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Sister defends siblings

By Mark Holcz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Prosecutors and investigators claim the charges against Stacey Preckel's siblings are a pursuit of justice. But Preckel said the criminal case has only compounded a family tragedy.

Her siblings, Steven Preckel, 43, and Stephanie Mitchell, 40 — both of Twin Falls — went before

Says charges in mother's death worsen family's situation

Jerome Magistrate Judge Thomas Boreesen during the first part of a preliminary hearing Wednesday. Steven Preckel faces charges of voluntary manslaughter and abandonment of a vulnerable adult. Mitchell faces a charge of abandonment and a misdemeanor charge of violating a protection order. The counts stem from the Dec. 16 death of their mother, Phillis Jones, at her home in Jerome.

Jones had chronic health prob-

lems and spent much of her time in a hospital-style bed that had been set up in her living room, according to reports. Her body was found in that bed.

"It was pure coincidence that my brother and sister were over here that night," Stacey Preckel, also of Twin Falls, said as she stood on the front porch of Jones' home after the court hearing. "In fact, I thank God they were here. Please see HEARING, Page A2

Corps won't breach dams

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Four dams on the Snake River will be modified to improve the survival of salmon, but will not be breached, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced Wednesday in a widely expected decision.

The corps made essentially the same announcement in December when it released a draft plan for restoring endangered salmon runs on the Columbia-Snake river systems.

The corps' recommendation will be formally adopted later this year, spokeswoman Nola Conway said.

The corps plans to pursue technical and operational changes at the dams to improve fish survival. The work will cost about \$390 million over 10 years, the decision said.

Environmental groups have vowed to continue their fight to remove the four dams, which they blame for dramatic declines in salmon runs. "I'd say that this is disappointing but not surprising," said Melissa Pease, spokeswoman for the Seattle-based Save Our Wild Salmon coalition.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent over the past two decades in efforts to modify the dams to help salmon, she said.

"Engineering and technology are not going to save these fish," she said. "They need more natural river conditions, and they need dam removal to achieve that."

While a large number of salmon returned last year, they were overwhelmingly the less desirable hatchery fish, rather than wild salmon, Pease said.

Those returning salmon also went out to the ocean in a good water year.

TODAY'S THE DAY



Michelle Kwan, right, and Russia's Irina Slutskaya practice Wednesday at the Salt Lake Ice Center in Salt Lake City for the women's free program scheduled for tonight. Michelle's father, Danny Kwan, looks on. For more Olympic coverage see pages B4 and B5 in Sports and page C6 for news stories from the Games.

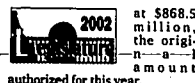
Protesters deery cuts in education as budget writers continue cutting

By Bob Fick
The Associated Press

BOISE — More than 100 teachers and parents converged on the state Capitol Wednesday to protest legislative budget cuts for education and other state programs.

"We've had hard times before, and never before have children just been another line in the budget," Idaho Education Association President Kathy Phelan said. "They've always been protected."

The protesters delivered petitions bearing more than 23,000 signatures to House and Senate leaders. The petitions call for the Legislature to maintain state support for public school operations



at \$668.5 million, the original amount authorized for this year.

The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee set the aid package at \$852.2 million last week after earlier cutting it to \$845.2 million before reconsidering.

It was the first time politically sensitive public school support has been cut along with other programs during lean times.

The protest was the latest expression of dissatisfaction with the decision by legislative leaders to cut as much as \$20 million more in general tax spending than Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recom-

ended in his budget blueprint. It already slashed \$100 million in basic state spending.

Earlier this week, 70 children organized by the Idaho Community Action Network protested the budget committee's decision to cap next year's spending at this year's level for a children's healthcare program.

About 11,500 children are currently enrolled in the program to extend care to the working poor.

Any significant increase would push costs above the cap, forcing the state to reduce eligibility and throw children off the program, critics of the cap charged.

And last week, lawmakers from northcentral Idaho delivered thousands of petition signa-

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Democrats see chance to make inroads in MV

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley voters, overwhelmingly Republican, have some good reasons to switch sides this year, Democrats are saying.

The term limits repeal, public school funding as well as unresolved confined animal feeding issues have surfaced as some enticing bait by which to lure voters away from the GOP, said John Radford, chairman of the Twin Falls County Democratic Committee.

With the 2002 elections just ahead, officials from both parties are gathering in Twin Falls tonight. Republicans are holding their annual Lincoln Day banquet at the Turf Club, while

Democrats are staging a competing event at Tomato's Italian Grill that they hope will energize the party locally.

Still, while Republicans are lining up to get office, no Democrats have come forward to make their candidacy.

"No one has committed yet," Radford said. "But we've had four or five calls from interested people, and I still have another month to sign up. I want to make sure we have really good, quality candidates. I don't just want names on the ballot."

In addition, he said Blaine County resident Alan Blinken, who is running to challenge U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, is helping Magic Valley Democrats in coordinated fund-raising and

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Residents question INEEL plan

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley residents and nuclear watchdogs were on the offensive Wednesday and not ready to embrace the U.S. Department of Energy's plan that it says will speed up nuclear waste cleanup in Idaho.

A number of the 30 people who attended the public meeting at the College of Southern Idaho lobbied money and procedural questions at DOE staff from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls.

DOE personnel were patient. Please see ENR, Page A2

Bush arrives in Beijing with human rights agenda

The Washington Post

BEIJING, Feb. 21 — President Bush flew to Beijing today for two days of talks on human rights and weapons proliferation, with both sides optimistic for real achievements less than one year after the Chinese capture of the crew of a U.S. surveillance plane threatened to implode relations.

Bush, returning to the country where his father once was the top U.S. diplomat, said a major agenda item will be additional rights for political dissidents and religious activists, some of whom felt slighted when he held no meetings with dissidents during an October visit to Shanghai.

Since beginning his war on terrorism, Bush has begun talking frequently about the responsibility he feels to act on behalf of oppressed people, and the thorny issue of dissidents could be a source note in otherwise productive



President Bush looks at North Korea from an observation post in the demilitarized zone Wednesday north of South Korea. For more, please see page A5.

meeting with Jiang to talk in very personal terms about his Christian faith and had told him he would hope that as the president of a great nation, he "would understand the important role of religion in an individual's life."

"I then segued into discussions about the Catholic Church, and I will do so again," Bush said. "I also talked about the Dalai Lama, as well as Christian faith, and I will do so again."

Chinese diplomats said this week that they government plans numerous overtures to Washington in connection with the visit, including the release of prominent political prisoners in coming weeks.

Officials also said they plan to offer Bush a long-sought deal limiting Chinese sale of weapons technology to countries hostile to the U.S.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO ALMANAC

Idaho Extremes
Yesterday:
 High 52°
 Low 29°
 Wind 15 mph
 Rain 0.00"
 Snow 0.00"
 Sun 10:00
 Moon 1:00

54 hours ending 6 p.m. year:
 Month to date 0.16"
 Normal month to date 0.08"
 Water year to date (Oct. 1) 0.05"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 0.07"

Humidity
 Barometric pressure 30.31 hPa
 Visibility at 6 p.m. 3.01 mi

Police yesterday in Twin Falls:
 Arrests 10
 Citations 10
 Traffic stops 10
 Vehicle stops 10

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
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Clouds with a few showers.	Mostly cloudy; areas of fog.	Clouds and a little sunshine; breezy.	Chillier with showers possible.	Clouds and some sunshine.	Partly sunny.
▲ 50°	▼ 32°	▲ 59° ▼ 38°	▲ 47° ▼ 22°	▲ 43° ▼ 20°	▲ 43° ▼ 24°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Rather cloudy today with valley rain showers. Snow will fall above 8,500 feet. Snow may accumulate a few inches above this level. Highs near 30 in the mountains to the lower 50s in the valleys of the west. Mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog.

Boise: Plenty of clouds today with a few rain showers. High 52. Mostly cloudy tonight with areas of fog. Low 42. Mild tomorrow with clouds and a bit of sun. High 56. Chillier Saturday with a couple of showers.

Northern Nevada: Clouds and limited sunshine today; a shower or two in spots. Highs 35 in the mountains to near 60 in the valleys. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Lows 15 mountains to 35 valleys.

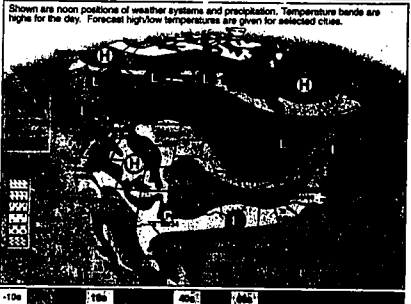
Northern Utah: Clouds and some sunshine today. Highs from near 30 in the mountains to the upper 40s in the west. Partly cloudy tonight with areas of fog. Lows 10 in the mountains to the lower 20s in the west.

Northern Idaho: Plenty of clouds today with rain showers. Snow may fall above 5,500 feet. Snow may accumulate a few inches above this level. Highs near 30 in the mountains to the upper 40s in the lowest valleys.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 86° in Laughlin AFB, TX Low 7° in Flag Island, MN

NATIONAL WEATHER



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
Calgary	33/29	38/28	38/28	38/28	38/28
Edmonton	32/22	32/22	32/22	32/22	32/22
Halifax	43/33	43/33	43/33	43/33	43/33
London	42/32	42/32	42/32	42/32	42/32
Montreal	25/21	25/21	25/21	25/21	25/21
Ottawa	27/19	27/19	27/19	27/19	27/19
Regina	49/49	49/49	49/49	49/49	49/49
Saskatoon	49/37	49/37	49/37	49/37	49/37
Vancouver	24/6	24/6	24/6	24/6	24/6
Winnipeg	24/6	24/6	24/6	24/6	24/6

WORLD CITIES

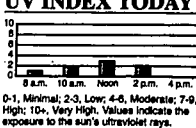
City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
Acapulco	86/70	86/70	86/70	86/70	86/70
Athens	61/45	61/45	61/45	61/45	61/45
Auckland	69/57	69/57	69/57	69/57	69/57
Bangkok	92/74	92/74	92/74	92/74	92/74
Berlin	54/39	54/39	54/39	54/39	54/39
Buenos Aires	79/56	79/56	79/56	79/56	79/56
Calcutta	84/73	84/73	84/73	84/73	84/73
Hong Kong	69/56	69/56	69/56	69/56	69/56
London	45/33	45/33	45/33	45/33	45/33
Los Angeles	73/48	73/48	73/48	73/48	73/48
Manila	87/73	87/73	87/73	87/73	87/73
Paris	57/44	57/44	57/44	57/44	57/44
Rio de Janeiro	80/73	80/73	80/73	80/73	80/73
Sydney	64/52	64/52	64/52	64/52	64/52
Tokyo	57/48	57/48	57/48	57/48	57/48
Washington	54/37	54/37	54/37	54/37	54/37
Zurich	53/28	53/28	53/28	53/28	53/28

SUN AND MOON

SUNRISE TODAY: 7:28 a.m.
SUNSET TODAY: 6:17 p.m.
MOONRISE TODAY: 12:14 p.m.
MOONSET TODAY: 2:45 a.m.

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
Atlanta	58/40	58/40	58/40	58/40	58/40
Baltimore	62/42	62/42	62/42	62/42	62/42
Birmingham	68/38	68/38	68/38	68/38	68/38
Boston	54/39	54/39	54/39	54/39	54/39
Charlotte	65/35	65/35	65/35	65/35	65/35
Chicago	58/44	58/44	58/44	58/44	58/44
Cleveland	50/29	50/29	50/29	50/29	50/29
Dallas	60/47	60/47	60/47	60/47	60/47
Denver	50/29	50/29	50/29	50/29	50/29
Des Moines	40/23	40/23	40/23	40/23	40/23
Detroit	58/28	58/28	58/28	58/28	58/28
El Paso	65/34	65/34	65/34	65/34	65/34
Fort Worth	62/31	62/31	62/31	62/31	62/31
Houston	78/48	78/48	78/48	78/48	78/48
Indianapolis	58/44	58/44	58/44	58/44	58/44
Jacksonville	75/45	75/45	75/45	75/45	75/45
Kansas City	49/32	49/32	49/32	49/32	49/32
Las Vegas	73/44	73/44	73/44	73/44	73/44
Little Rock	62/38	62/38	62/38	62/38	62/38
Los Angeles	78/52	78/52	78/52	78/52	78/52
Los Angeles (W)	78/52	78/52	78/52	78/52	78/52
Memphis	68/48	68/48	68/48	68/48	68/48
Miami	81/65	81/65	81/65	81/65	81/65
Minneapolis	54/37	54/37	54/37	54/37	54/37
New York	68/42	68/42	68/42	68/42	68/42
Oakland	62/32	62/32	62/32	62/32	62/32
Orlando	79/57	79/57	79/57	79/57	79/57
Philadelphia	64/42	64/42	64/42	64/42	64/42
Phoenix	80/54	80/54	80/54	80/54	80/54
Portland, ME	45/37	45/37	45/37	45/37	45/37
Raleigh	68/40	68/40	68/40	68/40	68/40
Reno	65/35	65/35	65/35	65/35	65/35
Sacramento	69/48	69/48	69/48	69/48	69/48
San Antonio	88/64	88/64	88/64	88/64	88/64
San Diego	74/47	74/47	74/47	74/47	74/47
San Francisco	60/40	60/40	60/40	60/40	60/40
Seattle	52/44	52/44	52/44	52/44	52/44
St. Louis	62/38	62/38	62/38	62/38	62/38
Washington, DC	64/44	64/44	64/44	64/44	64/44

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
Boise	52/42	52/42	52/42	52/42	52/42
Bonanza Ferry	42/33	42/33	42/33	42/33	42/33
Burley	48/29	48/29	48/29	48/29	48/29
Coeur d'Alene	44/39	44/39	44/39	44/39	44/39
Ellis	44/34	44/34	44/34	44/34	44/34
Eugene, OR	62/46	62/46	62/46	62/46	62/46
Hagerman	49/33	49/33	49/33	49/33	49/33
Idaho Falls	53/27	53/27	53/27	53/27	53/27
Kalispell, MT	36/32	36/32	36/32	36/32	36/32
Lewiston	50/44	50/44	50/44	50/44	50/44
Malden	44/33	44/33	44/33	44/33	44/33
Maria	41/23	41/23	41/23	41/23	41/23

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Egyptian train fire claims 373

REQA AL-CHARBIYA, Egypt (AP) — A train crowded with Egyptians leaving the capital for a religious holiday caught fire and sped on in flames for miles Wednesday, killing 373 people, including some who died as they jumped from the burning cars, police said.

The fire was reportedly started by a cooking gas cylinder that burst and it swept through the seven of the train's 11 cars. Workers in gloves and masks pulled charred and twisted bodies from the wreckage. Firefighters said some of the corpses were found curled up under seats and dozens more lay alongside the train tracks.

It was the worst disaster in 150 years of Egyptian railroad history. Maher Abdel Wahid, who led a team of state investigators to the scene, said he did not expect the toll to rise much beyond 373.

Officials called it the worst train accident here in decades.

"There has been nothing in the recent or distant past like this," Ahmed al-Sherif, director of the state-owned Egyptian Railway Authority, said in the scene. "We've been with the railway for 32 years and never seen or heard of an event of this size."

President Hosni Mubarak, who was in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el Sheikh, was quoted by the Middle East News Agency as expressing his "deepest regret and profound sorrow" to the families of the victims.

