bonding experience for both of them.

You advised her to see a dietitian and then a psychotherapist, which are good ideas for long-term help. However, I think the



more appropriate action for her — and her loving husband — is marriage counseling. It takes many months to gain more than 100 pounds, and for her husband to just now be having a problem means something more must have happened. I think her weight problem is just another symptom of the marriage heading downhill, not just her love of food.

—CINDY IN ARIZONA

**DEAR CINDY:** I'm printing your letter because I received a bushel of mail from overweight women who felt I was wrong not to take her side. I'm sorry if this sounds cruel, but obesity has

reached such epidemic proportions in our country that the surgeon general has spoken out about it. It is a serious health issue. Obesity is a trigger for diabetes, heart disease and several forms of cancer. I refuse to keep my mouth shut about it because speaking out is politically incorrect. My job is to give readers honest answers. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** That poor woman is a compulsive overeater with a serious problem. It is an illness, Abby — one that society doesn't recognize.

I agree the woman needs help, but that wasn't the point of her letter. She asked if her husband was justified in withholding sex. No, he's not! I understand he may not like the fact that she has gained weight, but to cut her off and move out of the bedroom is horrible. Marriage vows say "for better or for worse."

—REBECCA IN NEW ORLEANS

**DEAR REBECCA:** I agree the woman is a compulsive overeater, and there are organizations that can help her. (I have recommended Overeaters Anonymous for years.) Notice that she didn't ask for a referral for a self-help group.

As to the husband's "cutting her off and moving out of the bedroom" — I'm sure the man would prefer if he could. I wish you could send the mail on my desk from husbands who have complained that they are either so visually turned off they can no longer do the deed, or are physically unable to perform because of their wives' girth. (Women married to overweight husbands have expressed similar stories.)

Remember, the woman wrote: "My husband has repeatedly asked me to lose weight, but I have not... I think he expects too much, as I love to eat." That woman needs help, not another enabler.

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## Chocolate chip cookies top the list of favorites

Pop, Zip and Zotz were the names of months in the Maya calendar. The cool months, possibly.

Most women in Turkey habitually shave all the hair off their bodies except eyebrows and scalp.

In history's usual picture of the revolutionary soldiers at Valley Forge, they're painted as dedicated fighters driven by patriotism. George Washington thought otherwise. What motivates these men, he wrote, is "the prospect of some reward" such as cash.

The white male rhinoceros doesn't just mate. Simply. The setup has to be just right. First, he must be the boss of a large territory. Second, he wants not one but several females to stimulate his libido. Third, he needs at least a couple of rivals to make a contest out of it. Romance among the rhinos is highly psychological.

See if you can divide your cohorts on the job into two categories, the thunder people and the lightning people. May help to remember what Mark Twain said: "Thunder is impressive, but it is the lightning that does all the work."

Word is rodeo cowboys never wear yellow shirts in competition. Mountain climbing is less dangerous than construction work, according to the insurance actuaries.

If you have what's known in the vernacular as a hooked nose, maybe you were born a few centuries too late. In old Rome, that was thought to be a sign of leadership.

Q. Is a shot of whiskey really good medicine for snake bite?  
 A. On the contrary. Liquor dilates the capillaries, so the venom gets into the bloodstream more swiftly. Or so say the medics.



**REVISITED**  
 L.M. Boyd

Nude models who pose in figure classes at two of Scotland's art colleges want on strike sometime back. They wanted a pay raise from the equivalent of \$3.75 to \$4.50 an hour and a minimum studio temperature of 70 degrees F.

Get it down for the record: Among cookies, chocolate chip is No. 1. By far.

Q. Why is a "vapor" more explosive than a "gas"?  
 A. A gas expands uniformly in all directions, so dissipates quickly. A vapor remains somewhat concentrated, being heavier than air, and even flows downhill, so it can actually go find a spark.

The old Romans cultivated both broccoli and cauliflower. Didn't say they liked them. But they cultivated them.

Q. What was the name of the most famous bordello in Chicago?  
 A. The Everleigh Club? You have to go back a long way for that one. A 30-room mansion frequented by society bigwigs. The city closed it down in 1911.

## Co-worker sues over laxative-laced brownies

**EBENSBURG, Pa.** — A man who brought laxative-laced brownies to work to get back at co-workers who were eating his bagged lunches is being sued by one of the men who ate them.

John R. Anthony Sr. is seeking unspecified damages from Raymond Jastrab for the pain and embarrassment he suffered when he ate the brownies.

Jastrab was fired from OMG Americas in Johnstown following the Jan. 27, 2000, incident and has been denied unemployment compensation after the Commonwealth Court in Harrisburg ruled that he was guilty of willful misconduct and "evil design."

Jastrab admitted to baking the brownies because co-workers had been eating his lunches, the company said.

Anthony ate the brownies only after they had been left on a table in the plant's dining room, said his attorney, Terry Graffius. It was an unwritten rule of the plant that food left on the table was available to anyone, he said.

Jastrab stood by and watched Anthony eat them, Graffius said. Anthony suffered nausea, diarrhea, cramps and dehydration

## People in the news

which required medical attention after eating the brownies.

**Conceptual artist puts himself on display at zoo**  
 SALINA, Kan. — Adam Zaretsky knows what it's like to live in a fish bowl: He's on exhibit at the zoo.

Zaretsky's known as "Zed, species Homo sapiens," in the "Workhorse Zoo" exhibit. His home is an 8-by-8-foot glass room he shares with albino frogs, families of mice, microscopic worms and yeast.

Zaretsky, a 33-year-old San Francisco conceptual artist, says the display is a combination of art and science. He hopes it will get people thinking about their relationships with other living things.

"I'm actually trying to blur the boundary between what is human culture and what is reality," Zaretsky said, while stretched out on an ambulance gurney that he uses for a bed.

—compiled from wire reports.

## Take the initiative, Aries — but avoid heavy lifting

**IF JANUARY 31ST IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** — you possibly were separated from one or both parents at a relatively early age. You are unorthodox in beliefs and often embrace subjects that are not popular. You have mind of your own, to say the least. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters in names: D, M, V. You get a "new lease" on life during February. August your lost memorabilia, creative month of the year.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Don't wait for others; take initiative in making fresh start in new direction. Speak from the heart. Avoid heavy lifting. You could attract a "cult following." Leo represented.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** You exude sex appeal; be careful and selective. Focus on children, challenge, change and variety of experiences. You could locate "ideal home." Cancer native involved.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Expand horizons; need for more commodious living quarters becomes obvious. You will be entertaining at home, including "important guests." Sagittarius will play dynamic role.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Start over; revise, review and rebuild. Relative who "knows it all" will finally admit mistake. Secret trip could take you out of town. What was rejected is now accepted.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** At the track: Choose number 5 post position in fifth race. You locate lost article and find ways to increase income potential. Excellent for "sparring a diary." Gemini represented.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Lunar cycle high; you will be at

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right place almost effortlessly. Attention revolves around home, marital status and receiving luxury item as surprise gift. Dance to your own tune!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Define terms, outline boundaries and perceive relationships in realistic light. Secret will be revealed tonight; express gratitude, not anger. Pisces, Virgo will figure prominently.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Exercise degree of restraint; passionate outburst tonight will lead to controversy. Line up priorities. Enlist aid of those with executive experience. Capricorn plays role.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Look beyond the immediate. Dare to dream! Prestige is on upswing; you will make news and be in the news. Distinguished visitor from foreign land will play key role.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Toss aside preconceived notions. Imprint style, wear brighter colors and make personal appearances. Romance is serious and could be start of "something big." Contemplat!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Delve into areas previously prohibited. You could learn more than you care to know. Money is involved in connection with partner or mate. Capricorn, Cancer natives play roles.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Lie low, time is on your side; Those who stay with you are loyal; those who do not are dilettantes. Know it and respond accordingly. Gemini, Sagittarius play mysterious roles.

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After six years, a Belgian stigma resurfaces in remote village

SAINTE-ODE, Belgium (AP)—From homes huddled round the village church, another dark tale of child sex has crept out to shock Belgium. Nineteen people living in and around Sainte-Ode, a remote village of 2,000, go on trial today, accused of having sex with the daughter of a former bar owner starting from when she was 12. Less than six years ago, Belgium was reexamining the case of Marc Dutroux, accused of raping and killing young girls in a case that made international headlines and held the performance of Belgian police up to ridicule.

The shame was compounded by Dutroux's brief 1998 escape from custody, for which he is serving a five-year sentence while awaiting trial. The nation's unease over Dutroux makes the case before the Correctional Tribunal in Neufchateau, 15 miles from Sainte-Ode, all the more disturbing. The scandal surfaced last year in the dead of winter, when the girl, who had just turned 14, alerted police, claiming she had been forced to have sex with her father and other men visiting the home. First to be arrested were her divorced father and his girl-

friend, widely suspected of being a prostitute. Then the list grew. There was the lumberjack, the car repair man, the phone company technician, an antique salesman. Rumors reached a peak when the village doctor was charged. Some, including the doctor, have denied the allegations. Although many cases of similar proportions have fallen apart in Europe and the United States, Belgian prosecutors say they have found compromising photos, and that many of the accused have confessed. The magnitude of the case has

surprised many. "This is a major case and it shows that it can happen anywhere," said Colette Brichaux, a child psychiatrist at the European center for missing and sexually abused children. "People used to remain silent, but since the Dutroux case, people are increasingly coming out into the open. But it is still not enough," Brichaux said. Officials at Europol say pedophilia cases happen all over Europe. But one reason Belgium stays in the spotlight is Dutroux himself. He managed to hit the headlines again a few days ago

by talking to a journalist in his cell and claiming a child sex network still existed in Belgium, "but the justice system does not want to investigate this." From the outset, the Dutroux case has been shadowed by rumors, never borne out by facts, of a high-level conspiracy. Dutroux, 45, is charged in the death of four girls aged between 8 and 19 and faces additional charges of kidnapping and child abuse. These crimes allegedly were committed while he was free on parole for the abduction and rape of five girls in the mid-1980s.



Marc Dutroux Charged with rape and murder

Suicide bomber treated wounded.

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)—A Palestinian woman who set off a bomb in downtown Jerusalem, killing an elderly Israeli man, injuring dozens and causing widespread damage, was a paramedic who was profoundly affected by the death of a Palestinian she treated, relatives said Wednesday. The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, affiliated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, claimed responsibility for the Sunday bombing, calling it a "martyr operation" in a statement Wednesday, usually code for a suicide bomb attack. That would make Wafa Idris, 27, the first woman to turn herself into a human bomb during more than 16 months of Palestinian-Israeli violence.

Idris, from the Amari refugee camp next to the Bedouin town of Ramallah, was a Red Crescent paramedic who was often called to the scene of dashes to treat Palestinians wounded by Israeli gunfire. She herself was hit three times by Israeli rubber-coated bullets, relatives said. At the camp Wednesday, relatives said they were surprised to hear she had become a suicide attacker, but a sister recalled her saying once that she wanted to die "a martyr," the term Palestinians use for people killed fighting Israel. They said they did not know of her affiliation with the Al Aqsa group, though three of her brothers are Fatah activists. Her attack came just a day after Arafat, confined by Israeli tanks to his Ramallah compound, said in a speech: "Please, God, give me the honor of being one of the holy Jerusalem martyrs."

France to return remains of African woman

PARIS (AP)—It has been a long wait—nearly 200 years—but Sartiège Baartman, once paraded about like a circus freak and then gawked at in a French museum, is finally returning home. The skeleton and bottled organs of the young woman of South Africa's indigenous Khoikhoi people, who died in Paris in 1816, were displayed for years at France's Musée de l'Homme, then shoved onto a back shelf and forgotten. Now, France is moving to send the remains home to restore Baartman's honor, and its own, after years of requests by South Africa. A victim, in life as in death, of what one minister called "colonialism, sexism and racism," Baartman was known pejoratively as the "Totentot Venus," a reference to her walking on a tightrope and to the term once used in South Africa to refer to indigenous people. Born in 1789, Baartman, a slave, was taken to London in 1810 by a British Marine surgeon and exhibited "in humiliating and scandalous conditions" according to Research Minister Roger-Gard Schwartzberg. It got worse in Paris, where she was an attraction between 1814 and 1815, at one point displayed by an animal trainer.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Micron hosts analyst meeting in Sun Valley

SUN VALLEY - Boise-based Micron Technology Inc. will host an analyst meeting Friday in Sun Valley.

Steve Appleton, Micron's chairman and chief executive, will host the event. Other Micron executives will make presentations and respond to questions on Micron and current market conditions.

Presentations by Micron officers start at 8:30 a.m. Check Micron's Web site for exact times and schedule updates.

The analyst meeting will be Web cast with live audio and slides, at www.micron.com from 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday. Accessing the Web cast requires Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher, RealPlayer or Windows Media Player and speakers for the audio. A replay will be available until Feb. 8.

### Tickets go on sale for Jerome chamber banquet

JEROME - Tickets are on sale already.

The Jerome Chamber of Commerce is peddling \$25-per-plate tickets for its March 21 annual banquet. The banquet agenda calls for cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner - prime rib or chicken cordon bleu - at 7 p.m. at Jerome Country Club.

Seating is limited, call the chamber at 324-2711.

### Anti-drug group slates seminar today at CSI

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace Project, a coalition of Magic Valley employers, plans a seminar today on illegal drug use in the workplace.

Registration for the seminar, dubbed "Reasonable Suspicion: Detecting Drug Use in the Workplace & What To Do," is open to the public at \$25 per person.

The seminar will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho's Taylor Administration Building, Room 276; an optional panel discussion runs from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Lunch is not included.

To check for space availability and register, call 733-1300.

### Fingerhut puts some workers on paid leaves

MINNETONKA, Minn. - Fingerhut Cos. said it will place an undetermined number of employees on paid leaves of absence in advance of their official layoff dates, a move that comes as the retail catalog firm prepares to wind down its business for possible liquidation.

Because of the wind-down the workload is considerably less, a Fingerhut spokesman said.

Fingerhut said the first layoffs could occur as early as March 24.

Despite these actions, Fingerhut's parent, Federated Department Stores Inc., which has a Bon Marche store in the Magic Valley Mall - said it is still seeking a buyer for the firm. At least four potential buyers have emerged.

Nothing Fingerhut is doing is irreversible in the event a viable buyer is found, the spokesman said.

But as possible buyout suitors start to pour over Fingerhut's financial records, the odds are slim that Federated will sell the entire retail catalog subsidiary, according to industry observers and merchant bankers.

### Former U S West exec faces theft charges

DENVER - A former U S West executive has been indicted on federal charges of stealing more than \$2.25 million from the telephone company, which sold local service in much of the Magic Valley.

Ophyl D'Costa, 41, has agreed to plead guilty to some of the 18 counts against him and to pay \$100,000, which bought U S West in June 2000 - about \$1.8 million, according to his lawyer, Robert McAllister.

D'Costa declined to comment. McAllister said the case was "a big miscommunication." D'Costa is a strategic Internet investment chief for U S West, is accused of transferring money from the company's accounts to his own and to an account in the name of Apex Group Inc., a company he created.

The alleged thefts occurred between April 1995 and fall 2000, according to the indictment returned by a federal grand jury Tuesday.

The indictment also accuses D'Costa of attempting to transfer another \$470,000 to Apex in October 2000, and of cheating on his income taxes.

D'Costa is now working as a private financial consultant, McAllister said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Local bank finds new home

## MV Bank predicts continued growth

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

GOODING - A Twin Falls-based community bank's Gooding branch shifts today from a trailer to a newly built office - testament to bank leaders' confidence in Gooding's economic future.

The trailer will head to another Magic Valley town to extend Magic Valley Bank's reach.

"We're going to pull out the modular and go someplace else," said Phillip D. Bratton, president of Magic Valley Bank.

The bank, a relative newcomer to the Magic Valley market,



Photo courtesy Magic Valley Bank

Magic Valley Bank's Gooding branch will move from a trailer to a newly constructed office this afternoon. The branch opened in April 2000 and has grown to \$7 million in deposits.

intends to start a new branch office every year for the next four or five years, using the trailer before building permanent

structures, he said. But the bank hasn't picked its next Magic Valley site.

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### About Magic Valley Bank

• **Headquarters:** The Idaho chartered community bank, a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., is based in Twin Falls.

• **History:** In winter 1995, a group of local businessmen, perceiving a void left by bank mergers and acquisitions, decided to start a community bank. Funded by shareholders throughout the valley, Magic Valley Bank was incorporated April 26, 1996, and opened for business Sept. 3, 1997, at 222 Shoshone St. E.

• **Size:** The bank boasts \$55 million in deposits, a loan volume of about \$40 million and 30 full-time employees statewide, plus a couple of part-time positions.

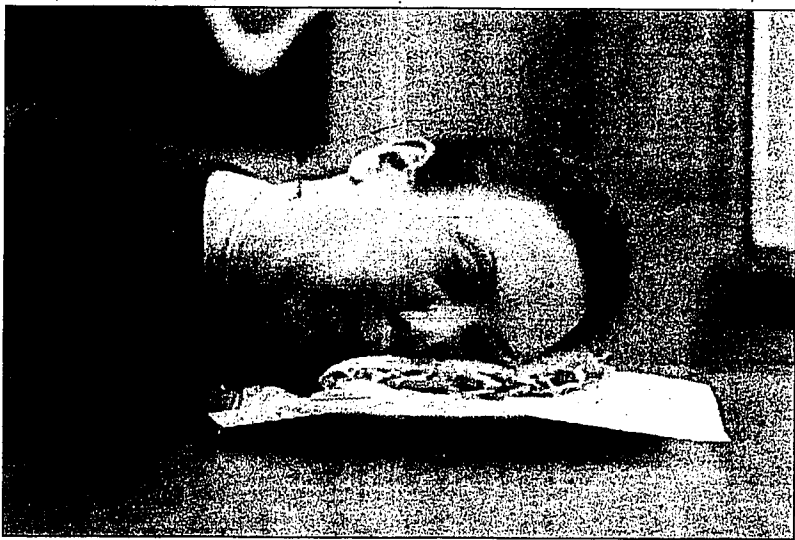
• **Services for individual customers:** The bank's deposit ser-

vices include checking, NOW accounts, money markets, certificates of deposit and other saving accounts. Consumer loan programs include installment loans, home equity loans, credit card plans, mortgage loans and other credit services.

• **Services for business customers:** The bank offers commercial deposit accounts; term loans secured by real estate and other assets; loans for construction or expansion; and short-term loans for seasonal and working capital purposes. Products are tailored to small to medium-sized businesses.

Sources: Company statement, President Phillip D. Bratton

# Knocking 'em dead



A test subject is rendered unconscious after being struck by a dart from a blow-gun in the Quizno's commercial being broadcast on the Super Bowl telecast this year. The Super Bowl has become known as a showcase for advertising.

## Quizno's takes humorous approach in Super Bowl ad

Knight Ridder News Service

DENVER - She's not dead. She's just napping on top of a cold sandwich.

Quizno's new ad for toasted subs will air during the first quarter of Sunday's Super Bowl XXXVI.

This is the Denver-based sub chain's first-ever commercial in the National Football League's championship match - which also is the top game in TV advertising.

Quizno's has a Twin Falls tie; new local franchisees opened a store on Blue Lakes Boulevard

Norah. In a mock taste test in the commercial, an innocent subject chooses Quizno's toasted sub over the competitor's cold sub. But the contest is rigged. The researcher blows a dart in the subject's neck, and her face falls into the cold sub.

Clearly she "dived" into the cold sandwich, the researcher says.

Humor is typical of Super Bowl advertising. Lighthearted humor will be especially common this year, a response to Sept. 11 and viewers' sensitivities. Super Bowl advertising is a

risky investment. Quizno's and other advertisers pay as much as \$2 million for a 30-second national spot, which plays among a slew of other expensive, clever, well-executed ads.

"If your spot can't compete at that level, it can easily get lost and the money really is not well spent," said Brett Robbs, associate professor of advertising at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

However, a commercial that hits the target with viewers - even if it airs just once - can generate a lot of water-cooler talk, he said.

"The Super Bowl is appropriate for Quizno's demographic," Robbs said. "It's a place where their customers would certainly be watching."

Quizno's, which has 1,500 restaurants nationwide, didn't say what it spent, but rates across most media have fallen in the past year with the dot-com shake-out and slow economy.

Cliff Freeman of New York-based Cliff Freeman and Partners produced Quizno's new TV spot. He is the creative head behind famed ads "Where's the Beef?" for Wendy's and Little Caesar's "Pizzal Pizzal" ads.

## Costco CEO gets retailer's sales on track

Knight Ridder News Service

JSSAQUAH, Wash. - Several times a week, Jim Sinegal retreats to an executive meeting room at Costco Wholesale's headquarters to concentrate on his latest challenge.

This quest has nothing to do with retail strategy, profit margins or 2-pound jars of mayonnaise. Instead, Costco's chief executive meets with a tutor to brush up on his Spanish.

Why, at age 66, is Sinegal taking Spanish lessons? Costco - which has a store in north Twin Falls - has 20 stores in Mexico, and he hopes to one day talk to those employees in Spanish.

Another motivating factor is more personal: Each of Sinegal's three grown children speaks Spanish, and as he puts it, "they've created a challenge for me."

Sinegal, it seems, is always up for a challenge. And he had plenty of them in 2001, a fiscal year during which the Issaquah-based warehouse retailer saw its first declines in quarterly profit since 1994 and was bedeviled by rising energy costs.

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## Bison meat may give new life to eastern Idaho packing plant

The Associated Press

BLACKFOOT - A meat packing plant that was closed may open again to slaughter and process bison.