Hearing

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because they got to see her once more before she died."

Phillips Jones suffered from a lung ailment and related complications for 40 years, Stacey Preckel said. And her condition over the last year or so became grave, she said. So Jones' death came as no surprise to the family, but it still brought sadness. And the fact that two of her five children are now behind bars and charged with contributing to her death has made the pain almost overwhelming, Stacey Preckel said.

Jerome police detective Dan Chatterton and Jerome County Coroner Gerald Ostler took the witness stand during the hearing. Borresen granted a motion to continue the hearing until Feb. 27 so Boise forensic pathologist Dr. Glenn Groden can take the stand. Groden performed an autopsy on Jones' body at Ostler's request.

Steven Preckel and Mitchell were held late Wednesday in Jerome County Jail. Preckel was held in lieu of \$200,000 bond, and Mitchell was held in lieu of \$15,000 bond. Borresen will hold a hearing today to consider

defense attorneys' requests to have the defendants' bonds reduced or removed.

The prosecution case is based on allegations that Steven Preckel and Mitchell on the night before Jones' death visited her at her home, but failed to alert authorities about Jones' obvious grave condition before they left. Police say the siblings might not have said anything because Mitchell was at the house in violation of a protection order forbidding her to have contact with Jones.

Ostler also testified that pneumonia was initially listed as the cause of death, but autopsy and toxicology reports later revealed that Jones had potentially deadly levels of a prescription pain killer in her system.

Chatterton testified that Steven Preckel told investigators that he gave his mother doses of a pain killer on the night before her death.

Ostler and Chatterton also testified that when Jones was found — at about 7:40 p.m. — the thermometer in her house had been turned down to 53 degrees and the temperature in the home was about

50 degrees. Chatterton also said that some windows in the house had been left open. The telephone next to her bed had been disconnected, Chatterton testified.

He said Jones appeared reasonably healthy when he saw her about a month before. But the condition of her body indicated a steep decline in health.

"She looked emaciated," he said.

Ostler testified he determined that Jones had been dead for at least four hours, and the odd circumstances in the house prompted him to order the autopsy.

But there are good explanations, Stacey Preckel said.

Jones liked a cool house, she said, and almost always kept a window open "to breathe" the weather. Steven Preckel and Mitchell have told her that on the night in question they asked Jones if she wanted the heat turned up, and she told them no, Stacey Preckel said.

It's true that Mitchell was not supposed to be in the house, she said. Mitchell was living in the house and had been on probation, she said. As part of that, Mitchell

was ordered not to consume or be around alcohol, Stacey Preckel said. So Mitchell was ordered to stay away when authorities found some wine coolers in the house, Jones, she said.

Chatterton has said the protection order stemmed from previous allegations of neglect and abandonment of a vulnerable adult against Mitchell. Steven Preckel, apparently, called Mitchell out of the Jerome County Jail — where she was in custody based on those allegations — just before the two went to Jones' house on Dec. 15, he said.

Stacey Preckel confirmed that her brother had bailed Mitchell out just before going to Jones' home, but their intent was not to harm Jones, she said.

"They just wanted to stop by, pick up some of Stephen's things and give mom a kiss and a hug before going to Steve's house in Twin," she said.

Many family members had been keeping tabs on Jones because it was apparent Jones didn't have long to live, Stacey Preckel said. She confirmed Chatterton's statements that

Jones' health took a sharp turn for the worse in the last month of her life.

But the government-funded home health care workers who visited Jones five days a week were not as responsible for noticing and reporting Jones' health problems as Mitchell and Steven Preckel might have been, she said. Mitchell and Steven Preckel have told her they left Jones' home on Wednesday night, she said.

As for the drugs in Jones' system, Stacey Preckel said it's entirely possible that Jones might have taken them herself.

"There's at least a 12-hour gap between the time my brother and sister left and the estimated time of my mother's death," she said. "My mother was capable of getting up and around. She was known to over-medicate herself sometimes. She could have been feeling really terrible and decided to take more medication. She could have been delirious for the pneumonia. Who knows?"

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INEEL

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and fielded questions, but the public pressed for more answers.

"There is no way to get the buried waste cleaned up by 2012 with a cheap budget unless you leave it there," said Peter Rickards, a Twin Falls nuclear watchdog.

Rickards persisted with his questions, sometimes dishing out insults to DOE staff. At one point he likened the DOE to a terrorist

organization and said the agency should be hauled off with the Taliban.

Like all the nuclear labs around the country, the INEEL was required by Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham to perform a top-to-bottom review of its nuclear waste cleanup programs. Abraham publicly criticized the cost and length of cleanup programs that have shown little progress.

The lab received the worst cleanup ranking in Abraham's review of all the labs. But the INEEL maintains it has met 352 of 355 cleanup milestones. U.S.

Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, has rallied to its defense, saying that all the attention has been on one program that has been a failure — a once-buried waste retrieval project supposed to help guide cleanup of buried waste.

DOE-Idaho officials said they can have more high-priority projects at the INEEL finished by 2012, comply with site cleanup agreements and reduce remaining cleanup costs from \$34 billion to \$16 billion. Ten billion already has been spent on environmental cleanup at the INEEL, officials said.

The Bush administration's accelerated cleanup plan must be approved by Congress, Craig already has expressed concern

that the proposal removes money from the INEEL's cleanup budget and shifts it into an \$800 million pot. Nuclear labs would be required to submit proposals to be eligible for the accelerated cleanup money. If the plan is approved, the INEEL would see about \$87 million less in its cleanup budget, down from \$434.7 million this year.

Chris Ort, assistant manager in finance and administration at DOE-Idaho, said the INEEL feels "well-positioned to capture \$100 million from the reform account with the 2012 cleanup plan."

Various types of nuclear waste in various forms are stored at INEEL. Buried plutonium-contaminated waste remains a high-

profile concern for southern Idaho. The waste was buried haphazardly in the 1950s and 1960s in unlined pits and trenches above the Snake River Plain Aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for about 200,000 southern Idahoans.

DOE personnel said remediation of the buried waste was included in the site's accelerated cleanup program. Estimated cost is about \$1 billion, said Jerry Lyle, assistant manager for environmental management.

But the DOE says it hasn't decided how it will handle cleaning up the waste and that leaving it in the ground through various treatment options are under consideration.

State officials and nuclear agencies say such plans are unacceptable.

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IDAHO LOTTERY

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WEDNESDAY FLYING 11

Wednesday, Feb. 20

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WILD CARDS: Queen of Hearts

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CORRECTION

The Times-News reported Wednesday an incorrect date for a new writer's support group in Buhl. The group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Eighth Street Arts Center in Buhl. For more information, call 537-5576.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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TWIN FALLS - State Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, announced Wednesday she's running to retain the seat to which she was appointed last spring.

"I know that I am uniquely qualified for this position because I have had experience in business, agriculture and education," Block said in a news release. "I am interested in economic development, farming and ranching, education, water and energy, and in strong families."

Block, appointed to fill out the term of the late Rep. George Swan, is serving on the Commerce and Human Resources Committee, the Health and Welfare Committee and the State Affairs Committee. In the current session, Block is working with a legislative committee and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce to address telecommunications issues, she said.

Block was born and raised on a farm and ranch in Sterling. She is



Rep. Sharon Block

a graduate of Aberdeen High School and the University of Idaho. She and her husband, D.W. "Bill" Block, have lived in Twin Falls for 27 years. A teacher for 15 years in grades kindergarten through four, Block spent the majority of her teaching career at Harrison Elementary School in Twin Falls. She has been a property management business owner in Twin Falls for 22 years as well.

Block said she is not aware of any Republican or Democratic challengers for her seat. Block now serves in House District 23, but no final redistricting plan has yet been approved for this year's elections.

Former Rep. Randy Hansen, over whom Block was selected to replace Swan last year, has been considering a bid to return to the Legislature.

Democrats

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Radford said Twin Falls Democrats are focusing hard on gaining a county committee seat and using the CAFO issue will be central in trying to win it.

Twin Falls Democrats are also planning to find someone to run for a new legislative seat that should be available in western Twin Falls and eastern Owyhee counties if the current redistricting plan is approved by the Idaho Supreme Court on Friday.

Meanwhile, four Republican candidates want the seat of outgoing Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman.

"It should be a good race," said Mike Mathews, who heads up the Twin Falls Republican Central Committee.

Buhl resident Tom Gannon, a Republican, has announced his candidacy for the new legislative seat.

Mathews said he is not alarmed about potential voter backlash in response to the Legislature's repeal of term limits last month.

"I think once the information got out about term limits and how it was going to be implemented - I think the public is starting to realize how it would affect them from the state on down to the local level," he said. "They're coming around."

But Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and Sen. Clint Stennett, R-Ketchum, disagree on the represent areas in four Magic Valley counties in addition to the traditionally Democratic Blaine County.

"The sheer arrogance of what the Legislature did is really hard for a lot of people to stomach," Stennett said.

He said he has received about 70 comments since the repeal, of which about half were in favor of repeal and half were shocked by it. But the volume and the vehemence of the negative response has exceeded Stennett that many voters will show up at the polls to show their disgust.

"I'm really feeling a lot more energy out there from people interested in getting involved in the process," he said.

Jaquet has been recruiting candidates to run for statewide offices and finding the job much easier than in years past, she said.

Nonetheless, she admitted she's not sure just how much progress Democrats will make. She said she'd be happy if she just had more constituents in the House.

"My slogan is 'I'm looking for people to send the motion,'" she said. "With only nine Democrats in the entire House, Jaquet said she sometimes gets stressed out coping with rejection."

As one of three Democrats in the Senate, Stennett said he has learned he has to work pretty hard to get his bills through.

His bill to repeal the state's right-to-work law died for lack of a second on Tuesday. That issue is on the agenda for Twin Falls Democrats.

Radford's response to the failure

Debating parties

Annual Lincoln Day banquet is at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., in Twin Falls. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with the banquet beginning at 7 p.m. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson are among those set to speak. Cost is \$30 per person, with tickets available at the door. The public is invited.

Republicans

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State Republican lawmakers say that "event reflects the Democrats' difficulties in gaining numbers. "So far, I'm not convinced they have any issues to hang their hats on," said Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls.

Even the 150 letters of protest he sent from teachers after the Joint Finance Committee's vote to cancel school funding doesn't have him running for cover.

"After their building principals or the (Idaho Education Association) encouraged them to write the letters," he said. "I think anyone who follows what we have to work with would realize we're trying to do the best we can. I think so far JFAC has done a super job of sorting all this out."

The economy is the main issue, Smith and other Republicans maintain. And budget cuts coupled with holding on to last year's tax cuts is the best way for state government to cope, they said.

As for term limits: Even though Smith went with most of the Democrats in voting against the repeal, he doesn't think the Democrats are going to get much mileage out of the issue come voting time.

"I don't see it as a Democratic issue," he said. "In my opinion, they were just trying to define an issue, and this opportunity presented itself."

Court considers execution of the retarded

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court was urged Wednesday to keep mentally retarded killers off state death rows by declaring those executions unconstitutional as cruel and unusual punishment.

The case turns on whether the public's attitudes about those executions have changed since 1989, when the court upheld them by a 5-4 vote. Since then, the number of states banning executions of the mentally retarded has increased from two to 18.

Justices are reviewing the death sentence of Daryl Renard Atkins, convicted of carjacking and killing an airman in Virginia to get money for beer. One test showed Atkins had an IQ of 59. People who test 70 or below generally are considered mentally retarded.

If the court overturns his sentence, other death row inmates with mental retardation claims could pursue appeals.

The question that most interested the court - during Wednesday arguments - was whether there is now a national consensus that those executions are cruel. "We have to be very careful about finding a new consensus. We can't go back," Justice Antonin Scalia said.

James Ellis, representing Atkins, said there is a growing



Daryl Atkins, shown here in February 1998 in York, Pa., faces the death sentence for murder. He has an IQ of 59, according to one test.

concern that mentally retarded defendants might be more likely to face the death penalty. Virginia's Legislature debated a ban, but decided to await the outcome of this case.

Pamela A. Rumpz, an assistant attorney general in Virginia, said many of the state bans are relatively new.

"That's a blip in the radar

screen of public opinion," she said. "It may change in three years. It may change in two years."

Steven Hawkins, executive director of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, said up to one fourth of death row inmates may have mental retardation claims. There are more than 3,700 people on death row, some in states with bans.

President Bush has said he opposes executing the retarded. "We should never execute anybody who is retarded," Bush said last June. "And our court system protects people who don't understand the nature of the crime they committed."

Texas is one of the states that does not have such a ban and the state has executed six retarded defendants since 1982, two of them while President Bush was governor, according to the Death Penalty Information Center. Prosecutors have disputed the IQ of some of those inmates.

Idaho is not among the states that generally ban executions of the mentally retarded.

Some justices appear to back school voucher plan.

In another case, a government voucher plan to help pay tuition at private or religious schools could pass constitutional muster

if parents had a wide array of choices beyond public education versus religious schools, several justices suggested Wednesday.

Vouchers like those used in a 6-year-old test program in Cleveland present the Supreme Court with the starkest church-state conflict in years. By their questions at a spirited oral argument session, justices indicated they will base their answer on the real-world effects of programs like Cleveland's, and whether they treat all children and all parents fairly.

"The question is whether there is neutrality" between religious and nonreligious schools, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy told a lawyer arguing that the voucher program is unconstitutional.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Antonin Scalia seemed sympathetic to Ohio's argument that something must be done to help children trapped in a public school system whose quality has been heavily criticized over recent years.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, whose vote is considered crucial in this case, did much of the talking Wednesday. She repeatedly asked both sides whether quality public schools such as charter schools shouldn't be part of the mix as the court examines whether the Cleveland program offers a true, neutral choice.

Top U.S. soldier says military is not expanding role

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) - The top U.S. general denied reports that American troops had been drawn into supporting the U.S.-allied government against Afghan factions.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said a week of weekend airstrikes had been in defense of American troops and not directed against Afghan factions. "The goals haven't changed and that's to eliminate the Taliban and al-Qaida,"

Myers told reporters at the U.S.-controlled base at Kandahar.

On Monday, The New York Times reported that U.S. warplanes last week bombed

raids that Afghan commanders in the area said were aimed at warring militia forces rather than the Taliban or al-Qaida.

According to the newspaper, the bombing raids marked the first time U.S. airpower had been used in defense of the government of interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai against

warring Afghan factions.

During last weekend's action, U.S. forces called in American bombers after a patrol of local Afghan government forces came under

fire outside the eastern town of Khost.

When a larger contingent of Afghan soldiers went out again with Americans, they were also fired on, according to U.S. officials.

Defense officials said FA-18 fighter jets and an B-1 bomber carried out repeated bombing raids in response.

Cleric: Some detainees see Muslim deception

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE (AP) - Some feel they were misled during a pursuit of a shortcut to heaven. Others remain steadfast in their belief that the Sept. 11 attacks were justified.

As interrogators remain tightlipped about what they are learning from 300 prisoners of the war in Afghanistan, the person closest to their thoughts appears to be the U.S. Navy Muslim cleric caring for their spiritual welfare.

Lt. Abuhenia Mohammad Saiful-Islam said some of the younger detainees have indicated to him that their local Muslim leaders might have misled them about the meaning of "jihad," or holy war.

"They thought fighting is the ultimate jihad - a short way to heaven," he said in an interview with Associated Press Television News this week. "They do feel somewhat that they made the wrong choice, at the wrong time."