One of the prospective new owners said that will happen only if there is community support.

"As a rancher, I'm a real sticker when it comes to personal property rights," Chris Michal, a Great Plains Buffalo Cooperative board member, said. "If a majority of the people there don't want it open, there's no way we're going to come in and push ourselves on people where we're not wanted. It's their home, not ours and we have no right to force ourselves on them."

Darlene Nilsson, who lives near the site, said she believes the new owners are sincere in their effort to make sure odors from the plant are not a problem. But she said she still believes there will be a stench.

"By its very nature, it's impossible to have a slaughter house without a stench," Nilsson said. "I shouldn't have to smell that

stench outside my window or sit on my deck and look at 70 head of buffalo or listen to them hating the animals."

Michal said the cooperative is buying a majority interest in the plant that was built in 1976 to slaughter hogs.

It plans to slaughter and process 10 to 20 bison per day in the beginning, but will need to kill 50 to 70 per day to make it profitable.

Michal said he was unaware of the odor problem from the former owners until recently. He said the company has an odor management plan in place and is working with the Department of Environmental Quality to make sure there is no recurrence of past problems.

Michal added he thought the county would welcome reopening the plant, the taxes it would bring and the jobs it would provide.

Fifth resident Scott Guthrie, who would manage the plant if it opens, said the method of handling waste by the previous operator caused 85 percent of the odor problem.

# PGI picks leaders

## Potato group says office will stay put

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - A spud growers' group with Magic Valley membership said Wednesday it will keep its offices in eastern Idaho, under a new leadership team.

Potato Growers of Idaho will make Acting Executive Director Keith Esplin the organization's regular executive director, President Klaren Koopman said. Esplin will be joined on the management team by Information Services Director Keith Frank.

"These two men each bring unique talents to their positions, and we're confident our membership will harvest a great deal of benefit from their work," Koopman said in a statement.

The two were charged with growing PGI's membership, uniting the industry and making PGI the industry's leading information center and advocate.

Esplin has decades of experience. He served two terms on the National Potato Promotion Board, and a term on the board of the National Potato Council. He has served more than two years as PGI president and was a driver behind the group's reorganization last year. PGI's statement said.

"We have a lot of hard work to do for Idaho growers, but I'm confident we'll be able to get the job done," Esplin said.

Frank is a 14-year veteran of reporting on Idaho agricultural and governmental issues. He has worked as a television reporter, news and sports anchor, managing editor and news director at two eastern Idaho stations, and as a radio host and news anchor. He is completing a master's degree in public administration at Idaho State University.

Koopman said the two appointments are effective immediately.

PGI's executive committee voted unanimously to drop consideration of moving the grower organization to Boise to be closer to government and other industry entities.

"We have a strong commitment to representing growers' interests in Boise, but our responsibility is to serve growers first," Koopman said.

The bulk of PGI's membership is in southern and eastern Idaho. Staying in eastern Idaho will mean frequent trips to the state capital for Esplin, but moving PGI's offices to Boise would mean even more frequent trips to eastern Idaho to meet with growers, PGI said.

MONEY

Fed holds interest rates steady

Economy grows slightly in Q4

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve stopped reducing interest rates on Wednesday after nearly 13 months of cuts and said the outlook for an economic recovery "has become more promising."

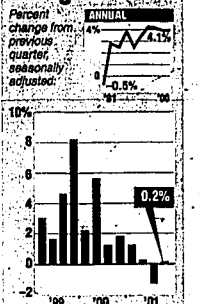
Separately, the Commerce Department announced that the U.S. economy grew slightly in the last three months of 2001, surprising forecasters who had expected a second straight quarterly decline.

However, private analysts and the Fed, the nation's central bank, remain cautious about the prospects for recovery.

"It is good news, but we need broader-based signs of an upturn," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Banc of America Capital Management in St. Louis.

The Fed's decision to keep its key federal funds rate at 1.75 per-

GDP growth



The main indicator of U.S. economic growth... The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 144.62

points to close at 9762.86. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index gained 20.45 points to finish at 1913.44.

The gross domestic product, a broad measure of all the goods and services produced in the United States, rose 0.2 percent from October to December, after a 1.3 percent decline in the previous three months, the Commerce Department reports.

The upturn in the GDP was an anomaly resulting from an unanticipated jump in federal, state and local government spending, analysts said. Without that jump, GDP would have dropped at 1.4 percent annual rate, which is what many forecasters had predicted.

Government spending varies considerably from quarter to quarter and is generally not viewed as a good indicator of the economy's health.

President Bush welcomed the positive GDP report, but also urged Congress to pass an economic stimulus package, saying "we cannot take budget and job

creation for granted."

Nonetheless, many forecasters believe the economy is on the cusp of a recovery. Recent reports indicate that consumer confidence is increasing and that some factories are seeing an increase in orders. The GDP report added another positive sign: Business inventories fell slightly, suggesting that companies in order new goods to restock their inventories in the coming months.

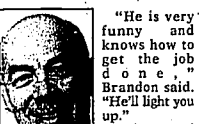
The Fed noted the recent increase in signs that "weakness in demand is abating and economic activity is beginning to firm."

However, the Fed expressed uncertainty about how strong consumer and business demand will be.

Most analysts expect a recovery to be sluggish.

"It will take a while to throw off the effects of the recession," said Bruce Swainberg, chief economist at Merrill Lynch in New York. "Rebooting probably won't get going until the second half of the year."

Enron's interim leader has ties to Boise company



Stephen Cooper firm then known as Morrison Knudsen Corp., got in financial

trouble back in 1996. Using a prepackaged Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing prepared by Cooper, the company sought protection from its creditors in March 1996. The company re-emerged from bankruptcy six months later.

Later the company got in hot water again after acquiring the troubled Raytheon Engineers and Constructors in July 2000. Washington Court fell into bankruptcy court in May 2001 and, with Cooper's help, pulled out

again last week. At Washington Group, Cooper didn't try to run the company. Instead, he negotiated with the creditors to structure a deal they would accept.

"He's the tough guy that meets the tough guys from the banks," Brandon said. "When they send me in order number 345, Steve Cooper's our Guide."

Rod Hunt, spokesman for Washington Group, said: "There is a good chance we wouldn't be here without him."

Bank

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"We've narrowed it to four locations," said Bratton, who declined to name them.

Magic Valley Bank opened the Gooding branch in April 2000.

"We did it because we had a very strong following from the Gooding community, both in stockholders and in customers. It just seemed to be the logical place to go to first," Bratton said.

The Gooding branch trailer will close at 1 p.m. today. The bank will reopen in the new offices — on the same site, 746 Main St. — at 9 a.m. Friday. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

Customers have watched the construction project over several months, Bratton said. He hopes they understood the message that Magic Valley Bank plans to be in Gooding for a long time.

He declined to name the site of the bank's investment in the new building.

The Gooding branch is Magic Valley Bank's first full-service branch office and the only facility built and owned by Magic Valley Bank. The new office offers a drive-up window, 24-hour ATM machine, off-street parking, night depository, handicap access and a community room available during banking hours for meetings of eight or fewer people.

Three employees will be familiar faces: Ray Rausch, assistant vice president and manager; Sharon Seifert, customer service representative; and teller Janet Yerby. Magic Valley Bank will add one position with the move, filled by teller Danielle Houser.

"And we'll expand as fast as the bank grows," Bratton said.

The branch was built to accommodate a staff of 15-18, he said.

Of Magic Valley Bank's \$55 million in deposits company-wide, \$7 million are at the Gooding branch. Bratton expects the Gooding number to reach \$12-15 million in the next year.

"That's a pretty hefty growth," In our studies of the community, we really think we can grow to that size," he said. "We market that there's a lot of market growth down there."

For instance, the Walker Center bought 25 acres to the east of its current location on Gooding's Montana Street, with plans to break ground in March on a new, 43,000-square-foot facility to treat people recovering from drug and alcohol dependency. The new Walker Center hopes to open its doors in January 2003. The expansion will increase the number of adult beds from 22 to 32 and open a 16-bed adolescent program for ages 13 to 17.

"And that's good to employ a lot more people in the community," Bratton said.

Twin Falls-based dairy processor Glanbia Foods Inc. in October announced plans for an expansion of its Gooding cheese operation.

"And we've seen indications of several other smaller businesses coming to town," Bratton said. "We're pretty excited about the long-term growth of the community."

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Stock market rallies after Fed's encouraging words

NEW YORK (AP) - The Federal Reserve gave Wall Street the positive economic outlook investors have been seeking, and stocks rallied even though the central bank declined to lower interest rates again.

Investors have been anxiously awaiting word that the recession has ended, and a Fed statement Wednesday that "economic activity is beginning to firm" brought buyers back into the market.

Costco

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While many department stores and specialty shops have struggled since Sept. 11, Costco and other value-oriented retailers, such as Wal-Mart and Target, are seeing sales rise as shoppers focus on the basics.

"Wal-Mart is sort of being held up at the arm to beat in retailing, but I would really say that with their category, Costco can stand up to the 800-pound gorilla."

During the first quarter of fiscal 2002, which began in September, sales at stores open longer than a year increased 5 percent, helping Costco snap a string of three straight quarterly profit declines.

While Costco has fared well during the recession, Singel said the company would likely see the economy improve.

For example, Singel said, Florida restaurants are buying less at Costco because declining tourism means they serve fewer meals.

Costco has more than 90,000 employees, and it has 385 warehouses worldwide.

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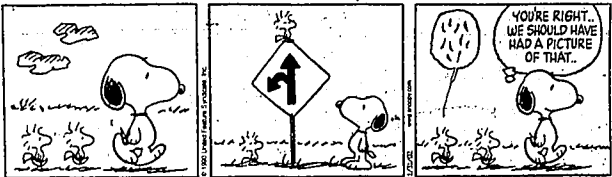
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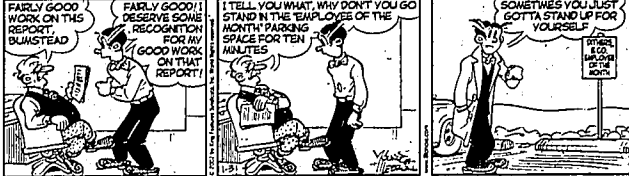
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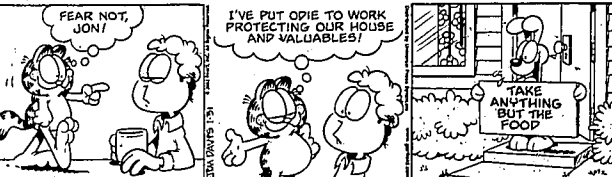
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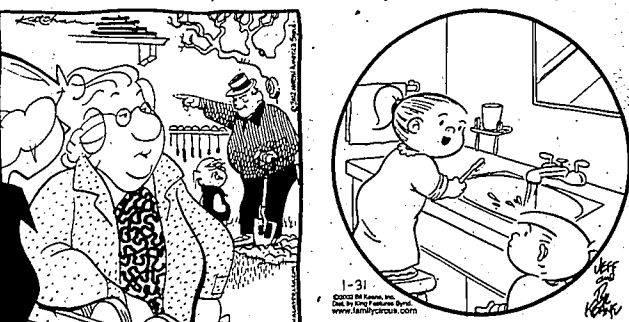


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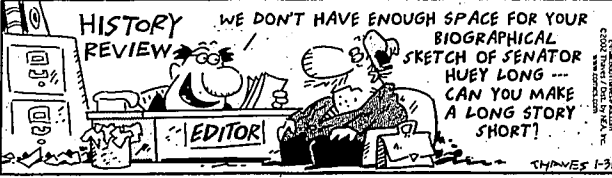
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## Finding the golden path

For all the great necessities that come from Idaho's winter season, there always seems to be a lacking amount of sunshine. Without the blazing sun in a clear January sky, the landscape seems to be missing its brightest star.

The sun, for a lack of a better description, is Idaho's most spectacular artist, and her canvases always shines greater at sunset. Sunsets in Idaho are unmatched anywhere in the world, or at least compared to the places I've been. The thin mountain air, mingling with the cascades and valleys of tough terrain, create more than your standard palette of natural colors. I always considered it noteworthy that something so simple set my home state apart from all others.



CROSSING THE DIVIDE  
David Cooper

Mother nature, however, doesn't always have something to do with that. While living in Pocatello, I figured the stunning sunsets of violet, red, amber and gold that dropped over the Western hills were made without the intrusion of human hands. Only later did I realize the haze from the phosphorous plant and the Simplot factory had something to do with the magnificent colors. So much for nature undisturbed.

But, in nearly every instance where I've wandered through Idaho's wide territory, the sunlight finds some new stroke of light and paints a picture I've never seen before. In some cases, it leads you right to the place you need to be.

One summer while in the Caribou region for a week of camp, me and some other Scouts set our canoes in at South Fork of the Snake, a few miles below the Palisades Dam. We geared up toward the end of the day wanting to avoid the heat of that particular July afternoon. The cooler air settled nicely along the banks of the river, even though the sun was still bright. But with the sun still high, we didn't notice how swift the central current was pushing through the emerald pools of the river.

It wouldn't be a ride for novices. Unnecessarily that is, as when me and my friend Gerald were. And at that stage of the trip, adrenaline and stupidity take over common sense. So we shoved off, with Gerald on the bow mastering the power stroke, and myself on the stern fumbling my way through 12 strokes.

We quickly realized our own feeble strength and lack of training were making the journey worse. My steering abilities were keeping us locked on the south bank against the current rather than in it. Water levels were high that year, so when we tumbled off our canoes into the brush, we came close to slamming our heads into tree branches swinging above the shore.

Along with us, there were a few other boats having problems navigating the current. The leader of our group had a fine mind, we were looking like a bunch of Gilligans rather than experienced oarsmen.

So patiently he coached us to a smaller and slower bend in the river, then led us back into the central current. The sun was now hiding behind the valley trees creating a mellow sunset glare over the entire river. The guide made us aware of it and pointed directly downstream.

"The sun will mark the current's path," he said.

It sounded underwhelming and too simple. But on a closer look downstream, the golden reflection of the sun revealed a shimmering platinum streak where the current clearly ran full stream. We found our way into its wake and suddenly the rowing got much easier. Just like that, the sun continued to dip west as we headed northwest, and the glittering gold reflection went away.

The trip continued for about another mile and a half, and was much more enjoyable once we eased through the guiding current. Ending on such a good note, we whooped, hollered and splashed as if we mastered the mighty Snake in one gallant afternoon.

Our guide shook his head and laughed as we pulled our boats into the landing. Meanwhile, the once torrid sun began its slow dive into a violet and orange horizon.

David Cooper is the outdoors editor for The Times-News.

# Giants of the deep

## Ancient fish still lurk in deep holes of area rivers

By Stu Murrell  
Times-News correspondent

What is the largest fish in Idaho, has no backbone, is armored, and has resided here for 300 million years? If your answer is the white sturgeon, you're correct. These denizens of the deep are avidly sought by Magic Valley anglers. A several hundred-pound fish can literally tow your boat around for the time it takes to catch and release it.

The white sturgeon historically migrated from the ocean to the Snake River with Shoshone Falls being the upper limits of its distribution in Idaho. The advent of 16 dams built on the Snake and Columbia Rivers eliminated this migration and reduced the free-flowing rivers needed for successful spawning to a few areas below Shoshone Falls.

There are remaining populations in the free-flowing sections of the Snake and Lower Salmon rivers. Hatchery fish have also been introduced in the Snake River downstream from American Falls Dam.

The holdover from prehistoric times has an interesting life history. They can live to 75 years old, growing to 75 years old, growing to 9 feet long. A 9-footer may weigh 400 pounds. They first spawn at 10 to 15 years of age when they are 3 to 5 feet in size. They have literally millions of eggs that stick to objects in free-flowing rivers to develop. These eggs can be cured for caviar that has been considered a delicacy by people throughout the world.

The meat is excellent smoked or fresh, and the pioneers in the Magic Valley utilized them for food, hauling them away in wagon loads. Commercial fishing was big business in the Snake and Columbia rivers.

Because of their severely reduced populations, the sturgeon has been on a catch-and-release regulation since 1970 in Idaho.

Sturgeon prefer deep holes in the Snake River and feed on freshwater mussels, snails, small fish, insect larvae and crayfish. They have no teeth but extend a protrusible mouth that sucks up the prey when they forcibly expel water through their gills. Food is located by four barbels (whisker-like projections below their nose) that feel and taste it prior to vacuuming the food item from the bottom.

Fishermen use this knowledge of food habits to use a heavy weight to hold down a bait in the deep holes known for their sturgeon inhabitants. Preferred baits are a large gob of nightcrawlers, smelt, dead trout obtained from commercial fish hatcheries and



Photos by STU MURRELL/The Times-News

Fisherman a sturgeon in water before releasing it. Regulations don't allow sturgeon to be taken out of water.



'Big Bertha' who reamed the hatchery at the College of Southern Idaho, was the first sturgeon that gave eggs which became the origin of the Magic Valley's sturgeon program.

spavid. Heavy duty level wind reels or large spinning outfits are the rule for handling a fish that may weight up to 400 pounds.

Sturgeon cannot be taken from the water and must be released immediately after measuring them. If the hook has been completely swallowed below the extended mouth, then cutting the line close to the mouth is the best method. The digestive acids from the fish can actually dissolve the ingested hook.

A unique hatchery program between the College of Southern Idaho and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has been primarily responsible for the improvement of sturgeon fishing, in the Magic Valley.

CSI biologists collect adult fish from the Snake River and CSI

holds them at their Rock Creek Hatchery until ready to spawn. After hatching, sturgeon are raised at the CSI hatchery and others are farmed out to various commercial and state hatcheries. They are raised for about a year and released in the 12- to 14-inch range.

Terry Patterson, professor of aquaculture at CSI, said they held some sturgeon until they were 17 to 20 inches and released them below American Falls Dam. Survival was excellent, and they now have 5- to 6-foot fish being caught in that area.

The original release of 4,000 sturgeons from this program was in 1989 when Big Bertha (a 6 1/2-

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A small sturgeon, approximately 12 to 17 inches long, is raised for release in the Magic Valley. Fish like this are now 5 feet long and swim in the Snake River downstream from Twin Falls.

# Trek through Tetons inspires adventurers



Photos by MIKE BAILEY/ALLAN BLAND

Dennis Kincaid, Alan Bland and Mike Bailey stand along Hurricane Pass and Grand Teton where they embarked on a 5-day telemark skiing trip.

Rising a massive 7,000 vertical feet from the valley floor, the view of the east side of the Grand Teton and the Teton Range is a sight that awes, inspires and beckons the adventurous. I suppose it was primarily this image embossed on our brains that caused us to plan and execute a ski traverse of the Teton Range. From Wyoming's Teton Pass traveling north, the route goes along the Teton Crest Trail through Grant Teton National Park to Jenny Lake, roughly a 30-mile trek through an incredible example of God's splendor.

Armed with an old route description, Al Bland, Dennis Kincaid and I set out at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2001. The route started with a 1,500-foot climb up Mount Glory. In sparse snow, we hiked to the snow line with our skis on our backs and were immediately awed by the expansive view of the Snake River and Jackson, Wyo., 3,000 feet below us. To the north, we had a distant view of the Grand Teton, the point at which we

## CALLS FROM THE WILD Mike Bailey

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would turn east to finish the route.

With great anticipation, we put on our skis at 9,900 feet and began a difficult ski day in which we were quickly reminded of the challenges of late spring skiing; inconsistent, often slushy snow surrounding bare spots that must be circumvented or hiked. With these challenges and a significant amount of route finding, we stayed in route to a large bowl on the back side of Rendezvous Peak, home to Jackson Hole Ski Area of its front side. Agreeing that the bowl was too dangerous

to ski, we decided to drop a couple of hundred feet into Moose Creek drainage to avoid the steep slopes. This was a decision that we paid for. As we dropped down, a series of cliffs and steep chutes formed between our destination and us. The slope became not only impossible to traverse to our destination but also too steep to ski. Glissading, falling and post holing down the slope, we ended up camping nearly 2,000 vertical feet below our route in the trees just above Moose Creek, a very discouraging development.

Friday started with a descent to Moose Creek, then a climb on much easier terrain to the head of Moose Creek. Back on route, we traversed below and through run-out of the largest avalanche I had ever seen. Stretching some 300 to 400 yards, the size of it demanded immense respect. Although armed with avalanche beepers, probe poles and shovels, I still felt incredibly vulnerable.

Reaching Marion Lake at 4:30 p.m. Friday, we pressed on

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OUTDOORS

# Rules prohibit wasting game animals

# New owners look to improve ski trails

**Question:** Some of my friends have been issued citations for not bringing home the rib meat from their elk or throwing away the legs on game birds. What are the rules on waste of game meat?

**Answer:** You may not waste through carelessness, neglect or otherwise any game bird, game animal, or game fish or any portion usually eaten by humans. The intent of this law is to ensure people utilize the meat they harvest from game animals and fish. The big game hunting brochure spells out what edible parts of a big game animal you are required to care for. They include "the meat of the front quarters as far down as the knee,



**ASK THE OFFICER**  
Gary Hompland

hindquarters as far down as the hock, neck meat, meat along the backbone, and meat covering the ribs."

Conservation officers encounter many hunters at check stations that leave meat in the field from the neck, ribs, or front shoulders of game animals such as elk. In some cases this meat is ruined because hunters lack the knowledge to properly care for

their game. More often it's deliberate waste due to neglect or because it's difficult or inconvenient to utilize.

We also receive telephone calls about Canada geese, sage grouse, pheasants, and ducks dumped into a garbage dumpster. Officers often discover the birds have been "breasted out" taking only the choice breast meat. Waste of the leg meat is also clearly a violation of the waste law.