Some Islamic groups preach that dying in a holy war guarantees a place in heaven - the mantra of suicide bombers in Israel and that of the hijackers who flew passenger jets into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon on Sept. 11.

All the detainees at Guantanamo Bay were captured fighting with Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or with fighters of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorists, which the Taliban harbored.

Though Muslims around the world have condemned the Sept. 11 attacks, some Guantanamo detainees remain steadfast in their belief that the attacks were

justified in the name of Islam, and trust their imprisonment will win them religious honors, the 39-year-old cleric said.

Some "feel that by being here, God will give them a reward," he said.

The first detainees arrived here Jan. 11 and interrogations began Jan. 23. Camp officials have had a difficult time even identifying the prisoners, saying some have given a different name as many as four times.

Last week, officials said the detainees are nationals of 31 countries. A senior Pentagon official said two weeks ago they include about 50 Saudis, 30 Yemenis, 25 Pakistanis, eight Algerians, three Britons and small numbers from Egypt, Australia, France, Russia, Belgium, Sweden and other countries.

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China

Bush softens 'axis of evil' tone during Korea visit

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Bush's aides, after spending two nights each in Tokyo and Seoul, were equally upbeat heading into the Beijing climax of their Asia swing, with one senior administration official pointing to the willingness of both sides to move beyond the detention of the EP-3 crew and to publicly ignore recent reports of the mysterious bugging of a Jiang plane built and customized in the U.S.

"Incidents that could have derailed good relations don't seem to get in the way of the drive by both countries toward better relations," a senior administration official said. "The EP-3 incident obviously could have been a major blow-up. It was a serious, serious problem but it's come and gone."

The White House refused an offer by China to make this a formal state visit, but the warming relations are reflected in a schedule that includes two days of appearances with President Jiang Zemin, starting with a greeting at the Great Hall of the People that will include the playing of both national anthems and a review of troops, followed by a private meeting and a news conference.

Later, the two presidents will eat dinner with their spouses, first lady Laura Bush and Madame Wang, at the Great Hall, where 5,000 people turned out for a banquet during President Richard Nixon's groundbreaking visit, which began 30 years ago Thursday. Jiang will host a lunch for Bush on Friday at the Zhongnanhai Compound, which houses the headquarters of the Chinese Communist Party and is adjacent to the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, sight of the 1989 use of martial law to suppress student demonstrators. Later, the Bushes will visit the Great Wall of China before returning to Camp David on Friday afternoon.

Although Bush will do little mixing with everyday Chinese people, he will field questions Friday from students at Tsinghua University during a half-hour session. Chinese television has agreed to carry live nationwide. In a significant development that the White House kept under wraps because of sensibilities about the ferocious competition among Chinese political factions in Jiang's lame-duck period, Bush will be introduced at the university by Jiang's expected successor, Vice President Hu Jintao.

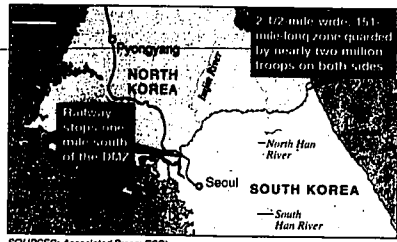
Los Angeles Times

DORASAN STATION, South Korea — In a blunt speech delivered at the last frontier of the Cold War, President Bush Wednesday endorsed South Korean President Kim Dae Jung's vision of a united Korean peninsula and called on the isolated Communist regime in North Korea to embrace freedom.

Earlier in the day, Bush stated unequivocally that the United States has no plans to attack North Korea and that it supports Kim's acclaimed "sunshine policy" of engaging the North in dialogue. "Make no mistake about it," Bush said at a joint news conference with Kim. "We have no intention of invading North Korea."

The comments marked a deliberate shift away from the belligerence to the humanitarian, as the president — mindful of accusations that he is a warmonger — spoke movingly of his concerns for the North Korean people. He described the powerful image of a

Bush visits Korea's DMZ



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI

nighttime satellite photograph of the peninsula showing the South "awash with light" and the impoverished North completely dark.

"We want all Koreans to live in the light," Bush declared at a newly built train station at the edge of the demilitarized zone that has separated North and

South Korea for half a century. "My vision is clear. I see a peninsula that is one day united in commerce and cooperation, instead of divided by barbed wire and fear. Korean grandparents should be free to spend their final years with those they love. Korean children should never starve

while a massive army is fed. No nation should be a prison for its own people," Bush said.

During the second leg of his six-day Asia trip, Bush was under heavy pressure to defuse the controversy over his inclusion of North Korea in an "axis of evil" along with Iraq and Iran. His Jan. 29 State of the Union speech offended and unnerved many South Koreans, who feared that the United States would extend its anti-terrorist campaign in Afghanistan to North Korea.

During the joint news conference, Bush seemed mindful of a South Korean audience that today considers the North Koreans more worthy of pity than fear, and he repeatedly stressed his sympathy.

And offering his most detailed explanation of the "axis" remark, Bush said: "I love freedom... I am troubled about a regime that tolerates starvation. I am deeply concerned about the people of North Korea, and that is exactly why I said what I said."

The president also said he fully supports Kim's efforts to continue

the dialogue with the North, although he is disappointed that North Korean leader Kim Jong Il "will not accept the spirit of the sunshine policy."

Despite gloomy expectations for the meeting, Kim appeared to be pleased with his discussion with Bush. He said that American and South Korean positions on North Korea are "fundamentally similar" and that he appreciates Bush's "staunch support for our sunshine policy."

After meeting with Kim Wednesday morning, Bush took a 20-minute helicopter ride to the DMZ, a 2 1/2-mile-wide strip fortified by land mines and razor wire. He rolled up to Panmunjon in an armored truck and viewed a North Korean village through binoculars. He then visited U.S. troops at Camp Bonifas, named for one of two American soldiers who were hacked to death by North Koreans in 1976.

"Did you know that? No wonder I think they're evil," Bush called out to reporters after hearing the story.



'President Bush comes to Beijing,' reads the headline of a newspaper Wednesday in Shanghai. The president officially begins his visit today.

China draws skills from America

BEIJING (AP) — Thousands of bright young Chinese at U.S. graduate schools are just a start. China is counting on Americans to keep the building of its biggest dam safe, its corporate bookkeepers honest and its bureaucrats up to date on public policy.

As President Bush arrives today for his first visit to Beijing as president, the two sides are wary of one another. But in daily life, China relies on the United States for a wide array of skills to build a modern economy and government.

U.S. nuclear power plant inspectors share experience with Chinese regulators; American lawyers advise Beijing on how to update its court system and patent laws.

In January, Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government signed an agreement with the Chinese cabinet's Development Research Center to teach mayors and top civil servants urban planning and other skills.

"This work adds new substance to Chinese-U.S. economic and cultural exchange," said Wang

Mengku, the center's deputy director.

The political question is how such contacts will affect Washington's prickly relations with Beijing, which Bush has called a strategic rival.

Can closer professional or educational ties ease friction over human rights, the status of Taiwan and other issues? Kenneth Lieberthal, a China scholar at the University of Michigan business school, argues that regardless of politics, the United States stands to gain by sharing skills to combat many of China's problems.

Pollution, drug crime and AIDS reach across borders, and even domestic issues like migration by jobless workers can affect its neighbors if China can't cope, Lieberthal said.

"It's profoundly in America's interests that China not stumble badly," he said.

In the financial world, companies that want to issue new shares on China's two stock exchanges, are now required to submit to an audit by a foreign accounting firm — the biggest of

which are American.

The rule, which took effect Jan. 1, was enacted to help rebuild investor confidence after a string of Chinese financial scandals. Although America's accountants are now under scrutiny themselves as a result of the Enron collapse, China's auditors were judged too inexperienced and its accounting standards too lax.

At the giant Three Gorges Dam being built on the Yangtze River, the government has tried to ally safety fears by putting an engineer from a California firm in charge of policing the quality of welding and other work.

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Local input should shape bridge plan

Of all the things we take for granted in the Magic Valley, the two bridges that span Snake River Canyon are at the top of the list.

South-central Idaho's economy as we know it could not exist if there were no Perrine and Hansen bridges, and we predicate all of our assumptions about future growth here on ability to efficiently funnel north-south traffic across the canyon.

But those are assumptions we make too easily. The Perrine Bridge approaches are likely to reach their traffic capacity long before the bridge outlives its structural usefulness, so it's appropriate to step up the pace of planning for third bridge across the canyon.

The sooner the better: Big-ticket highway construction projects - and we're talking about a price tag of perhaps \$200 million by the time interest is included - require a daunting amount of lead time.

And it's far from clear how it would be paid for. Would it be a toll bridge? Funded by a vehicle registration surcharge? What, if any, would be the federal government's contribution?

The better organized and the more coherent the bridge proposal that comes out of the Greater Twin Falls Transportation Committee, the better the chances of getting it built before traffic on the Perrine Bridge reaches a crisis point.

The Chamber's transportation committee, which is applying for federal money to pay for a bridge study, should strive for the following:

• Something approaching local consensus on a site for the proposed bridge. It will obviously be located west of the Perrine Bridge and probably north of the U.S. Highway 93-Highway 30 junction, but major disputes over right-of-way should be resolved before an architect puts pencil to paper. That means property owners and the public should be included throughout the process, including an ongoing series of public hearings.

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• A thorough debate over the real cost of various alternatives for funding. Is it realistic to expect to pay for a project of this magnitude with what amounts to a use tax? What are the implications if the cost is substantially higher than planned?

• A public discussion of the merits of proposing a new rim-to-rim span as opposed to a bridge that would simply cross in the Snake River down in the canyon. The former would be more expensive, but more efficient at handling traffic. The latter would be cheaper, but would require more land.

• Inclusion of the relevant federal agencies, particularly the Bureau of Land Management which manages land on the north side of the canyon, early on in the planning process. Bureaucracy and environmental issues have the potential to scuttle.

The tab for a new bridge could be roughly equivalent to building 50 new schools in the Magic Valley. It won't happen unless there's a clear local vision, widespread political support and a cohesive strategy for getting it funded.



Focus on al-Qaida, put 'axis of evil' on hold

CHARLES V. PENA

In early December, the Christian Science Monitor reported that Osama bin Laden had escaped from the Tora Bora mountain region and fled to Pakistan. That report was essentially dismissed.

In mid-January, ABCNEWS.com reported that CIA analysts had concluded that bin Laden had escaped from the Tora Bora cave complex around the first week of December, seeming to corroborate the Christian Science Monitor's previous report. Again, this report went virtually unnoticed.

In early February, The New York Times reported that U.S. officials had finally acknowledged that the trail had gone cold on bin Laden and that his whereabouts were unknown.

President Bush's early call for bin Laden "dead or alive" seems to have been forgotten and he has chosen instead to re-focus the war on from bin Laden and the al-Qaida terrorist network to the "axis of evil" - North Korea, Iran, and Iraq.

The rhetoric has been especially pointed and heated about Iraq, which is the nom du jour for regime change. Even Secretary of State Colin Powell - usually considered the most moderate member of the Bush national security team - has endorsed removing Saddam Hussein from power. Indeed, the debate seems to have gone beyond whether the United States should attack Iraq to questions of "how" and "when." The Times of India even reported that former Iraqi army chief of staff General Nizar Khazraji has already been picked by the United States to head up a new Iraqi government after Hussein is deposed.

Without debating whether the "axis of evil" is indeed an axis or truly evil, the question is whether shifting focus

makes sense right now.

A little over a week after Bush named the "axis of evil" in his State of the Union address, Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet testified before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and said "al-Qaida leaders still at large are working to reconstitute the organization and to resume its terrorist operations" and that it was "the most immediate and serious threat" to the United States. Less than a week after Tenet's testimony, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice confirmed in an Associated Press interview that al-Qaida could be re-grouping and regenerating itself.

Emerging from the shadows as someone who could organize and operate the al-Qaida network in the absence of bin Laden is a Palestinian, Abu Zubaydah. He is considered especially dangerous because he is thought to be one of the few al-Qaida leaders who knows the identities of the thousands of recruits trained in Afghanistan. He is also one of the few al-Qaida leaders to travel widely outside Afghanistan and Pakistan to work with cells around the world. There is speculation that Zubaydah is even now trying to activate sleeper cells in the United States and elsewhere. Like bin Laden, his whereabouts is unknown (although there is some evidence that he may have escaped to Pakistan). Unlike bin Laden, comparatively little is known about Zubaydah and he has been careful to elude the watchful eye of cameras.

Although it seems obvious, it is worth a reminder that the attacks of Sept. 11 were carried out by al-Qaida under

Osama bin Laden's leadership - not North Korea, Iran, or Iraq. None of these countries has been definitively linked to the planning, financing, or execution of those attacks. And they are not known to support or provide safe harbor to al-Qaida as did the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. So gearing up for possible military action against Iraq (as well as taking nominations for who is going to replace Saddam Hussein) seems premature at best and misguided at worst.

Whatever potential threat the axis of evil might present (and that is debatable), one thing should be unmistakable: The clear and present danger is al-Qaida.

And if al-Qaida is not known to be operating in or receiving support from the axis of evil, then taking down the Iraqi regime will hardly prevent al-Qaida from re-grouping and possibly attacking the United States again.

In the rush to oust Hussein, one thing should not be forgotten: Prior to Sept. 11, much of the national security focus of the Bush administration was on weapons of mass destruction and so-called rogue states (now the axis of evil), largely in the form of missile defense. America was blindsided by the terrorist threat. To go back to what was not the cause of the Sept. 11 attacks and ignore the real threat is done at our own risk and peril.

The United States can ill afford to go after those who were not responsible for 9/11 while those who were responsible are still operating in over 60 countries. Al-Qaida deserves our full and undivided attention and the axis of evil should be put on hold.

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Web site owes much to two men

I would like to thank The Times-News for its excellent coverage of the redesign of the College of Southern Idaho Web site. The site is a valuable and widely accessible tool for current and prospective students, parents, CSI faculty and staff, community members, and many others. Robert Mayer did a great job capturing the importance and magnitude of the project.

The article was missing only one thing: the names of two individuals without whom this project could not have been completed: Dan Daggert and Derek Thomas.

Dan is CSI's webmaster, and Derek worked on the site as a designer and programmer. Both are graduates of CSI's Internet technologies program. It truly has been a pleasure working with them - a project manager's dream to work with professionals who strive for perfection in everything they do. Dan and Derek take pride in their work, they approach each

project with careful planning and execute with constant attention to even the smallest detail. They continually meet tight deadlines, work well under pressure, and still maintain a creativity and enthusiasm that is difficult to match. Although many people worked hard at redesigning the CSI Web site, Dan and Derek are the true champions. CSI can be proud to have graduates like them!

EDIT SZANTO
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Edit Szanto is the director of the Instructional Technology Center at the College of Southern Idaho and the project manager for the redesign of the CSI Web site.)

How did the tires multiply so?

Based on recent news articles, it appears likely that a substantial amount of taxpayer dollars will eventually be needed to clean up the mess at Idaho Tire Recovery north of Shoshone. My question is this: Who in Lincoln County was minding the store as the tire

numbers grew from the 100,000 permitted to 1 million or more?

If anyone has a reasonable answer, please let us taxpayers know!
DALE EWERSEN
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We don't have to accept foul smell

Read the letters about dairies pro and con. Pro is about money, con is stench and health issues. Without your health, money doesn't matter.