All hunters must prepare in advance to efficiently salvage all the meat from harvested game animals. Some were never taught the ethical and legal imperative to utilize the bounty of their hunt. Young hunters from fractured families often have little or no

elder guidance to hunting ethics. For many, the feast provided by a deer or elk taken during the fall is a nearly religious experience. I would encourage anyone who is successful harvesting wild game and does not want the meat to donate the cut and wrapped meat to their nearest Salvation Army or church-sponsored welfare food pantry. In this way indigent families can benefit from this delicious and nutritious food source.

**Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of Fish and Game. E-mail your questions to the agency's Web Site at [www2.state.id.us/fishgame](http://www2.state.id.us/fishgame).**

## WHAT SNOW?



Chira Florence rides his bike along a snow-covered trail during a rare San Francisco Bay area snowfall Monday in the hills above Los Gatos, Calif.

## Cat skiers dive into powder

**BOISE (AP) —** Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort has been called a "ski area time forgot," and it proudly lives up to the billing.

It is a rustic, cheerful place where lift lines are short, people are friendly, and prices are like reliving fond memories.

"We're trying to stay that small, affordable ski area," general manager Rick Pignone said.

It's also probably the only place in the Northwest where you can go cat skiing for less than \$100.

A half-day cat ski trip costs \$75 per person. Compared with Sun Valley, where a lift ticket alone will cost you \$63, cat skiing at Anthony Lakes is a bargain hunter's score.

Anthony Lakes is located in Northeast Oregon in the Wallowa Whitman National Forest and tucked among several 9,000 to 10,000-foot peaks known as the "Little Alps."

Snow cats can access 2,000 acres of powder slopes all located within a couple miles of the ski area's lift-served terrain, which means no time-consuming rides into the backcountry.

A cat ski trip starts near the terminus of the Rock Garden chairlift at 8,000-foot elevation.

After a short ride up a ridge, skiers unload and a guide leads them down the back side of the mountain. Another guide follows to make sure the group gets down safely, and everyone is equipped with avalanche transceivers supplied by the resort.

Anthony Lake's backcountry bears no resemblance to the cleared and groomed slopes of the inbounds area.

There are thick forests, rocks, stumps and other natural obstacles dotting the steep slopes. Depending on conditions, the snow can vary between powder-light, buttery smooth and heavy mush.

Anthony Lakes typically has light, dry snow, but like many other ski areas, snow storms have been sporadic this year.

A recent spell of warm weather made the snow heavier than normal, but if snow isn't good, trips are postponed until it improves.

"If conditions go sour, we're going to call you, say it isn't worth it and reschedule," Pignone said.

**LEWISTON (AP) —** The Clearwater National Forest and owners of the former North South Ski Bowl near Emida have big plans to improve cross-country skiing at the Palouse Divide.

Long a favorite destination for cross-country skiers in north-central Idaho and southeastern Washington, the maze of groomed and un-groomed cross-country ski trails that follow old logging roads could be transformed into a first-class trail system, Lane Hathaway said.

He and his wife, Shirley, purchased the old ski bowl and its lodges three years ago. They've transformed the main lodge into their home, and with the help of Cynthia Cole at the Pottlatch Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest, have laid plans to cut new ski trails there, add a warming hut and groom more of the existing trails.

Some of the work, such as expanded grooming and better signs, is already under way. The ranger district recently purchased a new Polaris wide-track snowmobile and tow-behind groomer called the trail tenderizer.

The tandem quickly and efficiently grooms miles of trails for both skate and track skiing. It's also highly portable, allowing Cole to transport the device to Elk River and groom the trails there.

Last year, the Elk River Park 'n' Ski Area was not groomed at all. If all goes well, signs will also be added to the Elk River trail system this year.

Cole and Hathaway want to add a warming hut to both ski areas, perhaps as early as next year. Hathaway opens the old lodge on occasion for use as a warming hut. He puts signs out on the weekends that the log lodge is open.

The Forest Service, according to Cole, has long-term plans to add restrooms at Elk River and the Palouse Divide.

She and Hathaway also want to cut a new trail from Palouse Divide that will dip down into the valley below via a gentle grade to the area near the Giant White Pine Campground.

"It will really add to this area because there are a lot of more

complex trails up here," Cole said.

Old roads already in place could be cleared and connected to make a loop. The connection would also form another loop out of existing trails. The necessary planning work for expanding the ski area and adding facilities will begin this summer.

Hathaway is in the midst of forming a Nordic ski club for the Palouse Divide. He envisions a volunteer group that would organize work days to cut brush and clear trails, put up signs and help maintain the area. If successful, the club could branch out to other ski areas, he said.

"The primary thing right now is we need to get some help brushing out the trails," he said.

A backpack with a chainsaw, strapped to it sits next to his front door. Hathaway uses it to brush trails and clear trees that occasionally blow down and block the way.

The couple have no plans to open the old ski bowl, a small downhill ski area served by a lift and rope tow. He says it's just too small and too expensive to run.

"Most skiers like to go where there are multiple runs and multiple lifts," he said.

"We don't want to go broke either," Shirley Hathaway added.

Telemark skiers are still welcome to take a run or two down the defunct ski area's slopes but the couple prefer people ask permission when possible.

He says snowshoers also are welcome at Palouse Divide as long as they take care to avoid walking in ski tracks set into the groomed surface.

Instead of reviving the ski bowl, Hathaway said he wants to promote Nordic skiing. He noted it is much cheaper for families to spend a day cross-country skiing than it is to go to a downhill resort.

"High schools should be bringing kids up here to go skiing," he said.

Cross-country skiing has long been recognized as an excellent way to exercise both the upper and lower body. It's a wonderful way to experience the outdoors during the winter months.

"It's very beautiful and peaceful," Shirley said.

## Botched trapping kills dozens of elk in Idaho

**BOISE (AP) —** As many as 60 elk died Tuesday during a trapping operation at Weiser Cove, Idaho department of Fish and Game biologists reported.

Agency crews started the trapping Saturday as a final resort to remove elk prompting damage complaints in the Weiser River valley.

About 200 head of elk flooded into the trap around noon Tuesday. Crews realized too many had gone into the trap and they successfully released 32 but about

60 animals — mostly yearlings and calves — were killed in the panic.

The dead elk were immediately field-dressed while mobile butcher units were called. The carcasses will be donated to needy families.

Workers removed 132 animals during the operation and shipped them to remote areas of Hells Canyon.

The herds were not trimmed sufficiently by hunters, even with a three-month hunting season last fall.

## Tetons

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through 70-degree temperatures, deep blue skies and gentle rolling slopes surrounded by the jagged peaks that have made the Teton range famous. It was a skier's dream. We set camp at 7 p.m. on Death Canyon Shelf, a 3.5-mile-long rolling shelf with a vertical cliff up to our left and a vertical cliff down into Death Canyon to our right. With a commanding view of the main Teton peaks, our previous and next day's routes, and the feeling that we were back on schedule with the traverse, this was the most enjoyable and relaxing point on the whole trip.

Saturday, we trekked for 12 hours through terrain varying from rolling and easy in Alaska Basin to unskiable wind-carved headwalls on Hurricane Pass. The top of Hurricane Pass is an incredibly awe-inspiring place. Positioned directly to the west of the Grand and Middle Tetons, a visitor almost feels they can reach out and touch the famous peaks. We camped below Hurricane Pass on the edge of the free-flowing banks of the South Fork of Cascade Creek, not more than 50 yards from fresh grizzly bear tracks in the slushy snow.

Sunday, we skied through snow patches to 8,050 feet, then began seven miles of hiking through snow drifts, dirt and eventually tourists who had ventured around Jenny Lake in tank tops and



Mike Bailey and Dennis Kincaid, of Kimberley, right, stand above the Snake River and Jackson Hole while trekking to Mt. Glory. Teyas, instantly sticking out amongst our new company, we carried our skis and packs around Jenny Lake, trying out different versions of our adventure on all who asked. Mike Bailey lives in McCall and is a member of the High Desert Nordic Association.

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## Teen calls military tough, rewarding

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent



Julio Abel Silva

His parents are Julio Silva and Lucia Solis. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in May.

"It was the toughest experience of my life," he says of the military. "Mentally, never could have prepared myself."

But, he says, he is much more "disciplined and patient" now. Silva will be in San Angelo, Texas for three months for his job training to become a firefighter and rescue specialist. "I've changed the way I think and the way I feel," Silva says.

TWIN FALLS - Julio Abel Silva had no intention of joining the Marine Corps when he was "tagging along with a friend who had an appointment with an Army recruiter."

He ended up enlisting for four years.

"We were supposed to be there for 10 minutes," says Silva of Twin Falls. "We ended up staying for four hours. I decided to go into the Marine Corps because it was the biggest challenge."

The 19-year-old Twin Falls native graduated from boot camp in San Diego in December and will graduate from combat training on Feb. 4.

## Two groups will perform at Jerome County Fairgrounds

JEROME - Banda Santa Marta from Michoacan and Grupo Corazones Vagabundos will be performing at the Jerome County Fairgrounds starting at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Tickets will be available only at the fairgrounds the night of the dance. The cost is \$15 per person.

## Los Rebeldes will play at El Parralito in Jerome

JEROME - Los Rebeldes de Durango will perform starting at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday at El Parralito Salon on Lincoln Street in Jerome.

For ticket information, call 324-8674.

## INS won't enter temporary protected status in center

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has reported that it will not enter Temporary Protected Status applicants into the FBI's, NCIC database with other aliens who absconded from orders of deportation.

INS reported it has procedures



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in place to insure that TPS applicants will not be entered into the NCIC lookout system.

All TPS applicants are protected from removal from the United States during the designated TPS period.

Temporary Protected Status is a temporary immigration status granted to eligible nationals of designated countries. TPS beneficiaries will not be required to leave the United States and may obtain work authorization for the initial TPS period and for any extensions of the designation. TPS does not lead to permanent resident status.

When the Attorney General terminates a TPS designation, beneficiaries will return to the same immigration status they had before TPS (unless that status has expired or has been terminated) or to any other status they may have been granted while in TPS.

## MVRS seeks way to meet need of Hispanic disabled

By Heather Abel  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services is reaching out to the Latino community. The nonprofit organization, which evaluates, trains and employs disabled people, has created an Hispanic Advisory Committee. The committee's second meeting was Jan. 10.

The purpose of the committee is to identify the needs of Hispanic disabled people. Committee members also have addressed the barriers to meeting those needs and what can be done to remove them, MRVS representatives say.

"At this point, we're just doing the initial needs assessment," says Jeff Crumrine, MRVS executive director.

Crumrine says the advisory committee started because of input from staff member Simon Rodriguez about a year ago. Rodriguez thought there was training needs that weren't addressed for Hispanics.

"They're not aware of these services," Rodriguez says. "I thought this is an area that hasn't been sought out."

Rodriguez says in some cases the information isn't disseminated into the right areas.

"We're taking a proactive

approach," Crumrine says. "We're trying to identify what those needs are and trying to identify solutions."

"One of the things that we will be working on for the Legislature is the Labor Contractor Registration and Bonding Act," says Sister Barbara Gonzales of Idaho Legal Aid and a committee member. "What we hope to do is have the contractor be bonded. If there is a problem with pay, the pay can come out of the bond."

Other committee members include Alejandro Castaneda, Gem State Realty; Gloria Galan, Twin Falls City Council member; Gioconda Sanchez Meyers, AG Mart; Efrain Ortega, La Mexicana; Benjamin Reed, KFTA AM 570; and Lucille Silva, Idaho Community Action Network.

According to a participant census taken on Jan. 21, there were 130 people receiving services from MVRS, Crumrine said. Of those, 11 participants were Hispanic.

"There is no data available that identify the number of people with disabilities in the area who are Hispanic, he added. The 2000 Census data pertaining to the number of people with disabilities will not be available until May or June of 2002.

The Hispanic Advisory Committee is just beginning the



Sister Barbara Gonzales of Legal Aid makes a point, while Simon Rodriguez listens at a meeting of the new Hispanic Advisory Committee of Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services.

process of identifying what is out there, Crumrine reports.

"One of the main needs was to get the information about our (MVRS) services out to the Hispanic Latino population," read the minutes from one meeting.

"I'm excited because I really believe you go to the people who understand what's going on in the community," says Crumrine about the committee member-

ship. "There's a wealth of information in the community. We're looking forward to being able to tap into that."

MVRS teaches vocational skills, as well as personal development skills. MVRS has programs on site such as car detailing, and assembly work, where people can develop skills, but Crumrine says the primary emphasis is getting people out into the community.

## NEWS FROM MEXICO

### Power pirates leave Mexico City in the Dark

By Kevin Sullivan  
The Washington Post

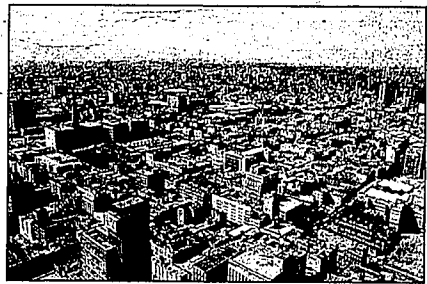
MEXICO CITY - Gregorio Santos Gutierrez gets his electricity the same way millions of other Mexicans do: He steals it.

"I'm stealing the power because I need it, and there's no other way to get it," Santos said.

Recent estimates indicate that at least 10 million people do not pay for the electricity they receive from Central Light & Power, the government-owned company serving Mexico City and several surrounding states.

In recent weeks, thousands of homes and businesses have been hit with power outages that electric company officials blame largely on pirates. Published reports say the thefts result in the loss of as much as \$75 million in revenues annually.

Stealing power is a common practice across Latin America, where poverty and corruption often give people motive and opportunity. The problem persists partly because no one wants to tackle it. In Mexico, where at



Mexico City is one of the world's largest cities with a population of 9.8 million people.

least 40 percent of the country's 100 million people live in poverty, it's been politically impossible to crack down on the only access most poor people have to electricity.

President Vicente Fox has said that reforming the energy sector

- in part, cleaning up poor management and ending power piracy - will be a key priority this year. Fox wants to encourage private-sector investment in the state-run electric companies - a highly controversial idea in a country where many people see

their oil, gas and electricity as symbols of national sovereignty.

Officials from Central Light & Power did not respond to repeated requests for interviews, but their frustrations with the thefts recently boiled over. Mexico City's mayor, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, publicly chastised the power company, saying it should be able to prevent entire neighborhoods from being blacked out. Company officials shot back that there wouldn't be outages if Lopez Obrador and his police force cracked down on pirates.

But power pirates on the streets say that Lopez Obrador's police officers and the power company's inspectors make so much money in bribes that none has much incentive to shut down the pirates.

Santos said he set up his newsstand about 1 1/2 years ago. He needed electricity, so he did what his neighboring vendors did: He bought off a power company worker, who illegally rigged wires from his stand to the main power line.

### Mexico's complicated taxes cause lots of uncertainty

By Brendan M. Case  
The Dallas Morning News

MEXICO CITY - In Mexico, Coca-Cola is a basic necessity, while caviar counts as a luxury good. But both will get the same treatment from the taxman.

Mexican caviar lovers must pay a new luxury levy totaling 20 percent, according to recent changes to the nation's tax code.

Soft drink consumers face sales taxes that can run just as high-

even though millions of poor people rely on Coke and Pepsi for a good share of their daily calories.

"Now the rich will still be rich, and our poor people will get poorer," said Juan Luis Martinez, 39, a house painter and father of four in Mexico City.

President Vicente Fox's plans to revamp the nation's tax code died in the Mexican Congress in late December. Instead, lawmakers slapped new taxes on everything from mobile telephone ser-

vice to restaurants serving liquor to soft drinks made with corn syrup.

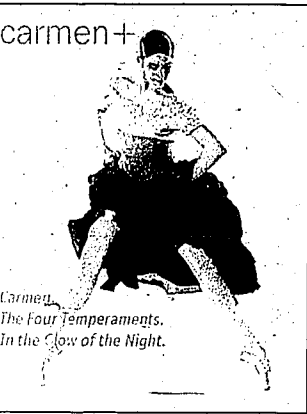
The new rules have quickly become a major source of uncertainty in Mexico's financial future. The question: Can a motley array of new levies substitute for broad reform in a nation plagued by tax evasion?

Graciela del Castillo, the lead analyst for Mexico at Standard & Poor's, has said she is "studying" the recent tax changes to decide

whether they will shore up the government's finances.

Over the last seven years, oil has accounted for between a fifth and a third of public income. Last year, the Finance Ministry had to cut spending several times to make up for falling oil prices.

As for millions of Mexicans like Martinez, they have concluded the new taxes will cost them money without solving the government's chronic financial problems.



Michele Jimenez will star in the Washington Ballet's production of "Carmen," choreographed especially for the 22-year-old.

## Dancer tip toes to success

By Sarah Kaufman  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - It was one of those fateful encounters, like Lana Turner's apocryphal discovery at Schwab's Drugstore. But this wasn't Sunset Boulevard. It was Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic, where in a dusty, open-air dance studio with worn floors and a piano that was passable at best, a visiting ballet teacher from Washington caught sight of a slender, sloe-eyed teenager she would later describe as the most remarkable young dancer she had seen in years.

The girl was Michele Jimenez, now a principal dancer of the Washington Ballet. She is, in fact, its purest classical ballerina. The 22-year-old is starring in the company's new production of "Carmen," which Artistic Director Septime Webre has choreographed especially for her. It will be the latest in a string of leading roles that she began performing even as an apprentice.

Yet just four years ago, Jimenez was struggling to get ahead on an island better known for baseball than ballet.

"When I walked in, she looked like every other beautiful Dominican girl," remembers Lorraine Spiegler. In 1997, Spiegler had journeyed to Santo

Domingo seeking new talent for the Washington School of Ballet, the training arm of the Washington Ballet. She'd heard some Cuban dancers had moved there and wanted to know what had drawn them.

"Like many Caribbean companies, the Ballet Clasico Nacional de Santo Domingo was poorly funded and little known. At 17, Jimenez had already outgrown the company's school and was performing leading roles along with the professional dancers - though you could hardly call them that. The performers often went weeks without pay, in more than two years of dancing with the company," Jimenez says, she never received a penny.

So when Spiegler asked her to come here to audition for the school, Jimenez was ready. "I really wanted to leave, because I wanted more," she says in a soft, girlish voice, only lightly accented. "And it was getting a little... restricting."

Jimenez flew to Washington and auditioned for Mary Day, the school's founder and director. But her dream was cut short before it began. Her mother, who years before had survived melanoma, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Jimenez returned home to care for her. It would be a long time before she would come back to ballet.

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# COMMUNITY

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## Brothers seek nurturing family

**James**  
 Personality: James yearns for attention and the nurturing he missed in his life. He has felt the sting of disappointment when the adults in his life were not there to share his interests. James is learning to share attention, feel less competitive and accept losing games as well as winning them. He is eager to please and to be accepted by others.

**Jazz**  
 Personality: Described as "all boy" and "a charmer," Jazz is learning to trust the adults to take care of his needs. He's coming to terms with feelings of anger and disappointment over his parents' addictions and the emotional pain it has caused him. He's learning to express his anger with appropriate language - a self-control task he's trying to master. This energetic boy dreams of parents who will take him and his brother biking, hiking, fishing and camping.

Interests: Jazz shares all of his brother's interests in outdoor activities and a love of scaly creatures.

Needs: Both boys have been through many reunifications with their mother. The disappointment they felt over repeated "new starts" and drug relapses caused feelings of confusion, anger and sadness. James and Jazz are both doing well in a foster home where they know the rules and understand consequences. They thrive on activities, especially ones that take place outdoors.

James and Jazz need a committed and active single parent or couple who will choose their well-being and safety first, and who

### Thursday's Children



### James and Jazz Ages 10 and 8

know how to demonstrate this over and over in the face of testing behaviors. They require plenty of one-on-one attention. They want parents who don't fight and are patient. They wouldn't mind other children in their new family.

James takes Ritalin for Attention Deficit Disorder, a medication that needs to be carefully monitored. Jazz and James attend counseling to address anger, grief and loss issues. They need parents who understand medical and emotional needs related to prenatal exposure to methamphetamines. Ask their adoption worker about adoption subsidy and purchase of services that will help with ongoing counseling and medical needs.

James and Jazz available for adoption through the State of Oregon. For contact information, please call the Idaho CareLine number, 1-800-926-2588.

## Junior Club contributes to MV organizations

**TWIN FALLS** - The Junior Club of Twin Falls has contributed more than \$7,600 to three Magic Valley organizations from the proceeds raised from two of the club's annual events.

Junior Club President Larisa Alexander presented a \$1,667 check to Hospice Vision Inc. from the proceeds of the fourth annual Garden Tour held in July. This self-guided tour featured seven Magic Valley homes and included the expertise of master gardeners at each home.

The Junior Club also presented the Ike Kistler Safe House and the Crisis Center of Magic Valley with \$3,000 checks each from the proceeds of the 14th annual Bite of Twin Falls. This annual food fair featured more than 10 local restaurants and concessionaires selling menu specialty items at nominal prices.

The Junior Club is a service organization founded in 1959 by a group of local women looking for a way to give back to the community. Members are dedicated to performing volunteer service for Magic Valley organizations aimed at improving the social, economic, cultural and civic conditions of the community, the club reports. Each year, funds raised by the club are given to a variety of causes through specific projects chosen by the members.



Junior Club President Larisa Alexander, far right, presents a check to Hospice Vision Inc. With Alexander are Hospice Vision volunteers, from left, Joed Steinberg, Linda Moon and Earlean Peterson.