Read all the full-page ads, lots of public relations won't get rid of the stink. Moved here 21 years ago. There were dairies then (small and local), never heard anything (small dairies defend themselves?) Big fish eating up the little fish. The argument that big dairies are too big to fail is true. It's

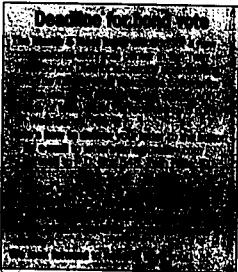
tough to take good care of more than 500 head properly. Just look at those cows up to their udders in feces and urine.

I come from upstate New York, worked on a dairy of 50 head. Each had a stall. I mucked out the dirty straw; replaced with clean. Those cows were well-cared for and could probably out-produce any 100 you see around here in muck. They were not shot full of hormones. If their teats were sore, treated them with bag balm. Do you suppose they care for the teats of 1,000 or more? Our cows had large pink bags, full and clean. I took my wife down "milk run" in upstate New York a few years ago, showed her all the barns, white washed, cows in the green pastures. Roll down the windows sniff the air, no stench, why do we have to accept it?

I've quit drinking milk, I gag when I think of those cows up to their udders in feces and urine. There's as much calcium in orange juice.

Got milk? My thoughts - want milk? Concerned about health issues? In dictionary, look up anthrax (an infectious dis-

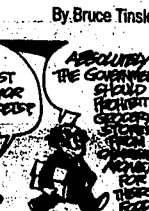
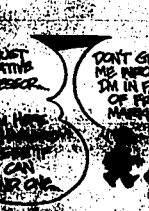
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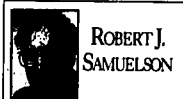


By Bruce Tinsley

By Garry Trudeau

Housing market rises as stocks plummet

One surprising aspect of this surprising economy is housing. About 18 months ago, neighbors of mine sold their home for about 25 percent more than I thought — in my wildest imagination. It was worth. At the time, I congratulated them. They had sold, I suggested, exactly at the peak of the real-estate market. Wrong again. A few weeks ago, another house a few blocks away went for about 20 percent more than I thought — in my wildest imagination — it was worth. Housing, it seems, is the last bull market. It's not just my neighborhood. The National Association of Realtors reports that in 2001, the median price of existing homes rose 6.2 percent to \$148,000. In Nassau and Suffolk counties outside New York City, the gain was 23.2 percent to \$269,500. In the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, the jump was 20.3 percent to \$172,800. In Los Angeles, the increase was 12.6 percent to \$254,300. All this boosts the faltering American and world economies.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

buyers, says Buchholz, spend up to \$3,000 on extras: sofas, lawn mowers, televisions, garden furniture. Buoyant home prices have also fortified national morale by neutralizing some of the gloom from growing unemployment and a falling stock market. There's been a Wal-Mart effect: the middle class has benefited the most, because its wealth is most concentrated in housing. By contrast, the wealthy are more invested in stocks. From year-

and low-income families. Since the mid-1990s, down-payment requirements and credit standards have been eased. Homeownership rates have increased from about 42 percent for blacks and Hispanics in 1995 to almost 49 percent last year. (For whites, the gain was from 71 percent to 74 percent.) Great. But inhousing's bull market genuine? Or is it another "bubble"?

One skeptic is economist Ian Morris of JPMorgan Securities. Housing's boom, he says, partly reflects the stock market's bust. Disenchanted investors shift funds into homes, which seem safer. In a weaker economy, lenders also prefer home loans to business loans, so mortgage rates drop. Eastern Europe and strong buying then boost home prices — too fast. "We've witnessed this process elsewhere in the world," says Morris. "The stock market will peak before the property market." In Japan, the stock market "peaked" in December 1989, and the real-estate market kept rising for another 12 months.

"We've seen housing perform an heroic role in fighting off recession."

— Todd Buchholz, economist, author of report on housing

end 1999 until last September, household stock wealth — mutual funds and directly owned shares — lost about \$4.4 trillion in value, dropping to \$8 trillion. Almost half the loss was offset by higher home values, up \$2 trillion to nearly \$1.2 trillion over the same period.

The explanation of why, this time, housing defied the business cycle lies mainly in interest rates. In January 2000, 30-year fixed-rate mortgages averaged 8.2 percent. A year later they were 7 percent, which is where (generally speaking) they've stayed. People rushed to buy. Lower rates also prompted massive refinancings of existing mortgages.

Housing has also profited from the efforts by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — the nation's largest mortgage lenders — to expand homeownership among blacks, Hispanics, immigrants

Morris calculates that all homes are now worth about 1.6 times Americans' disposable personal income — a ratio virtually identical to the record in 1989. For five years after that, modest gains in home prices lagged behind inflation. "The current rate of price increases is unsustainable," he says. "The best we can hope for is a soft landing of prices." Mortgage delinquencies are also rising. In September, 4.87 percent of loans were 30 days or more overdue — the highest level since 1991.

The hints here are that housing's next surprise might be unpleasant. But the hints are, as yet, nowhere evident in my neighborhood. Just last week a home down the block went on the market. A few days later, there was already an "under contract" sign in front. When I learn the price, it will no doubt seem shockingly high.

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Powell's comments didn't go far enough

KATHLEEN PARKER

As we wrestle with such earth-wrenching decisions as when and how to disenfranchise Saddam Hussein (Rumsfeld translation: kill 'em), it's important that the world clearly understand our nation's position on condom use.

Make no mistake, the United States supports the Pope, the Church, the Temple, the Mosque, the family, Rome, Mecca, Medina, Israel and the West Bank, as well as abstinence, marriage and monogamy, in that order. However, if you're idiotic enough to have sex outside of wedlock, disengage unwanted pregnancy, disengage the West Bank, by all means, use a damn condom.

Is that clear? So, more or less, said U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell during a recent "global forum" on MTV, the music network. Now he's taking it on the chin from the abstinence-only crowd, who think Powell misrepresented the Bush administration's policy on premarital sex.

It happened like this: Powell was chatting it up with the pubescent crowd on those issues nearest and dearest to young people around the world: sex, al Qaeda, sex, Osama bin Laden, sex and, of course, sex. When the discussion turned to AIDS, a 19-year-old woman in Milan, Italy, asked Powell what he thought about the Catholic Church's policy against condoms. Sex? When the Holy Father and the Catholic Church, and then praised condoms for the sexually active.

"I only support their (condoms) use," said Powell, the diplomat. It happened like this: Powell first praised the Holy Father and the Catholic Church, and then praised condoms for the sexually active.

Those who support an abstinence-only message were incensed. Focus on the Family (FOF), for example, has issued a Call To Action on its Web site, urging visitors to call the White House (FYI the line's busy) and insist that President Bush refute Powell's statement. To groups such as FOF, the only answer to teen pregnancy and the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) is abstinence.

Technically, of course, they're right. Abstaining from eating will also prevent fatness, but people like to eat, and people, including half of all high school students in the United States, like to have sex, according to latest reports. Given which, I can't find anything wrong

with Powell's response, except that he offered one at all. Personally, I'd prefer that the secretary of state not talk about sex, but then, I also prefer a president who declines to discuss his underwear.

On the other hand, Powell — because of his natural diplomacy and easy rapport with all ages and races — may be just the right person to bridge the gap between those who want to hand out condoms with Kiddle Meals and those who seem to believe, despite all evidence to the contrary, that humans are perfectible.

In that case, Powell didn't go far enough. Once he decided to discuss condoms, here's what he should have said:

"The best defense against disease and pregnancy is abstinence. I'd like to talk about that for a minute. I'm not naive, and I understand the power of sex. I do invent the word 'you.' As a marriage bonus, you don't have to worry about condoms. Any other questions?"

Kathleen Parker, an Orlando Sentinel columnist, welcomes comments via e-mail at kparker@kparker.com, although she cannot respond to all mail individually.

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How the media ignore the messenger

NORAH VINCENT

Few creatures are more detestable, more venomous, than the special interest bureaucrat. He is the quintessence of evil. With his snuff of sedentary power, he is that most cavernous of all schlimps, always and everywhere just following orders, mindless and industrious as a louse, impenetrable as a meter maid. When challenged on his fierce illogic, he merely parrots the showman slogan, "I just work here."

quibbling over President Clinton.

"NOW is able to overlook wife-beating in the case of someone black's a role model for young black men and the sexual exploitation of subordinates in the case of someone who can help the organization politically and financially."

get your message out when you're on the 'wrong' side of an issue."

According to Bruce's publicist, aside from her appearance on ABC's "Politically Incorrect," no major liberal media outlet either print or broadcast, has discussed or reviewed Bruce's book. Meanwhile, conservative venues such as the National Review, the Washington Times and Fox News have given it the attention that its controversial subject matter and considerable sales (40,000 copies since its publication in October) deserve.

Are the illiberal apparatchiks having their way again, dispersing their chits of pillory and slander? You can bet on it. After all, you don't have to shoot the messenger — if you can make her disappear — which, of course, just proves Bruce's point.

Norah Vincent is a senior fellow at the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a think tank set up after Sept. 11 to study terrorism.

Today in America, such flacks are almost exclusively the property of the complainants, the banal which has homogenized and mass-produced them, wound them up and marched them, like Energizer bunnies, into the loop of public discourse.

Special interest lobbies such as the National Organization for Women, the Feminist Majority Foundation and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation are home to battalions of these fanged pinkies. In her recent book, "The New Thought Police: Inside the Left's Assault on Free Speech and Free Minds," Tammy Bruce fingers these groups and others such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, exposing them as bulwarks of intimidation bent on silencing anyone who deviates from the party line, bastions of hypocrisy where principle has become a casualty of power politics. That this argument comes from a lesbian former president of I.A.'s chapter of NOW makes Bruce's book an inside job — wickedly satisfying and full of priceless opinions such as this one about NOW's unwillingness to condemn O.J. Simpson and specious

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Military takes heat in Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli soldiers fired indiscriminately and without justification at civilians and paramedics in the Gaza Strip earlier this week and apparently used illegal anti-personnel shells in the incident, an Israeli human rights group said Wednesday.

The Israeli fire left three Palestinian civilians dead and four wounded, including three children, ages 4, 11 and 16. One of the dead was a 17-year-old girl. The Israeli military had no immediate comment on the report by the Betsalem group which sent a fieldworker to the site to speak with survivors.

Betsalem said it suspected the army used so-called Flechette tank shells, which are packed with thousands of darts for greater deadliness. In the current conditions of Gaza, the use of Flechette shells is illegal, Betsalem said.

The Israeli army has admitted using Flechette shells in the past. The shooting took place on Monday evening near the Jewish settlement of Morag and the Palestinian town of Khan Yunis, in an area called Kizan al-Nijar, where Palestinian families live in tin shacks.

The incident began when soldiers shot at two armed Palestinians spotted near Morag's greenhouses. Killing one, Betsalem said. The other militant fled the scene.

Soldiers directed intensive gunfire at the nearby Palestinian residential area, killing a farmer who was hit as he ran from shack to shack seeking cover, the report said.

Troops also fired tank shells toward Palestinian shacks, Betsalem said.

In one, Sami Bahabsa huddled with his two wives and seven children. One of the wives and her baby daughter fled unharmed. An 18-year-old daughter was seriously wounded, reached a neighboring shack and collapsed. Two other daughters and two sons were injured in Bahabsa's shack, but were rescued by their father, Betsalem wrote.

With his second wife and 17-year-old daughter still in the shack under fire, Bahabsa tried to make one more rescue run, but was held back by heavy fire, the report said. Instead, he remained near an ambulance close to the scene.

Soldiers then fired at the ambulance that tried to reach the shack, shattering its windshield and forcing the driver to leave the area, Betsalem said. The next morning, Bahabsa reached the home to find his wife and daughter dead.

Israel retaliates for ambush

JERUSALEM (AP) - Firing missiles, tank shells and machine guns at Palestinian Authority positions, Israeli troops killed 16 Palestinians on Wednesday in reprisals for a Palestinian shooting ambush that killed six Israeli soldiers - one of the deadliest attacks on Israeli troops in 17 months of fighting.

After nightfall Wednesday, Israeli F-16 warplanes fired three missiles at a Palestinian police compound in Gaza, target of air strikes the night before, witnesses said. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

The six soldiers were killed at a West Bank checkpoint, shot at close range by three militants linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

Atrocities survivor confronts Milosevic

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - A Kosovo Albanian farmer who escaped death when Serbs killed 16 members of his family testified in the trial of Slobodan Milosevic Wednesday, the first victim of the carnage in Kosovo to confront the former Yugoslav president.

But Milosevic, combative and self-assured, wrung admissions from his accusers that anti-Serb guerrillas were active in Kosovo, suggesting that Serb forces were engaged in legitimate operations against "terrorists."

Agim Zeqiri, from the village of Celina, told the U.N. war crimes tribunal that he hid in a ditch as Serb forces ransacked and torched his village in the 1999 crackdown.

Zeqiri, 49, said Serb police and soldiers killed nearly his entire family, including his 18-month-old baby. He was later caught and beaten, but managed to flee to Albania. "I didn't know anything about my family when I fled," Zeqiri said. He spent nearly two weeks

recovering in hospital after the Serbs "kicked me in the kidneys and made me an invalid."

He first heard of his family's fate when his cousin phoned him from Germany. "He called me and said 'be brave because your family and my family have all been killed.'"

By presenting so-called crime-scene testimony, prosecutors seek to establish a foundation of fact for their case that Milosevic had ultimate responsibility for illegal actions by Serb forces.

S. Africa steps up AIDS fight

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) - South Africa allocated an extra \$357 million on Wednesday toward fighting AIDS over the next three years, the government's first major concession that its previous efforts to combat the epidemic were inadequate.

A study released late last year by the Medical Research Council indicated AIDS could kill up to 7 million South Africans by 2010 unless the government intervenes more actively.

"Public fury has been mounting over the government's efforts to downplay the severity of the epidemic, its failure to make AIDS drugs available through the public health system, and President Thabo Mbeki's questioning of the link between HIV and AIDS."



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Section B

MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

“It was like I was on a bull, it was like a rodeo.”

—U.S. skier Kristina Koznick, describing the rough slalom course at Park City, Utah Wednesday

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school wrestling
State tournament, at Idaho Center, Nampa
5A/A: Matches run from noon-3:30 p.m.; 7:30-9 p.m.
3A/2A/1A: Matches run from 3:30-7 p.m.; 8:30-10 p.m.
Boys high school basketball
4A District Four-Five-Six Tournament
Burley at Century, 7 p.m.
3A District Four Tournament, at CSI
Declo vs. Filer, 7 p.m. (championship)
2A District Four Tournament
Wendell at Glens Ferry, 7 p.m. (championship)
1A District Four Tournament, at Murtaugh HS
Community School vs. Murtaugh, 4:30 p.m.
Dietrich vs. Hagerman, 6 p.m.
Shoshone vs. Castelford, 7:30 p.m. (championship)

IN BRIEF Twin Falls Christian wins tournament

PASCO, Wash. — Twin Falls Christian Academy won its third championship of the Northwest Christian Schools Tournament Wednesday, downing Oregon City, Ore.'s Grandview Christian 56-50 at Riverview Christian in Pasco, Wash.