Junior Club members present checks to Ike Kistler Safe House and Crisis Center of Magic Valley representatives. From left, are, Anna Scholtes, club member and Bite of Twin Falls co-chairman; Val Stotts, club member and safe house program director; Larisa Alexander, club president; Cindy Peterson, club vice president and Bite of Twin Falls chairman; and Deborah Gabard, Crisis Center director.

Photo courtesy of Junior Club

## Free tax help available to seniors, low income residents

**TWIN FALLS** - Almost 50 volunteers have completed U.S. Internal Revenue Service-approved examinations, qualifying them to provide free counseling and tax return preparation to area residents under the AARP Foundation's national Tax-Aide program.

The free tax help will be available at 19 sites in the Magic Valley starting Friday.

Within the eight-county Idaho Tax-Aide District 5, almost 400 tax returns were e-filed last year, among 1,600 prepared by the volunteers. This year, with a 10 percent increase in the number of counselors, the goal is to more than double both those figures, said District Coordinator Bob Wunderle of Bliss. All but three of this year's sites will be equipped to file returns electronically.

Originally, the nonprofit AARP Tax-Aide program was started to bring free tax assistance to low and middle income older taxpayers. This year, help will be provided to anyone except people with complex returns. They will be referred to professional tax consultants, Wunderle said.

The program does not compete with private bookkeepers or accountants, he stressed. In fact, a significant number of volunteer

### Tax counselors

Volunteer tax counselors who will man AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites in through April 15, must be tested and re-certified each year. Certification mirrored a week of instruction in federal and state tax laws, including 2001 revisions, followed by a week of orientation in electronic filing of tax returns and three days of intensive practice of the newly acquired skills. Those newly certified in January are:

**Twin Falls:** Joy Anderson, Margaret Babcock, Juno Canterbury, Violet Christopherson, Keith Cunningham, Blaine Doney, Bill Ebener, John Engel, Hank Gablica, Patricia Gablica, Silvia Gonzalez, Don Keith, Jerry Kura, Paul Mills, Sherry Olson-Frank, Mary Osburn, Michelle Park, Robert Borish, Lola Pearson, Mary Price, Margaret Ralphs,

Marlene Sackett, Ingrid Stope, Yong Ja Tanaka and Michelle Thomas. **Buhl:** Greg DeAlba, Fred Ripley and Shirley Roberts. **Burley/Rupert:** Harold Catmull, George Schwidemann and Jennifer Taylor. **Filer:** Bill Olson and Joan Stokesberry. **Glenns Ferry:** Billie Dillon and Dianne Moflet. **Gooding:** Mary Lou Brooks. **Hagerman/Blair:** Lory Elford, Linda McCaughey and Robert Wunderle. **Halley/Ketchum:** Fred Neumann, Dave Nutter and Lucille Pruitt. **Jerome:** Marina Thoman and Phil Thibman. **Kimberly:** Jim Egbert, Pam Goodhue and Mike Donald. **Wendell:** Bardell Lesneski and Paul Lesneski.

counselors are employed in those occupations and participate in Tax-Aide as a community service. Tax-Aide's main site will be at Fred Meyer in Twin Falls. It will operate from 4-7:30 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends through April 15. Call 733-8542 for appointments. Other locations are as follows (unless noted, calling for an appointment is preferred):

Twin Falls Senior Center, 734-5084, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays.  
 Valley Vista Village, 733-3500, 1-4 p.m. Thursdays.  
 Buhl West End Senior Center, 543-4577, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays.  
 Burley Golden Heritage Senior Center, 878-8646, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays.  
 Fairfield Senior Center, 764-2226, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays.  
 Filer Senior Haven, 326-4608, 8-

11 a.m., Thursdays.  
 Glenns Ferry Three Island Senior Center, 366-2051, 1-4 p.m., Mondays.  
 Gooding Senior Center, 934-5504, 9 a.m. to noon, Mondays and Wednesdays.  
 Hagerman Senior/Community Center, 837-6120, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays as needed.  
 Halley Blaine County Senior Center, 788-3468, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays.  
 Jackpot Recreation Center, 775-755-2653, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fridays.  
 Jerome Senior Center, 324-5162, on call.  
 St. Jerome's Catholic Church, walk-in, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays.  
 Kimberly Ageless Senior Center, 423-4338, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays if needed.  
 Rupert Senior Center, 436-6679, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays.  
 Shoshone Golden Years Senior Center, 886-2369, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fridays.  
 Wendell United Methodist Church, 536-6561, 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays.  
 Spanish speaking counselors are available at Fred Meyer, Buhl, Jackpot and St. Jerome's sites.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### A lot of support goes into banquet of appreciation

The 4th District High School Officials Association would like to say thank you to all that supported and participated in the banquet in appreciation of Paul Ostyn on Jan. 12.

Special thanks to several Magic Valley businesses that donated gifts and prizes: Cactus Petes, Jackpot Golf Course, The Cove, Applebee's, Chili's, The Press Box, Canyon Springs Golf Course, Clear Lakes Country Club, Golf Ranch 93, Imagination Station, Gem State Trophies, Donnelly Sports and the Turf Club.

Special thanks also to our speakers: Dr. David McCluskey, Mike Standley, Karl Kleinkopf, Ron Stevenson and Mel Hine.

Thank you also to all that attended; without you, this would not have been possible. The 4th District Officials Association cannot say enough about the support and respect of our commissioner, leader and most of all, friend.

Thank you so very much for making this event a great success.

**MARTY HURD**  
**SEAN STANLEY**  
**LOUIS EGUSQUIZA**  
**KIRBY BUTLER**  
**MEL HINE**  
 Banquet Committee  
 Twin Falls

### Children say 'thank you' for warm coats, hats, gloves

The Twin Falls Head Start children, parents and staff would like to give special thanks to the Twin Falls Optimist Club and Santa Claus for making our Winter Carnival so much fun.

Our children and kids say thank you to the coats and hats program for our warm coats, hats and gloves.

Thanks again,  
**TWILA HANCHEDY**  
 Center Supervisor  
 Head Start  
 Twin Falls

### Escape Movie Night amounts to fun night out

The Zonta International Club of Magic Valley would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all who contributed and helped make this year's Escape Movie Night a success.

The Lamphouse, Tribes, Mug-

ger's, Metropolis Bakery, Carmela Vinyards, Women's Health Clinic, Biele Brothers, Idaho Potato Commission, Magic Valley Distributing, Creekside Restaurant, The Rock Creek, Mama's at the Pioneer Club, A'roma, Con Paulos, Extreme Motor Sports, Stanger Farms, Barnes & Noble, Herrett Center and The Times-News.

A big thank you to all of our guests that attended, donated and made this event so much fun.  
**DEBY JOHNSON**  
 Zonta Club of Magic Valley  
 Twin Falls

### Companies, individuals help assist low-income families

The Twin Falls Reformed Church would like to publicly thank the United Dairyfarm of Idaho, Lamb Western, Seneca Foods, Karl Joslin, Jeff Skinner and Fred Meyer for their contributions to our Christmas Assistance Shopping Spree.

We are truly grateful for their help in assisting low-income families during the holidays.

**KELLEY GOLAY**  
 Director of Education/Missions  
 Twin Falls Reformed Church  
 Twin Falls

### Olympic torch run sparks emotions for resident

I would like to thank Randy Hansen and Elaine Steele for their work in bringing the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay to Twin Falls. I speak on behalf of all of us who carried the torch that it was very emotional and uplifting.

I thank the Twin Falls Police Department for keeping us safe and for the spectators who came out to cheer us on. I think the news conferences, torchbearer training, the parades and also the chamber of commerce luncheon we all went to was worth it.

Thank you, Coca-Cola and Chevrolet, for sponsoring this historical event that every one of us will cherish for the rest of our lives. I also would thank all of the bands that played and for all the former Olympians who came to see this event.

Again, thank you, Randy Hansen and Elaine Steele, Magic Valley loves you.  
**MIKE NIELSEN**  
 Twin Falls

### Buhl book club moves to Eighth Street Center

**BUHL** - Let's Talk About It, the book discussion group at the Buhl Public Library will meet today at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth Ave., Buhl. The Buhl Arts Council, which is co-sponsoring the program with the library, will host tonight's program from 7:15-8:35 p.m.

The books are from the "Growing Older, Caring Wiser" theme which explores issues related to aging.

"Having our Say" by Elizabeth and Sarah Delany will be discussed at tonight's program. The book covers 100 years of the sisters' lives. Kelly Holmgren from Idaho State University in Pocatello will lead the group discussion.

Multiple copies of the book are available at the Buhl Public Library. New readers are welcome to join the programs in progress.

The Feb. 14 program will be back at the Buhl Public Library for "Stone Angel" by Margaret Laurence, about an older woman who escapes from her nursing home in an effort to reconcile her past.

The Buhl Arts Council will again host a program on Feb. 28 for "Balsamroot: A Memoir" by Mary Blevin, who explores her aunt's life as a homesteader in Montana.

The last program will be held March 1 at the Buhl Public Library, "Memory of Old Jack" by Wendell Berry will be discussed. A rural Kentucky man

recalls his attachment to the land. For more information, call the Buhl Public Library at 543-6500.

The program is underwritten by the Idaho State Library, Idaho Humanities Council and US Bancorp.

### Research scientist speaks on immunity enhancements

**TWIN FALLS** - Brian Larson, a medical research scientist, will speak on new scientific advancement of immunity enhancements at 6:45 p.m. Thursday at Ameril Inn, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls.

There will be a \$3 cover charge. For more information, call Gordon at 734-2228.

### Junior Club seeks new members for upcoming year

**TWIN FALLS** - The Junior Club of Twin Falls, a service organization committed to performing volunteer work in the Magic Valley, is seeking new members for the 2002-2003 year.

Membership is open to all Magic Valley women who are 21-years-old or older and have time to participate in events.

Membership consists of a five-year term, with members volunteering 45 hours throughout the year. Hours can be accumulated through a variety of Junior Club activities. When the five years have successfully been completed, members graduate to associate members.

The Junior Club raises money for a variety of Magic Valley organizations through specific

projects chosen by the membership. Projects slated for the 2002-2003 year include a new golf tournament, the fifth annual Garden Tour, the 15th annual Bite of Twin Falls, the 13th annual Holiday Home Tour and the fifth annual Skeet Shoot.

For more information, call President Larisa Alexander at 734-1251 or President elect Cindy Peterson at 543-4678.

### Twin Falls Rotary offers Ambassadorial scholarship

**TWIN FALLS** - Rotary District 5400 of Rotary International and the Twin Falls Rotary Club are offering an Ambassadorial scholarship.

The scholarship is available to study abroad for one academic year in almost any field at an institution assigned by the Rotary Foundation. The maximum award is \$25,000 including travel.

Applications are due March 1. For more information, call Jennifer Ruppert at 736-8648 or Monie Smith at 734-5900, Ext. 278.

### Monie Smith offers free infant massage to parents

**TWIN FALLS** - Parents and babies are invited to free infant massage classes.

The classes will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Head Start office, 323 Second St. E. in Twin Falls.

Parents with babies, birth to pre-walkers, are invited for all three days, and toddlers are included on Friday. Parents may

take one, two or all three classes. This is a free demonstration class. Parents will be guided through instruction on how to massage their babies. Parents will be massaging their own babies.

Participants of the Certified Infant Massage Instructor Program will be observing and participating in student teaching. If you know of any parents who would like to experience infant massage, please invite them, organizers say.

Bring a soft comfortable blanket to lay your baby on, cloth diaper and normal essentials. Dress comfortably because parents will sit on a carpet. Massage oil provided.

For information or directions, call 733-2708 evenings.

### Gun show takes place at T.F. County Fairgrounds

**FILER** - A Gun Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 746-5555.

### Gooding Senior Citizens group serves breakfast

**GOODING** - The Gooding Senior Citizens will serve breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the center, 308 Senior Ave. The menu will include coffee, eggs, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, gravy and juice. The cost is \$3 and the public is invited.

COMMUNITY

# Area students make Who's Who list for 2000-2001

Regional students were among those included in the 35th annual edition of the Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications Inc. of Lake Forest, Ill., calls itself the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students.

Students are nominated at high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement with extracurricular activities.

Traditionally, 99 percent of the Who's Who students have a grade point average of B or better and 97 percent are college bound. They also are eligible to compete for \$200,000 in scholarships.

**Twin Falls**

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- Kristin M. Allen
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- Melissa R. Anderson
- Teresa C. Aranz
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Personal Representative PUBLISHED: January 31, February 7 and 14, 2002

We, Debbie Kaufman, Treasurer, and Robert S Fort, Auditor of said County do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is correct and true for the 10/01/2001 through 12/31/2001

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that two Applications for Transfer have been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights within Twin Falls County, as listed below. Water for the following two transfers is coming from irrigated land located 2 miles East of the intersection of Addison and Blue Lakes and 3 1/2 miles South of Twin Falls, ID.

FARJA DAIRY, 2599 N. 7000 E. TWIN FALLS RD #8391 (FARJA), 1/2 Acre, 69341, 08/20/00. The diversion is 0.167 cfs from ground water for stockwater/commercial use in an existing dike located 3 miles East and 1.5 miles North of Holtzler, ID. The purpose of the transfer is to dry up 10 irrigated acres for the conversion, move right to a new place of use, and use existing well as new site.

C E BRACKETT CATTLE CO, PO BOX 111; ROGERSON ID 83302 filed Application No. 69606 on 11/02/2001 for a diversion of 0.40 cfs from ground water for stockwater use in a cattle feeding operation. The purpose of the transfer is to change the place of use from the well, and dry up 24 irrigated acres for the conversion. The well and place of use is located 5 miles South and 5 1/2 miles East of the Twin Falls Airport.

For specific details regarding the application(s), please contact IDWR Southern Regional Office at 206-736-0303 or visit www.idwr.state.idaho.gov with detail provided under "New Water Right Applications". Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Protests against approval must be filed with IDWR, Southern Region, 1341 Filmer St., Suite 200, Twin Falls, ID 83301 with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before February 19, 2002. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

Karl J. Dreher, Director

Published in the Times News on 01/21 & 02/07/02.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FA-13076 On the 16th 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, for the benefit and security of CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY - WEST, the MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, as beneficiary, dated March 21, 1999, as instrument No. 1997004996, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$745.61, due per month for the months of June through September, 2001 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with interest accruing at the rate of 8.25% per annum, with interest accruing at 8.25% per annum, and continuing to accrue from August 1, 2001. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust Note is \$570,974.92, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATE: January 8, 2002. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. is/Monine Cole, Trust Officer

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FA-13069 On the 9th 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 of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, as beneficiary, recorded July 3, 1995, as instrument No. 1995010321, and assigned to CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY, as beneficiary, by assignment recorded June 28, 1996, as instrument No. 1996011266, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$466.34, due per month for the months of August through November, 2001 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at 18% per annum, with interest accruing at the amount of \$67.00, with interest accruing at 8.5% per annum, and continuing to accrue from July 1, 2001. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust Note is \$45,039.14, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATE: January 3, 2002. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. is/Monine Cole, Trust Officer

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FA-12940 On the 7th 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 of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, predecessor trustee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal and Interest of \$906.63, due per month for the months of January through November, 2001 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with interest accruing at the rate of 10% per annum, with interest accruing at 10% per annum, and continuing to accrue from December 29, 2000. Also due are delinquent and unpaid taxes for 2000. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust Note is \$99,729.87, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATE: January 17, 2002. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. is/Elisbeth M. Ricky, Trust Officer

PUBLISHED: January 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 2002

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FA-12944 On the 1st day of May, 2002, at the hour of 10:15 A.M. of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, as beneficiary, recorded April 12, 2001, as instrument No. 2001000045, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal and Interest of \$906.63, due per month for the months of June through September, 2001 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with interest accruing at the rate of 10% per annum, with interest accruing at 10% per annum, and continuing to accrue from May 1, 2001. Also due are delinquent and unpaid taxes for 2000. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust Note is \$99,729.87, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATE: January 15, 2002. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. is/Elisbeth M. Ricky, Trust Officer

PUBLISHED: January 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 2002

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FA-12932 On the 22nd 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 of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, predecessor trustee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

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DATE: December 20, 2001. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. is/Monine Cole, Trust Officer

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FA-12832 On the 22nd 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 of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, predecessor trustee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

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DATE: January 15, 2002. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. is/Monine Cole, Trust Officer

PUBLISHED: January 31, February 7, 14 and 21, 2002

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FA-12951 On the 21st 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 of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, predecessor trustee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

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PUBLISHED: January 31, February 7, 14 and 21, 2002

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FA-12955 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 First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, predecessor trustee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

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LEGAL NOTICE

POINT OF BEGINNING

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors office, the address of 3482 North 2983 East, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

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DATE: January 10, 2002. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. is/Monine Cole, Trust Officer

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

FA-13059 On the 8th 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 of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY - WEST, the MELLON MORTGAGE COMPANY, as beneficiary, dated March 21, 1999, as instrument No. 1997004996, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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

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FA-12953 On the 21st 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 of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, predecessor trustee, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

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DATE: December 20, 2001. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. is/Monine Cole, Trust Officer

PUBLISHED: January 31, February 7, 14 and 21, 2002

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DATE: January 15, 2002. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC. is/Monine Cole, Trust Officer

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that the School Administration District #411 will receive sealed bids for Janitorial Support for the 2002-2003 school year until 1:00 P.M., February 12, 2002 at the School Administration District #411, West Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

THE LIST OF THE REQUIRED SUPPLIES AND THE BIDDING CONDITIONS may be obtained from the School Purchasing Agent at the Twin Falls School District Administration Building.

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

DATE: February 12, 2002. BY: Rosa Steffens, Clerk of the Board

OPEN: February 12, 2002

NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that the Twin Falls School District #411 will receive sealed bids for supplying Consumable Supplies for the 2002-2003 school year until 1:00 P.M., February 19, 2002 at the School Administration District #411, West Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

THE LIST OF SUPPLIES AND CONDITIONS may be obtained from the School Purchasing Agent at the School Administration Building.

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

DATE: February 19, 2002. BY: Rosa Steffens, Clerk of the Board

OPEN: February 19, 2002

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS. Case No. SP-02-59. NOTICE OF HEARING.

DARLA DEE PRESCOTT, DORIS 029/1983 Plaintiff, vs. DANA DYN PRESCOTT, born 02/29/1983 Defendant. Twin Falls, Idaho. Now residing at 170 W. 4th Street, Twin Falls, Idaho. Proposing a change in name to Dana Dee Moore.

Notice is hereby given that the above named parties have filed with the Court a Petition for Change of Name. The hearing on this matter will be held at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on March 4, 2002, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can, in fact, be affected by the proposed change of name.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court, this 25th day of January, 2002.

By: Wanda Clark, Clerk. DATED this 25th day of January, 2002.

By: Darla D. Prescott, Pres. Pro. OFFICE OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY CLERK.

PUBLISHED: January 31, February 7, 14 and 21, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

In State Brand Department is holding an Auction of the contents of the Hammett garage. Brand on left is illegible, no value, lot car has had log pulled out splitting the door. Both cars have no half of the back - Cow may be confirmed after paying all expenses.

If not claimed they will be sold at Twin Falls Livestock Auction Co. on February 13, 2002. Grand Department 733-8270. Auctioneer: Rodman 334-4725.





LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS... MAGISTRATE DIVISION... NOTICE TO CREDITORS... DECEASED DAVID W. ERKO... GIVEN THAT DAVID W. ERKO AND JERRY L. ERKO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED CO-PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DECEASED...

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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... AMENDED SUMMONS... ELLA "MISSY" MARIE HENSON aka MISSY MABODE, and MISSY HENSEN, Plaintiff, vs. CORY EDWARD HENSON aka CORY HENSEN, Respondent... YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFFS... THE COURT HAS ENTERED JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS... READ THE INFORMATION BELOW... TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDENTS... YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT IN ORDER TO DEFEND THIS LAWSUIT, AN ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE FILED WITH THE ABOVE DESIGNATED COURT WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS ON YOU...

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS... MAGISTRATE DIVISION... AMENDED SUMMONS... ELLA "MISSY" MARIE HENSON aka MISSY MABODE, and MISSY HENSEN, Plaintiff, vs. CORY EDWARD HENSON aka CORY HENSEN, Respondent... YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFFS... THE COURT HAS ENTERED JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS... READ THE INFORMATION BELOW... TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDENTS... YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT IN ORDER TO DEFEND THIS LAWSUIT, AN ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE FILED WITH THE ABOVE DESIGNATED COURT WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS ON YOU...

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Test yourself in the play of today's slam. Potential problem areas include a bad trump break, a bad diamond break, and a foul club break.

Tricks analysis reveals that 12 tricks are easy if trumps and diamonds behave. All South needs is to avoid a trump loser and find a 2-3 diamond break to claim 12 winners.

The player who chooses this plan loses his slam when diamonds break 4-1. He draws trumps and discards his club, but on dummy's high heart, he finds the 4-1 diamond split breaks the slam.

A better way to play the slam is to prepare for potential problems. After winning dummy's heart ace, South draws only two rounds of trumps. The trump problem is solved when they break 3-2, revealing no loser. Next, South cashes diamonds from club to the heart king, discarding a diamond. After ruffing a heart, he ruffs his low club in dummy and returns to his hand in diamonds to draw the last trump. Whether diamonds break or not, South now loses only one diamond, and he claims his slam.

What if a defender had overruled the third club diamond and been 3-2? The loss would be charged to bad luck rather than to a poor plan. The chances of a 6-2 club break are only about 17 percent, considerably less than the chances of a 4-1 diamond break (28.26 percent).

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