Jacob Miller led three Warriors in double-figure scoring with 16 points. Raymond Miller hit for 15 points and Austin Nickens had 14. Earlier, Raymond Miller drilled six 3-pointers en route to a game-high 23 points as the Warriors (13-10) blasted West Gate Christian 78-61 in the semifinals.

Miller, who was named to the All-Tournament team, also was awarded a trophy for his prolific 3-point shooting, finishing with 15 for the tournament.
“This was one of my best teams ever,” TFCO coach Brent Walker said. “Good balance, and a little deeper bench than usual. It was offense that won the first game and defense that won the second game.”
The Warriors actually trailed in the championship before rallying for the win.
“We were down by six midway through the fourth and the lead changed hands probably half a dozen times,” Walker said. “A press got us back. Jacob Miller got a couple of steals and lay-ups and we took the lead with 1:43 left.”
The TFCO volleyball team took second at a volleyball tournament also held at the Washington school.

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Due to expanded Olympics coverage, Thursday's community sports page will return Feb. 28.

Compiled from staff reports

Four good minutes from gold

Carefree Kwan carries lead into tonight's free skate

The Associated Press
SALT LAKE CITY — Michelle Kwan came to the Olympics with two goals — have a blast and win gold.
One down, one to go.
“It's completely different than in Nagano,” said Kwan, who always seems to be smiling at these games. “I'm just having fun and enjoying it.”
America's favorite figure skater is taking advantage of the entire Olympic

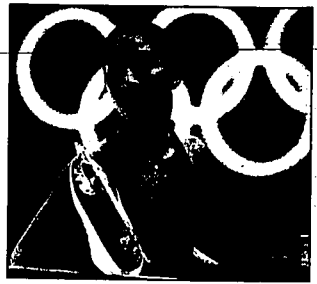
extravaganza this time around, hanging out in the athletes' village, marching in the opening ceremony and taking in a U.S. hockey game. And just like Tara Lipinski four years ago, her carefree attitude is carrying over to the ice.
After winning the short program, she's just four minutes from gold, the only title missing from her impressive resume. Kwan leads Russian rival Irina Slutskaya and fellow Americans Sasha Cohen and Sarah Hughes going into tonight's free skate, worth two-thirds of the final score.
“No regrets,” she said. “Just go out and have fun.”
Kwan skated beautifully at the 1998 Nagano Games, good enough to be champion any other year. But she held a little of herself back while Lipinski

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Skeleton gold — B4
An old friend — B4
Hockey heats up — B5

Figure skating
What: women's free program
When: Tonight, 7:30-10 p.m. (NBC)

attacked the ice, and that reserve meant silver instead of gold for Kwan. Although she's proud of the medal
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Michelle Kwan stretches during practice Wednesday. She leads after the short program, and will go for the gold in tonight's free skate.

STATE WRESTLING PRELIMINARIES

Wendell's Blair seeks title



Jason Blair tums the corner against a teammate during practices at Wendell High School. Blair, the No. 1 seed at 189 pounds in the 2A class, heads to state to try and improve upon last year's second-place finish.

Raft River looks for third team championship

**By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer**
WENDELL — Selfishness isn't driving Jason Blair's quest for a state wrestling title.
Instead, a friend and former teammate and a touch of revenge motivates the Wendell High wrestler.
Blair, a senior and the state runner-up at 189 pounds, knows it's now or never when the Idaho 2A Wrestling Tournament commences today at the Idaho Center in Nampa.
“This is my last shot,” Blair said. “I didn't wrestle very smart (last year at state). I psyched

myself out is what my dad said.” Blair lost 1-0 to eventual champion Dallas Herbst of Firth after Herbst scored an escape late for the win.
This year Blair, who comes in with the No. 1 seed and a 23.5 mark, hopes to meet up with Herbst again on the mats. And that could be in the semifinals, if both he and Herbst (16-5), the fifth seed after losses to third seed K.C. Hurlless of Challis and No. 4 Nathan Garborg of Aberdeen, can advance.
Wendell coach Steve Matthews likes Blair's chances to return to the finals.
“He has a good chance. He's a

lot stronger and a lot bigger,” Matthews said.
Blair said he's pushed his bench press to nearly 275 pounds. Lifting 107-pound bales of hay on a regular basis will do that, he said.
Another helpful aspect has been practicing with teammate Will Yoder (16-6), who is also headed to state at 189 pounds. Blair pinned Yoder for the district championship last week. He hopes the two teammates get another chance to meet on the ultimate stage — the state championship final.
“Will's got a chance,” Blair said. “I'd like to see Will in the championship with me.”
But it's another Will — Will

Ringling — to whom Blair said he's dedicated his season.
Ringling, a friend of Blair's older brother Joey, suffered a broken neck two years ago in a wrestling match with two-time state champion Cory Goicoechea at the Buhl Invitational.
Blair said Ringling, who works at the Vander Vegt dairy in Jerome, is fully recovered from the neck injury.
And it was Ringling who got Blair started wrestling in the first place.
“I was a basketball player my freshman year and Will Ringling,
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Burley's Jones eyes state crown

**By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer**

The Burley Bobcat wrestling team is looking for a top-five finish at the 4A state wrestling meet, which kicks off today at noon at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Individually, Bobcat heavyweight Jason Jones is looking for a lot more.
The burly Burley senior is looking to complete an undefeated season and improve upon a third-place finish at state last year with a state title. Jones went 24-11 last year — his first of high school wrestling — after trying basketball as a freshman and sophomore.



Jason Jones

He made quite a splash in his debut and earned the top seed this year by virtue of his spotless 28-0 record, though state champion Dan Ledda of Caldwell returns, bringing a 30-1 record to the tournament.
Ledda's sole loss came to undefeated wrestler Nick Smith, of SA Centennial.
“It's definitely a lot of pressure,” Jones said. “To know that there is a wrestler who beat me last year that is seeded below me is a lot of pressure.”
Ledda pinned Jones in just 51 seconds last year.
“I just kinda fell into a move that he threw,” Jones said. “That's about it.”
Jones has made up for his lack of experience in high school by wrestling for Team Idaho this past summer. It's a move that has paid off with big dividends.
“It's like another whole season,” Jones said. “I got more matches in and I really learned a lot.”
Jones' chief asset is his quick-
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Hornets stop Wildcats, force decisive game

Declo delivers from foul line

**By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer**
TWIN FALLS — The Declo Hornets made Filer pay dearly with free throws Wednesday, converting 28 of 32 free throws in their 60-50 victory at the 3A Boys District Four Tournament at the College of Southern Idaho.
The Hornets (12-12) made just four field goals in the second half and still managed to extend a seven-point 36-29 advantage at the break to the final 10-point margin.
The victory means the two teams will meet again tonight at CSI at 7 p.m. for the district championship and top seed for next week's state tournament at Meridian High School.
Wednesday's free-throw shooting was in sharp contrast to Monday's game, when Declo

struggled at the line in a 73-69 loss to the Wildcats (14-10), hitting just 6 of 11 free throws down the stretch.
Hornet coach Loyd Garey said he didn't focus on free-throw shooting after the loss because he felt that game was just an aberration and not a real problem.
“I was just surprised when we were missing them then,” Garey said. “We're usually a 70 or 75 percent free-throw shooting team.”
On Wednesday, they were a lot better than that, shooting 88 percent.
And they needed it as the Filer defense clamped down on Hornet shooters.
“It's a real credit to their defense that we only scored four field goals in the second half,” Garey said.
The Hornets started out hot, forging a 19-13 advantage at the end of the first quarter with junior guard Marc Christensen hitting a pair of 3-pointers and getting fouled while shooting a



Paul McLaughlin fouls Declo's Billy Alphin in the fourth quarter of their 3A District Four Tournament game Wednesday night at the College of Southern Idaho. Declo forced a second championship game with the 60-50 victory.

Police arrest Gooden for drunk driving

The Associated Press
TAMPA, Fla. — Former star pitcher Dwight Gooden was arrested on drunken driving charges Wednesday after police officers said they spotted his car swerving on an expressway.
Police said the 37-year-old Gooden — now an assistant to New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner — was charged with intoxication, having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle and driving with a suspended license.
Gooden was released from Hillsborough County Jail on \$500 bond.
“The first thing I do is worry.”
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SPORTS

Gooding takes bowling title

By Joe Suranen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sheila Peterson couldn't stop her hands from shaking.

Even five minutes after bowling two strikes in the 10th frame of the tie-breaking match against Twin Falls for the District Four Season championship, Peterson was still a trembling mess of nerves and excitement.

"It's a good thing the Gooding boys were wed until after she rolled to let the adrenaline take control.

"I was so nervous I'm still shaking," Peterson said. "It feels very good to win."

The Lady Senators edged the Bruins 138-109 in the final varsity game of the tournament to take the season championship at the Bowladrome in Twin Falls on Wednesday. Gooding and Twin Falls entered districts tied at 7-1 and just happened to meet in the final game of the season.

"We thought we had the title before we came here," Gooding coach Chris Thompson said. "But we found out there was a tie. I'm glad it worked out that way. It was real exciting."

Gooding trailed 51-50 after the fourth frame, but grabbed two frames in the fifth and sixth frames and eight pins in the seventh to build a 94-81 advantage.

The Bruins needed 11 pins to

State bowling tourney

What: Entry: 11:30 a.m., with the playoffs beginning at approximately 2:30 p.m.

What: The state bowling tournament pits high school boys and girls teams from around the state against each other for a team title and individual scholarships. For a fee of \$50, any high school student can enter as long they are part of a two-person team from their school.

Quality time begins at 11:30 a.m. and the finals begin around 2:30 p.m.

tie entering the final frame, but Gabrielle Marcantonio managed just nine while Peterson delivered the game's only strikes and was three pins away from a turkey.

"She always does that," Thompson said. "She's a clutch bowler. Almost every game she finishes with strikes."

Peterson had switched to a lighter ball earlier in the tournament because of a sore arm. It paid off in the final frame. The 27-pin frame set off the celebration for teammates Kyria Wolfe, Chelsea Morrow and Sheena Kuhn.

The Bruins beat Gooding in their last match, but bowled without varsity member Kaylie Schreiner on Wednesday.

Schriener had developed an infection in her arm and sat out in hopes of being healthy at the state tournament on Friday. Jenna Benkula, regularly a member of the Twin Falls junior varsity team, replaced her.

Gooding wasn't the only team celebrating after the final regular season tournament of the season. Marcantonio won a scholarship from the Idaho State Women's Bowling Association while Minico won the tournament with 8.5 wins in the nine-game format.

Nine schools from the Magic Valley, each with a varsity, junior varsity, and junior varsity B squad, competed on Wednesday in the best-of-nine Baker-style tournament.

The Gooding varsity also tied for second at the tournament with five wins, but had 1,288 total pins to take the tie-breaker and Filer was third with 1,231 pins.

The tournament was the last regular season tournament of the season.

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Declo

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third. He hit the resulting free throws en route to 11 first-quarter points and a game-high total of 16.

"We lost track of him early and he's just too good of a shooter to let him go," Filer coach Gary Moon said.

The Wildcats also didn't shoot nearly as well as they did in Monday's victory.

"You have to give a lot of the credit to Declo," Moon said. "They play great defense. I thought we handled their pressure better this time but we just didn't shoot as well."

The Hornets also didn't give up second-chance points on offensive rebounds as they did in the meeting Monday.

"It's a lot easier to stop a run if you're limiting them to one shot," Garey said.

Moon said the Wildcats will have to work their offense better and be more patient tonight to be successful.

The teams have split their previous four meetings.

"We have to be more disciplined," he said.

Garey said there isn't enough time to change things up much.

"It's what you see is what you gets," Garey said.

Joining Christensen in double figures was Billy Allphin, who

Table with 2 columns: District Champions, District Tournament results. Lists winners like Declo HS, Declo HS, and scores for various districts.

had 13 points. Senior forward Tim Hughes led the Wildcats with 13 points, while junior Paul McLaughlin hit 10 points.

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Gooden

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said David Cone. Gooden's teammates with the New York Mets and Yankees.

Gooden declined comment as

he left the jail, telling reporters he would release a statement in coming days.

Gooden's attorney, Joseph Ficarotta, did not immediately return calls for comment.

Ficarotta also represents Gooden's friend, troubled former

baseball star Darryl Strawberry.

"Of course, we are disappointed in this occurrence and are taking it very seriously, and Dwight is as well," Steinbrenner said in a statement. "We don't have all the facts at this time. We're monitoring the situation very closely."

Blair

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he's the one that got me (into wrestling)," Blair said. "I pretty much wanted to quit my first year because I spent the first year in the back. But Will made me come back."

Matthews said Ringling even worked out with Blair early in the season.

"That's what it's all about — a piece of influence," Matthews said. "It was (Ringling) who really convinced him to be in the program and he just enjoys it."

Blair said wrestling has helped him compete and become stronger, both physically and mentally. He played linebacker for the Trojans football team and will play football this summer at the Down Under Bowl in Sydney, Australia.

Blair also competes in track and field where he runs the 100-meter dash and throws the shot.

"You have to be smart first off," he said. "You can't go out with a big head because I got second and that's nothing. I want first."

Blair opens with Jess Bollinger of North Fremont before the quarterfinal. Get by those two matches and he could see Herbst or Glarborg in the semifinals. On the other side of the bracket is Challis' K.C. Hurlless (28-6), the state's second-ranked wrestler and third seed at state and No. 2 seed Brian Fritchman of Orofino, last year's 171-pound state champion.

Blair pinned Hurlless at the Challis Tournament earlier this year, but it wasn't easy.

"He was kicking my butt, 7-2, I think, and then I struck him and put him in the cowboy," Blair said.

"It's going to be tough but I'm ready," Blair said. "I've been wrestling a lot better this year and I've been working on my switches and my shots. I didn't shoot that much this year. I'm a lot stronger this year. I definitely want to go out a champion."

As for the Trojans' chances as a team, Matthews said the team title is Challis' to lose.

"Nobody can stay with Challis, they're just too deep," he said. "They got good kids two deep in the top seven weights."

Heading to state with Blair as district champions are teammates Mark Dimond (24-171 pounds) and Josh Maxwell (18-9, 275). Dimond is the top seed at state in his weight class.

"Mark is one of the best," Blair said. "He even pushes me."

Matthews said both Dimond and Maxwell can go far, provided each wrestles to the best of their abilities.

"Mark has a good chance. He's just a very technical wrestler. He knows where he needs to be when he needs to be," Matthews said. "If Josh wrestles the way he's capable, he can be there."

Dimond (24-4) has already decided the state's second seed — Jeremy Rindlsbacher of Malad. Other Trojans heading to state are Matt Lindsay (103), Tyler

Slade (112), Zach Lorcher (125) and Tyler Van Holland (152). Glenns Ferry and Valley are sending three grapplers each to state.

Jake Cornell (119), Chris Phillips (125) and Scott Smith (275) wrestle for Glenns Ferry. Vikings going are 119-pound district champion Jarom Beames, Jason Van Sickle (135) and Kasey Kovitz (171).

1A Tournament

The two-time defending A-4 state champion Raft River Trojans used last week's District Four Tournament as a tune-up to this week's 1A state tourney.

The Trojans crowned six district champions en route to edging runner-up Wendell 147-142.5.

"It's something we always wanted to do," Raft River coach Justin Bair said. "It's the first time Raft River won a district championship."

Bair said it was the right combination of his six district champions along with wrestlers avoiding pinfalls that did the trick.

"We had kids that ended up winning when we needed to pin and kids not getting pinned," he said.

Bair hopes his team's good fortune can continue at state.

"The competition at state is fierce. It's going to be tight," he said.

The 1A team with the most

accumulated points in the combined 2A-1A tourney is named the champion.

Leading the Raft River charge are a tight-knit group of seniors: Tyson Hutchison (135), Chase Erickson (160), Philip Durfee (189) and Jed Hutchison (140).

"They're all very good kids," Bair said. "That's what helped us there last year. They are the hardest working group I've ever had."

And the familial ties on the team help. Tyson and Brodie Hutchison are brothers with Jed Hutchison a cousin as is the case with brothers Chase and Mac Erickson and cousin Brody Erickson.

"We have awesome leadership and just good kids," Bair said. "The parents have taught them how to work and they bring that to the wrestling."

Oakley is also well-represented, sending nine to state this week. Both teams know each other well having wrestled in a co-op for most of the season.

Representing Oakley at state are district champions Brad Bench (103), Blaine Hawkes (130), Eli Clark (132) and Brice Nelson (215). Teammate Kevin Bliss (125), Harley Thomas (140), Wes Hughes (145), Maverick Mitton (160) and Brock Nelson (215) also earned state placings.

Jones

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ness. "He's very quick-footed for a big guy," Bobcat coach Clint Milliron said.

Another weapon is the rock song "Welcome to the Jungle," by Guns N' Roses, played at full volume right before his matches.

"You hear that guitar and it really gets you going," he said. "I'm definitely an old-day rocker."

He is also trying to lead the Bobcats to respectability.

"When people think of Bobcat wrestling, they think of easy wins," Jones said. "But we have some good wrestlers coming up and that is going to change in the next couple of years."

The Bobcats bring another nine wrestlers to state and would love

to crack the top of the team standings after finishing 16th last year and going 1-10 in the first round.

Milliron said that goal is ambitious and yet achievable.

"We can't take anything for granted in either direction," Milliron said. "Jaxson is seeded No. 1 and he can't look past anybody, and we have some low seeds who can't give up in assuming that they're going to lose."

Other high-seeded Bobcats are Billy Orthmann, who is seeded fourth in 119 at 28-10; No. 3 152-pounder Greg Bettis, who is 29-9; and sixth-seeded 171-pounder Gerardo Vega, who is 28-5.

Jerome, which finished in last place at the District Four-Five Six tournament, qualified seven wrestlers to state.

Representing the Tigers are

Tanner Patterson (215), Tyler Thiesson (189), Zac O'Toole (160), Riley Goley (152), Clay Wolf (130), Jose Trelles (112) and Kaden Goley at 103 pounds.

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SPORTS

Iverson hits for 46 in Sixers win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson scored 46 points, reaching 40 for the fifth time this season...

Matt Harpring tied his season-high with 25 points, Dikembe Mutombo had 18, and Eric Snow added 12 assists and 11 rebounds...

Golden State lost its fourth in a row overall, its ninth straight on the road and its 19th in 22 games.

Jazz 110, Nuggets 99 DENVER — Andre Kirilenko and Scott Padgett scored 21 points each as Utah fought off a late Denver surge...

Six Utah players scored in double figures to lead the Jazz to their sixth straight victory.

The Jazz opened the fourth quarter with its biggest lead of the night, 19 points, and widened it to 85-65 on a 3-pointer by John Starks and a layup by Scott Padgett.

The Nuggets crept within nine points before Byron Russell put the game out of reach with a 3-pointer

Sutton joins 700 club as Cowboys top Texas

AUSTIN, Texas — Victor Williams had 20 points and seven assists to lead No. 13 Oklahoma State to an 85-80 victory over Texas on Wednesday night...

Sutton, who has worked at Creighton, Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma State, is 700-275 in his 32 seasons as a head coach.

The Cowboys (21-6, 8-5) moved into a tie for third place in the Big 12 with Texas (17-9, 8-5), which has lost four of its last five conference games.

No. 2 Maryland 84, Clemson 68 CLEMSON, S.C. — Juan Dixon scored 14 of his 21 points in the second half as No. 2 Maryland overcame a sluggish start to win its ninth straight game...

The Terrapins (22-3, 12-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) looked angry like they were still savoring Sunday's 87-73 win over then-No. 1 Duke.

No. 8 Florida 89, Auburn 61 GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Udonis

going 16-of-36 from 3-point range.

Clippers 81, Heat 71 MIAMI — Reserve Quentin Richardson had 25 points and 11 rebounds as the Los Angeles Clippers won in Miami for the first time in eight years.

The Clippers' record, the third-highest scoring unit in the NBA, outscored the Heat's reserves 41-16. Richardson did most of the damage, making 9 of 19 shots.

Hornets 78, Raptors 77 TORONTO — Elden Campbell scored 16 points, and Jamal Mashburn added 15, including Charlotte's last six, as the Hornets beat injury-depleted Toronto.

Baron Davis had 17 points for the Hornets, who have won four of five since the All-Star break.

Bulls 113, Knicks 109 CHICAGO — Jalen Rose scored 36 points, including 13 in the fourth quarter, leading a comeback in his Bulls debut.

Rose, who came to Chicago with Travis Best in Tuesday's seven-player deal with the Indiana Pacers, was 13-of-24 from the field and 10-of-11 from the line.

WTA Tour doubles

No. 16 Illinois 83, Penn St. 66 CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Robert Archibald tied his career-high with 25 points and had 10 rebounds as No. 16 Illinois beat Penn State 83-66 on Wednesday night...

The 6-foot-11 Archibald overpowered the Nittany Lions down low, scoring all of his points from the field on an assortment of dunks and layups.

Illinois (20-7, 8-5 Big Ten) started its winning streak after having dropped three in a row and five of eight. Penn State (7-18, 3-11) has lost nine of 11.

No. 23 Indiana 63, No. 19 Ohio St. 67 BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — All Jeff Newton wanted to do was help Indiana play defense. He did that much by blocking three shots and grabbing four rebounds. Then, he added some offense, too.

Newton scored 16 points, the third-ranked Hoosiers beat No. 19 Ohio State 63-57 Wednesday night to take sole possession of first place in the Big Ten.

Newton was the surprise scoring leader in a balanced Indiana attack. Three players — Jared Jeffries, Jarrod Odle and Dane Fife — each finished with 10 points.

BASEBALL

Remaining Free Agents NEW YORK — In 1999, the Yankees signed...

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SALT LAKE OLYMPICS 2002

Shea follows in family footsteps

American skeleton racer takes gold, just like his grandpa

By Dan Lo Batard and Richard Bush
Knight Ridder News Service

PARK CITY, Utah — He came whistling face-first down that mountain, about 90 mph, chin three inches off the ground, in a monumental hurry to join his past and his future. American Jim Shea was just doing what his father and grandfather had done at the Olympics, going very fast over ice and snow, trying to control something that did not wish to be controlled.

You know one of the things Jim had inherited from his late grandfather's will? His late grandfather's will. And, on Wednesday, it was golden.

Shea topped a spectacular and surprising day in the sport of skeleton, where American men and women weren't favored to medal but nonetheless took three of the top six positions. On the women's side, Tristan Gale and Lea Ann Parsley won gold and silver, respectively. Parsley is a nurse and firefighter from Ohio who helped carry the tattered Ground Zero flag at the Opening Ceremony where Shea was selected to read the athlete's oath on behalf of all Olympians.

The act of going unfamously fast after victory, it was passed down in Shea's family like some kind of heirloom. Little Jim, the Olympian even at 33, made the Shea's the first family to ever have three generations of American Olympians.



Jim Shea of the United States holds up a photo of his grandfather as he celebrates his gold medal-winning run in the men's skeleton at the Salt Lake City Olympics in Park City, Utah, Wednesday.

His grandfather Jack was a double gold-medalist in speed skating in 1932, and little Jim used to wear Grandpa's old skates before beginning far faster pursuits. Jim's father, also named Jim, participated in three skiing events in the 1964 Olympics (he didn't medal) and wept openly as he watched his son finish first and then jump into the red-white-and-blue crowd.

"Very emotional," Jim Jr. said. "This sport takes its athletes right to the edge of insanity. Basically, after sprinting and pushing and then jumping on what is essentially an aerodynamic cafeteria tray, they are simply falling, using a toe tape here and a shoulder strap there to steer something that doesn't wish to be steered and something they don't wish to slow. Shea took off his sock after winning Wednesday, propped his foot on the press-conference table and showed what it can do to the body, trying to slow a skeleton sled at that speed. "My toe is yellow," he said. "I

still can't walk around very well. You don't want those toes touching too often, or for too long. The difference between the first and second place in Shea's event Wednesday was the difference between one minute and 41.96 seconds and one minute, 42.01 seconds. The G forces are such that Shea said going into a corner feels "like Al Roker is sitting on your head."

Bobsled was too slow and safe for little Jim, who was part of the

natural evolution of his family, going after speed faster than the old men, and face first.

"Bobsled is the champagne of thrills," Jim Jr. said Wednesday. "Skeleton is the moonshine."

That son figures the grandfather was smiling even as the father was weeping. Jack, who had been the oldest living Winter Olympian at 91, died Jan. 22 when hit by a drunk driver. Seeing his grandson qualify for the Olympics just before that, Jack had said, "I'm the happiest grandfather in the world. I'll have a right to cry. This is an emotion above expression." His grandson went down that mountain Wednesday with Grandpa's funeral car and music tucked inside the lining of his helmet.

"I could feel him today and at the opening ceremonies," Jim said. "I think he had some unfinished business before he went to heaven and now he can go."

Even the silver and bronze medalists appeared to be rooting for Jim. They were among the first to hug him, Austria's Martin Retzl saying, "We wanted to be on the podium together," and Switzerland's Gregor Stuehel saying, "We're a big family." Retzl and Stuehel hugged Shea as he took his grandfather's photo out of his helmet.

"I've gone through some real tough times," Jim Jr. said. "Including having his sport eliminated. This was the first time skeleton was a medal sport after a 34-year absence."

"I knocked on every door of every doghouse, henhouse and outhouse; I even went to the White House, trying to get this sport into the Olympics," Shea said.

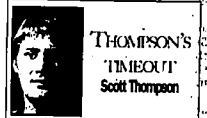
He reads the oath and then gets gold. What do you think HIS son is going to do for an encore?

Even in defeat, Bergoust reigns

PARK CITY, Utah — Don't cry for my friend, Eric Bergoust. He walked away a champion Tuesday, just as he did four years ago in Nagano when he had a gold medal draped around his neck.

Just as he did four years ago, he wanted first or last this time around. He got his wish both days. In Nagano, he got first. On Tuesday, he took last.

Bergoust did it right both times. Both times, he started his jump higher than usual, trying to get "bigger" and put it all on the line.



THOMPSON'S TIME OUT Scott Thompson

He could have played it safe and certainly medaled after posting a first-round score of 130.38 — the high score of the day in either round. And as the best athlete in the history of the sport, he maybe, could have even won gold on reputation with a lesser effort from judges used to awarding him the top score.

Even though the Czech Republic's Ales Valenta made Olympic history by landing a quintuple-twisting, triple backflip to vault into the lead, Bergoust knew he could hold nothing back. Valenta's score was not as high as his first mark, Bergoust knew he absolutely had to go for broke.

It's something he knows a lot about. After all, it was he who was the first athlete to land two quintuple-twisting, triple backflips in competition when he finished seventh in the 1994 Lillehammer Games as an unknown, up-and-comer who was not expected to land on the podium.

And he held nothing in reserve in Nagano. No, he was compelled to go for it.

"The scores were huge today, and I knew I had to put down a huge score," he said. "I wasn't going for silver, I wanted to go for gold. I took a lot of speed and I was a little strong on takeoff, and I just had too much height, and too much lift going."

Bergoust knew right away that he was in serious trouble. "It was going through my head: 'I'm probably not going to be able to land this, no matter what I do.'"

He was right. In Nagano, that derring-do catapulted him into a warm embrace with his father and onto the medal podium. On Tuesday it left him alone and heart-broken in a stadium full of 15,000 fans after landing on his backside to score an 88.11, the worst score of the day.

He was once again in need of a hug. But it didn't come even though everyone at the event felt for him. Please see BERGOUST, Page 85

Disqualification gives Ohno gold

By Mike DeArmond
Kansas City Star

SALT LAKE CITY — With Australian Steven Bradbury out of the running, America's Apolo Anton Ohno thought he had nothing to fear in the medals run of short track's 1,500 meter Olympic medal run.

It was nearly on no again. Beaten across the finish line by Korea's Don-Sung Kim, Ohno was settling in for his second silver medal of the 2002 Winter Olympics when Kim was disqualified for cross-tracking. Basically what Kim did was throw a hip into Ohno as they moved inside to pass on the last lap.

"When the disqualification was announced, Ohno thrust both hands into the air as the crowd at Salt Lake Center erupted. Kim, already skating around the ice carrying the Republic of Korea flag, dropped the flag on the rink floor and skated aimlessly in anger and shock.

"No words! No words!" Ohno exclaimed. "Oh my God, an unbelievable feeling."

The official order of finish was Ohno, China's Jiajun Li and Canada's Marc Gagnon.

"I came out of the corner with great acceleration," Ohno said, "I came on him real tight, got inside of him and he just moved over on me. Good call."



Apolo Anton Ohno of the United States celebrates after learning he was given the gold medal after the disqualification of Korea's Kim Dong-Sung Wednesday in Salt Lake City.

It takes something special to beat Ohno, the 19-year-old from Seattle who came into the 2002 Winter Games as a four-gold-medal favorite. Or something bizarre.

Saturday night in the 1,000 three skaters — including race-leader Ohno — fell out of the final turn. Bradbury, the only man standing, won the gold medal.

Bradbury advanced out of his 1,500 quarterfinal in bizarre fashion. Tripping in the stretch run, the Aussie wound up on the seat of his racing suit and skidded to the second qualifying spot for the semi with his back to the finish line. He failed to advance the final.

Short-track DQ rules

- Intentionally pushing, obstructing or colliding with another racer calls for the offender's disqualification. Improper crossing the course — cross-tracking — is also prohibited.
 - Lead skater has the right of way and the passing skater must avoid body contact.
 - Skaters also are disqualified for changing lanes or altering their course at the finish. Competitors are required to skate in a straight line from the end of the corner to the finish line. Veering inside or outside to maintain the lead is grounds for disqualification.
- Source: U.S. Speedskating and Speedskating Canada

Croat conquers tough course for gold, third medal overall

American medal hopes fade in Koznick crash

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — The snow was coming down in clumps the size of corn flakes. The course had more potholes than a New York highway.

No big deal for Janica Kostelic, the Alpine star of the Salt Lake City Games who now stands on the brink of history.

On a choppy course that wiped out nearly half the competitors, the 20-year-old Croat swept to a slalom victory Wednesday that gave her two golds and a silver so far.

That's three more medals than the total for the entire U.S. women's Alpine team, which is virtually assured of its first medal shutout since the 1988 Calgary Games.

Kostelic, who won the combined event and captured silver in the super giant slalom last week, has a chance in Friday's giant slalom to become the first athlete to win four Alpine medals in one Olympics.

There were only three Alpine events until 1988, when the Super G made its debut and the combined event was reintroduced to the Olympics.

Kostelic's top finish in a World Cup giant slalom this season is

10th, so she won't be a favorite still. Her best career-best fourth place finish in the event came here in 1999.

"After my combined medal, I got extra power," Kostelic said. "It was kind of easy going after my first medal, my job was done. I'm just enjoying myself and skiing."

While most of her peers struggled to stay upright on a course made choppy by several inches of fresh snow, and temperatures in the mid-30s, Kostelic smoothly twisted down the unusually steep slalom course.

"I skied in my first medal through a bad course," Kostelic said. "It was breaking up. It was ratty."

Kostelic, who missed the first half of the World Cup season while recovering from three off-injury operations on her left knee, finished the two runs in 1 minute, 46.10 seconds.

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Kwan

Continued from B1 she won, it wasn't the color she wanted. She stared at it with puffy red eyes, crying again when her father tried to cheer her up with an encouraging nod.

"There wasn't a huge mistake. I didn't fall. But in some ways, I know that I held back," she said. The 21-year-old Kwan has been fighting not to do the same since. When she decided last fall that something didn't feel quite right, she knew she had to make a drastic move.

In October, with the Olympics for the year ahead looming, everyone by splitting with long-time coach Frank Carroll. Equally shocking, she decided not to hire another coach.

"I just felt right now I need to listen to myself, understand what's wrong," Kwan said at the time. So far, the move has paid off.

Although she struggled at first her third-place finish at Skate Canada was her lowest since 1996 — everything came together at last month's nationals, where she won her sixth U.S. title.

"My position has changed from a Michelle Kwan coach to a Michelle Kwan fan," Carroll said. "I want her to win. I think she's the greatest skater in the world. I would love it for her to win, whether I'm at her side or not, because I think she's the best."

Despite the split with Carroll, Kwan isn't completely on her own. When she took the ice for the short program Tuesday night, she received a raucous ovation from the flag-waving crowd, the kind skaters usually get only after their skate.

When she finished, she got more flowers and stuffed animals from fans than any other skater.

She also has her father, Danny, by her side at practice and competition. The four-time world champion is quick to say he does give her advice and support.

"When she's struggling with a jump in practice, she'll skate over to him for a brief consultation," he said. "He's his my cheerleader. He's just wondering where his pions are," Kwan said with a laugh. "The main thing is to believe in myself and take control on the ice."

Off the ice, too. She knew after Nagano she wanted to keep skating, but she wanted more in her life. So she enrolled part-time at UCLA, even living in the dorms her first semester.

She made friends who didn't know a double axel from a truck axle, and revealed in living a "normal" life. She owns a condo by the beach and has a serious

boyfriend, Florida Panthers defenseman Brad Ferenc.

She's living life to the fullest in Salt Lake City, too. Unlike Nagano, where Kwan arrived late, stayed in a hotel and got the sterilized version of the Olympic experience, she's having a ball here.

"She's hung out at the athletes' village and met U.S. skiers Picabo Street and Daron Rahivets. She marched in the opening ceremony, and her bright smile said she enjoyed every step. She even took in a U.S. hockey game."

While Cohen and Hughes left after the opening ceremony to do some quiet training, Kwan stayed put. She worried at first about being distracted, but it's actually been more peaceful. In Nagano, her reclusiveness was a story. Now that everyone knows where she is, it's not nearly as intriguing.

"It's a great moment in my life, and I'm really enjoying it," she said. "This is something I did miss out on a little, but I didn't realize it."

Just how loose is she? While her competitors paced nervously before the short program as Elvis Presley blared through the arena's PA system — "All Shook Up," appropriately enough — Kwan nugged for the cameras, shimmying her shoulders in a move that would have made The King proud.

If she keeps it up, she'll have that shiny gold medal she craves, too.

"You just have to be calm," she said. "Your preparation is

already done and ... you just have to keep up with what you've been training for a long time. "You know, no regrets."

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U.S. tops Germany, gets ready for Russia

WEST VALLEY CITY — So it's back to the future for the United States men's hockey team. As a result of Wednesday's 5-0 victory over Germany, Team USA plays Russia in Friday's semifinal.

That will be exactly 22 years to the day since the Americans stunned the Soviet Union in Lake Placid.

Is this getting eerie?

"I believe in fate," said Jeremy Roenick. "This is progressing just like 1980 — the Germans on Wednesday, the Russians on Friday."

If there was any chance of a letdown against Germany, it evaporated as many of the Americans watched Belarus shock powerful Sweden earlier in the day, eliminating them from the tournament by a score of 4-3.

Even Belarus is jumping on the 1980 bandwagon. Coach Vladimir Kriukov compared his team's victory to the Miracle on Ice.

"He did?" Team USA coach Herb Brooks asked. "Someone from the old Soviet Union? It's a nice compliment. But I find it... a nice compliment."

The Americans were taking no chances. They stuck patiently to their game plan against the sticky German defensive style, until breaking the game open with four second period goals.

The coaches had done some mild verbal jousting in the 48 hours before the contest. But once the puck was dropped, everything went according to form. The Germans lined up four across and dared the Americans to skate in with the puck.

The Germans had great success with that approach in the first period, as the Americans could get no offensive flow going. But Germany also took a lot of penalties, and during one stretch skated short-handed for almost seven and a half minutes.

Team USA eventually broke through for a power-play goal, when Roenick, standing along the side of the net, one-timed a pass from Brian Rafalski. The score came at 13:06 and with the Germans at a two-man disadvantage.

Just 46 ticks into the second period, Team USA added an insurance goal when captain Chris Chelios scored. He raced in from the point, scooped up the puck and fired into a crowd. The puck ricocheted in off of a German defenseman.

The victory catapulted the U.S. in the semifinals against Russia, which beat the Czech Republic 1-0 on Wednesday.

"We are looking forward to it," said Bill Guerin.

So is the rest of the world.



At the Games

2002 Winter Olympic Daily Schedule

Today's televised events

Today's televised events
All Times MST
On NBC
2-3 p.m.
women's 20-kilometer cross-country skiing relay (taped)
6-7:15 p.m.
men's Alpine skiing giant slalom (taped)
7:15-7:30 p.m.
Nordic combined sprint K120 (taped)
7:30-10 p.m.
women's figure skating long program (live)
On MSNBC
11 a.m.-noon
women's curling bronze medal game (taped)
noon-2:30 p.m.
Finland vs. Sweden women's hockey bronze medal game (live)
2:30-5 p.m.
women's curling gold medal game (taped)
On CNBC
5-8 p.m.
U.S. vs. Canada women's hockey gold medal game (live)

ered his motivational speech at Tuesday's practice. He reminded his players of 1980 and America's "miraculous" victory at Lake Placid.

A bunch of laughter greeted Kriukov when he suggested Belarusian players should believe in miracles, too, going into Wednesday's game against highly favored Sweden.

"We were making jokes," Belarus goalie Andrei Mezin said. "You are hoping you can do the same thing, but I don't think many guys were believing."

Nobody really believed until every single second had ticked away on Belarus' amazing, improbable and certainly miraculous 4-3 victory against Sweden in the quarterfinals of the Olympics men's hockey tournament.

Belarus advanced to play the winner of the late game between Finland-Canada despite being listed as having a 10 million-to-1 chance of winning gold coming in, despite being trounced by a margin of 162 in its final two preliminary games and despite having a single NHL player on its roster. And Sweden goes home.

A 70-foot slapshot from Vladimir Kopat bounced off Swedish goalie Tommy Salo's noggins and in with 2:24 remaining in regulation to seal what Swedish news agency TT called "Sweden's worst-ever Olympic loss," and what many consider to be among the greatest team upsets in any sport in any Olympics.

Women's Hockey

Nagano Rematch: U.S., Canada do battle for gold medal

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — It's an age-old strategic debate. Blaze the trail or draft behind and save energy before coming on strong at the end?

Except this is women's ice hockey, not speedskating or auto racing.

And if the topic is women's ice hockey, the two teams must be the United States and Canada, who will face each other today for the gold medal.

After watching Canada take every women's world championship since its inception in 1990, the United States won the first time women's hockey was included in the Olympic Games four years ago. And the Americans won the last eight times they met in pre-Olympic competition.

The Canadians love it. They love that they aren't the favorites coming into Thursday's gold-medal matchup.

"The pressure's on the USA," Canadian forward Christie Piper said.

Teammate Tammy Lee Shewchuk used the analogy of a car.

"The way I like to think about it is, when you're behind, you can see everything in front of you," she said. "When you're in front, you only have a little space in the rearview mirror to see what's coming at

you. There are blind spots, there are things that can happen. The position that we're in right now, we can see clearly, we can see everything ahead of us. We know what's coming at us. And we're ready for it."

If Team USA were a car, it would be a Hummer, hogging the road and prepared to overcome any obstacle off it. The U.S. has outscored its opponents, 31-1, at the Olympics, continuing the theme of dominance they established on their pre-Olympic tour.

Of course, they'll try to convince you they're a little Honda Civic on the way to the grocery store.

"You can sway it either way you want," said Chris Bailey, who plays defense for the U.S. "You can say now the pressure's on the U.S. because they're defending, or you can say we haven't won a world championship in seven tries, so we're still the underdog. You can write it either way. The way we like to look at it, we focus on the moment and not necessarily try to bear the burden of that pressure you let build up over the year."

The two teams are defined by each other. No other country has beaten them. Turn to the "History and Record Book" section of the Team USA media guide, and the first thing you'll see is the team's record against Canada.

"We know they're a very strong team," Bailey said. "It's like looking in the mirror for us."

with 18 (10-6-2).

Curling

The gold is gone for the U.S. women's curlers, although they remain in the running for a bronze.

The Americans lost 9-4 to Switzerland, snapping a four-game winning streak and setting up a bronze medal contest Thursday against the defending gold medalist, Canada.

The Canadians lost 6-5 to Great Britain, setting up a match between the winners and the Swiss for the gold.

In the men's semifinals, Canada advanced to Friday's gold medal game with a 6-4 victory over world champion Sweden. The Canadians will play Norway, 7-6 winners in extra time over Switzerland.

Today's schedule of events

All Times MST
Subject to change
Alpine Skiing
Park City Mountain Resort
Men's Giant Slalom, first run, 10 a.m.
Men's Giant Slalom, second run, 1 p.m.
Cross Country Skiing
At Soldier Hollow
Women's 4x5km Relay, 12:30 p.m.
Curling
At The Ice Sheet, Ogden, Utah
Women
Bronze Medal
United States vs. Canada, 9 a.m.
Gold Medal
Switzerland vs. Britain, 2 p.m.
Figure Skating
At Salt Lake Ice Center
Women, Free Program, 5:45 p.m.
Ice Hockey
At The Peaks Ice Arena
Bronze Medal
Finland vs. Sweden, noon
At E Center
Gold Medal
Canada vs. United States, 5 p.m.
Nordic Combined
At Utah Olympic Park
Sprint K120, Jump, 10:30 a.m.

Belarus creates its own miracle

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U.S. racks up five more medals; Norwegian star wins another gold

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The latest recipe for American medal success: Start with a third generation Olympian winning a gold for his late grandfather. Add a local favorite with multihued hair, a stitched-up Sports Illustrated cover boy, and two more medals.

Cornish with Lee Ann Parsley and her silver medal.

The U.S. Olympians continued their unprecedented Salt Lake City roll, riding the skeleton sleds of Jimmy Shea, Tristan Gale and Parsley to three more medals — and that was just Wednesday morning.

Short-track speedskater Apolo Anton Ohno joined the fun later, taking his first gold and second medal of the games after the first-place finisher in the 1,500 meter final was disqualified.

Jennifer Rodriguez's bronze in

the 1,500 meter long track speedskating gave the United States five medals on the day, its best single-day haul in Winter Games history. The three golds were the most ever in a single day, too.

The U.S. team's impressive showing — 26 medals now, including a record nine golds — couldn't overshadow the biggest individual star of Salt Lake City: Ole Einar Bjørndalen, who became only the third Winter Olympian to win four golds in a single games.

In a snowy day at the skeleton track, the Americans swept medals in both the men's and women's events — the latter punctuated with a silver medal by Parsley in a 1-2 U.S. finish.

In perhaps the most emotional moment of the Olympics, Shea

with a racial card of his grandfather inside his helmet — and then waved the card in victory after claiming the gold medal in the first skeleton event since 1948.

"My grandpa was with me the whole way," said a beaming Shea, whose father and grandfather were both U.S. Olympians.

Jack Shea, who died Jan. 22, was the first double gold medalist in the Winter Olympics, winning two speedskating events at the 1932 Lake Placid Games. Jim Sr.

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competed in three cross-country events at the 1964 Innsbruck Games; he wept while his son competed, and then celebrated with him at the bottom of the run.

About 30 minutes later, Gale — her hair streaked red, white and blue — zipped down her home course to claim an unlikely gold medal. Gale, a Salt Lake City resident, was a competitive alpine skier for 10 years before trying skeleton.

She had never finished higher than eighth in a World Cup race before collecting the gold. Just one-tenth of a second behind was silver medalist Parsley.

The Americans stayed second in the medals table with their 26 medals (nine gold, nine silver and eight bronze). Germany remained atop the table with 31 (9-15-7), with Norway in third

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Medals Table

(60 medal events)

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Germany	9	15	7	31
United States	9	8	9	26
Norway	10	6	2	18
Austria	1	4	13	14
Russia	5	5	0	10
France	3	4	2	9
Italy	3	2	4	9
Canada	2	1	3	6
Switzerland	3	1	3	7
Finland	3	2	1	6
Netherlands	2	3	0	5
China	1	2	2	5
Sweden	0	1	4	5
Croatia	2	1	0	3
South Korea	2	1	0	3
Russia	1	0	2	3
Australia	2	0	0	2
Spain	1	2	0	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Estonia	1	0	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Poland	0	3	1	2
Belarus	0	0	1	1
Britain	0	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	0	1	1

Bergoust

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him.

"I was there in the standing-room-only section, looking across the stadium at his father, Don, and youngest brother, Arlan. Both were too stunned to even register emotions.

"I was standing just a few feet from his sister, Laura, who looked as though they had to come to their senses and give him another jump any moment.

"It couldn't be over. Not so soon. He had dreamed since he was 15 of this day and training for these six seconds in the air his entire life.

"No, it didn't seem possible that it was over. It didn't seem fair.

Not to the crowd, which was roaring like few I've ever heard right up until his butt hit the snow. It was a tenuous quiet for about a three-count afterward.

Even his fellow competitors, who seemed stunned and saddened when the pioneer of their sport didn't pull off his first real try.

Valenta said: "I was surprised he couldn't land it — and sorry for him."

Silver medalist and Park City grown Joe Pack threw his skis right in disgust when he saw Bergoust's landing — even though he knew it meant silver instead of bronze for him.

"My heart sank," Pack said. "And Boise skier Jeret Peterson, who finished ninth, said 'I don't care (about the results), he's the best.'"

There was no way it could be over.

But one look at Bergoust and there was no doubt: It was over.

Strangely, I wasn't in any way disappointed even though as a paying fan to these events I had chuckled my verner as a hardened journalist aside and cheered like I haven't cheered in years.

I remember watching on TV four years ago as Bergoust whipped the world and I was one of the first people through

the security Tuesday, a full four hours early hoping to see another championship effort Tuesday.

I was disappointed.

In a world where mediocrity isn't so much tolerated as it is at times lauded, I saw what I had come for.

I saw Valenta do the impossible and Bergoust try to top it.

Both efforts were worthy of gold.

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Slalom

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win a Winter Olympics medal, but that distinction may not last long. Her older brother, Ivica, is a favorite in the men's slalom on Saturday.

Kristina Koznick, the last real U.S. chance for a women's Alpine medal, crashed on the first run. The Minnesotan, who came into the race as the second-best slalom on the World Cup circuit, slipped with five gates remaining — sending her right ski high in the air.

After coming to a stop, she slumped in the snow in disappointment for several seconds before skiing to the bottom of the course.

"My coach told me to be crying today either way, whether I did good or I did bad," she said through tears. "Unfortunately, these aren't the kind of tears I wanted."

Koznick said the course was very rough.

"It felt like that the whole way down," she said. "Oh my gosh, it was like I was on a bull, it was like a rodeo."

U.S. skier Sarah Schleper, who has had several top 10 finishes on the World Cup circuit this season, lost a ski about two-thirds of the way down the first run.

The only American to complete both slalom runs was 17-year-old Lindsey Kilbow, who was 32nd. American women have not won an Olympic medal in the slalom since 1972.

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SPORTS

Match Play loses top players

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Tiger Woods was right. The Match Play Championship is anybody's tournament to win.

Just not his. And not Phil Mickelson's or David Duval's, either.

With one shocking outcome after another, the world's top three players were on the Wednesday from the opening round of the Accenture Match Play Championship.

"It's not exactly the greatest of feelings," Woods said. "But it's one of those things where anything can happen in match play, and it does."

Sure, but who would have guessed this?

Woods, who has made it to at least the quarterfinals in the previous two events, was defeated by Peter O'Malley, the pudgy Australian who became the first No. 64 seed to win a match in the four-year history of the event.

"No one expected me to win," O'Malley said.

Then came Mickelson, trying desperately to catch up with John Cook. That ended when Cook rolled in a 35-foot birdie putt on the 16th hole to close him out.

If that wasn't enough to leave the gallery breathless, Kevin Sutherland — one of three players in the elite field of 64 who has never won on his home circuit — transformed himself into a prizefighter with birdies on the 17th and 18th holes to extend the match.

He ended it with a two-putt birdie on the 20th hole.

"It's tough any time you play well and get beat," Duval, who played the best of the top three at 4 under for the day. "Kevin stepped up to the plate and made some great shots. I give him a lot of credit for that."

Woods also gave those three much of a chance.

Two weeks ago, O'Malley and Cook weren't even sure they would be playing in the tournament. Then, Thomas Bjorn and Jose Caceres withdrew because of injuries, and they found themselves in a \$5.5 million free-for-all. "I had a no-loss situation, really," O'Malley said.

O'Malley, who played with



Tiger Woods watches his bunker shot on the 12th hole during match play against Peter O'Malley Wednesday in Carlsbad, Calif.

Woods in the first two rounds of the New Zealand Open, took the lead with short birdie putts on the eighth and ninth holes, and never allowed Woods to get back in the match.

Woods was in jeopardy not only of losing but becoming the only player in the 64-man field to not make a birdie. That changed when he holed a 30-footer on the 16th hole to keep his slim hopes alive.

Then, Woods hit a wedge into 3 feet on the 17th hole and

appeared to be poised for another remarkable rally.

"It really brought the real Tiger Woods out, I guess," O'Malley.

The Aussie never gave him a chance. Woods was walking toward his mark as O'Malley sent his 20-foot birdie putt on its way. When the putt dropped, Woods stopped, turned and tipped his cap to the Aussie.

Well done, mate. It was the first time Woods had been eliminated this early in his

three years playing the event. He was beaten in the quarterfinals by Jeff Maggert in 1999 and in the final by Darren Clarke two years ago.

Woods took last week off to get healthy and get ready for the only World Golf Championship event he hasn't won.

It didn't help against O'Malley, a 35-year-old with five career victories.

The final margin was 2 and 1. Next up for O'Malley is Nick Price, a 2 and 1 winner over Angel Cabrera of Argentina.

Mickelson was only a little better than Woods, but ran into a buzzsaw.

Cook, birdied three of the first five holes to build a 3-up lead, although Lefty fought back. He had a chance to square the match with a 2-foot birdie putt on No. 11, but it lippped out, and Mickelson never had another opportunity like that one.

Cook was 6 under through 16 holes.

The tournament lost its defending champion, too. Woods in Australia last year when 28 of the top 64 players skipped the event, fell victim to eight birdies by Chris DiMarco in a 3 and 2 loss. Clarke, who won at La Costa two years ago, was defeated 2 and 1 by Pebble Beach winner Matt Gogel.

Colin Montgomerie, recovering from a back injury, was tied with five holes to play until Scott McCarron made a hole in one on the 14th hole, and closed out the Scot, 2 and 1.

Ernie Els, in his American debut this year, sailed through his match against Jeff Sluman, while Dave Love III had no problem beating Phillip Price of Wales.

Also advancing was PGA champion David Toms, a 1-up winner over Rory Sabbatini; U.S. Open champion Reef Goosen, who easily defeated Billy Mayfair and Vijay Singh, who atoned for his loss in the second round last year by beating Toru Taniguchi.

Fourth-seeded Sergio Garcia was eliminated 3 and 2, and Rocco Mediate eliminated John Daly 5 and 4.



Tampa Bay head coach John Gruden meets the press Wednesday in Tampa, Fla. He said the team has some inspiring players.

New Bucs coach likes what he sees

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jon Gruden likes what he's seen of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He won't, however, guarantee a Super Bowl right away.

"I'm not going to make a lot of bold predictions at this time. All I can guarantee is a lot of hard work and effort," the 38-year-old coach said after being formally introduced Wednesday as the seventh coach in team history.

The sons of Bucs owner Malcolm Glazer lured Gruden from the Oakland Raiders early Monday, ending a long, sometimes embarrassing search for a replacement for Tony Dungy.

Gruden, who had one year left on his contract with the Raiders, received a five-year deal worth about \$17.5 million just hours after the Glazers finished talks with San Francisco's Steve Mariucci about becoming Tampa Bay's coach and general manager.

"I had a good job in Oakland. I won some games there. I was fully content to continue to work with the Oakland Raiders and hopefully take our team further in the playoffs," Gruden said.

The Glazers feel they got the perfect fit for the Bucs — an offensive coach for a team that thrives on defense but has had a sluggish offense. Gruden coveted the Tampa Bay job because he grew up in the area and still has family here.

"There's been a lot of speculation about different jobs the last three or four weeks," he said. "I never really distracted me very much because there's been a lot of speculation since I got to Oakland. But when I woke up Monday and found out I was coming back to Tampa, where I'm from, I was excited."

Gruden shared a podium with his wife, Cindy, and Malcolm, Joel and Bryan Glazer. Although Malcolm introduced the new coach, neither he nor his son

spoke or took questions during the news conference.

One person who wasn't on hand was general manager Rich McKay, whose future with the team is uncertain.

The Glazers pursued Bill Parcells as Dungy's replacement without McKay's input, vetoed the GM's recommendation to hire Marvin Lewis two weeks ago, and then finished the search without McKay's help.

McKay interviewed last week for the Atlanta Falcons' GM job.

"We have spoken to Rich and we plan on continuing our discussions over the next few days and into next week," Bryan Glazer said in a statement.

With an average salary of about \$3.5 million per season, Gruden will be the fourth-highest paid coach in the NFL behind Washington's Steve Spurrier (\$5 million), Seattle's Mike Holmgren (\$4.5 million) and Denver's Mike Shanahan (\$4 million).

But the price to pry Gruden from Oakland was high for the Bucs, who surrendered two first-round draft choices and two second-round picks in addition to \$8 million over three years.

Gruden inherits a team in far better shape than the one Dungy took over in 1996. The Bucs made the playoffs four of the past five seasons and are one of just three clubs — along with St. Louis and Miami — that have earned post-season berths each of the past three years.

"I have a high amount of respect for the current status of our football team. They're highly competitive," Gruden said. "There are some inspiring characters already here. I look forward to working with the players and doing everything in my power to get a great coaching staff together and take this franchise to another level."

Celtics acquire Delk, Rogers in five-player deal with Suns

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics, hoping to boost their offense, had a playoff run, acquired guard Tony Delk and forward Rodney Rogers in a five-player trade with the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday.

The Suns received forward Joe Johnson, Boston's first pick in last year's NBA draft and the 10th pick overall, as well as backup guards Milt Palacio and Randy Brown, and a first-round draft pick in this year's draft.

Celtics spokesman Jeff Twiss confirmed the trade Wednesday evening.

Delk, a 6-foot-2 guard and five-year veteran out of Kentucky,

was averaging 10.6 points this season for Phoenix. Rogers, a 6-7 forward and eight-year league veteran from Wake Forest, started seven of Phoenix's 50 games, averaging 12.6 points and 4.8 rebounds.

Johnson, who came out of Arkansas as an underclassman, started 33 of 48 games for Boston this season, averaging 6.3 points. Palacio was averaging 3.7 points as a backup guard, and Brown has played in just one game during an injury-plagued season.

The Celtics, 31-23 following Tuesday's last-second win over the Los Angeles Lakers, are in third place in the Eastern Conference.

Sprained ankle sidelines Oakland's Hudson

The Associated Press

Tim Hudson will miss part of spring training for the Oakland Athletics. Dave Martinez will miss the entire season for the Atlanta Braves.

With every team trying to get through spring training healthy, the Chicago White Sox also had a minor setback Wednesday when reliever Kelly Wunsch injured his hamstring.

Hudson will be out 2-3 weeks because of a sprained left ankle. The pitcher showed up at the Athletics' camp in Phoenix with crutches and an ankle brace, a day after hurting himself during fielding drills.

X-rays showed Hudson has a second-degree sprain. He will be on crutches for the several days and hopes to be ready for the first week of the season.

"I feel it's not going to take that long to get ready," he said. "I'd need a good two weeks of working on hitting practice to live hitters and playing in game situations to get prepared."

Hudson was 18-9 with a 3.37 ERA last year. He was a 20-game winner in 2000. Over the last three seasons, he's 49-17 with a 3.61 ERA.

Martinez, counted on to be a key backup for the Braves, will be sidelined all year because of an



Atlanta pitcher John Smoltz signs autographs during spring training Wednesday in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

injured right knee.

Martinez was diagnosed with chronic patellar tendinitis late last season. The 37-year-old reserve will undergo surgery March 1 in Tampa, Fla.

Wunsch, who will undergo treatment and take anti-inflammatory drugs, hopes to miss just a couple of throwing sessions. The injury was described as a moderate strain and he'll be re-evaluated Thursday.

Among the staff players checking into camp for the first time

were New York Mets second baseman Roberto Alomar and Atlanta outfielder Gary Sheffield.

Sheffield pulled up early in his silver Mercedes, greeted his new teammates, grabbed a bat and got right into the batting cage against Greg Maddux.

A couple of weak grounders later, the Braves' biggest off-season acquisition was still smiling Wednesday. "I'll try to stay even keel and not jump up and down, but I'm excited and feel at home," he said.

Cone in no hurry to return

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — David Cone has no immediate plans to pitch, but has not ruled out a return later this season.

"I'm not officially retired," Cone said. "I'm not going to play right now. If something comes down the road, I'll be ready."

Cone visited with former teammates and manager Joe Torre Wednesday at the New York Yankees' spring training camp. "He's a winner," Torre said. "He seems to be in good spirits."

The Yankees have not contacted Cone about a job.

Alomar walked into the Mets' clubhouse in Fort St. Lucie, Fla., for the first time and quickly found the new teammate most affected by his arrival.

As Alomar sat at his locker, the All-Star second baseman talked with Edgar Alfonzo, who's been forced to move from second back to third base. "I just want him to be happy. I want him to understand what's going on," Alomar said. "He's a great player and I just want to talk to him to see how his feelings are, to make sure he's doing good and that he's happy."

NBA legend becomes coach

OKLAHOMA CITY — Kareem Abdul Jabbar landed his first head coaching job Wednesday, signing with the Oklahoma Storm of the U.S. Basketball League.

"I've done a lot of research on Oklahoma and its history," Abdul Jabbar said. "Part of my heritage is Cherokee. I think I'll fit right in."

Abdul Jabbar, the NBA's career scoring leader and winner of six league titles with the Milwaukee Bucks and Los Angeles Lakers, retired as a player in 1989 and spent several years out of basketball before beginning his quest for a coaching career.

In 1999, he worked with a high school

team at White Mountain Apache Reservation in Whitewater, Ariz., and wrote a book about the experience. The 54-year-old Hall of Famer was an assistant coach for the Los Angeles Clippers in 2000 and did a training session with the Indiana Pacers last year.

Finding: Death wasn't suicide

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — An autopsy on the limousine driver shot at former NBA star Jayson Williams' mansion confirmed the death was not a suicide, a medical examiner said Wednesday.

Costas Christofidi died from a gunshot "at intermediate range," Hutterdon County medical examiner Steven Diamond said.

Christofidi was found dead Feb. 14 in a bedroom at Williams' Alexandria Township estate, with a shotgun wound to his chest. Authorities have not said who was holding the gun.

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Diamond, still waiting for toxicology results, declined to discuss the angle of the wound or whether there was any appearance of a struggle. He said the death is officially listed as a homicide, the legal term for a killing that does not indicate whether it was intentional or accidental.

Acting Hutterdon County Prosecutor Steven C. Lember said Tuesday that no decision has been made on whether charges will be filed.

He did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment Wednesday.

Williams hired Christofidi to take friends from a charity sports event featuring the Harlem Globetrotters to Bethlehem, Pa., to a restaurant, and then to Williams' home, about 30 miles northwest of Trenton.

Published reports have said Williams was showing off his shotgun and flipping it around when it discharged, but his

lawyer has denied that Williams was involved in "any horseplay with a gun." Lember would not say whether Williams has spoken with investigators.

Williams' lawyer, Joseph Hayden, declined to speak with a reporter Wednesday.

Twins owner plans to sell

MINNEAPOLIS — Signaling that baseball was prepared to back off its attempt to fold the Twins, owner Carl Pohlad said Wednesday he intended to sell the team and commissioner Bud Selig gave the plan his blessing.

"I believe that our fans in the Upper Midwest want the Twins to continue to play here," Pohlad said. He added that "may best be achieved" by a sale, which would require the buyer keep the team in Minnesota.

While Pohlad has been open to selling the team in the past, its future was

Lofton joins Chargers' staff

SAN DIEGO — Former NFL star James Lofton and ex-Indiana coach Cam Cameron, who served as assistant coach of the San Diego Chargers on Wednesday.

Lofton was hired as receivers coach, and Cameron was named offensive coordinator.

It is the first NFL coaching job for Lofton, who played in the league for 15 seasons and spent the last eight years in broadcasting.

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Section C

AROUND THE VALLEY

Kempthorne plans to attend grand opening

TWIN FALLS - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is scheduled to attend Dell Computer Corp.'s grand opening celebration in Twin Falls at 10 this morning.

U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, also plan to attend. Dell says the state leaders, along with local leaders, will help the company commemorate the opening of its Twin Falls technical support center.

Dell also says it will make an important announcement at today's event. Today's event is available of the company's new office in the old Albertson's grocery store at 851 Pole Line Road.

The center handles calls from Dell customers who have questions about their computers.

Idaho Senate kills telemarketing bill

BOISE - The state Senate on Wednesday refused to make telemarketers comply with the state's no-call law when they are contacting people to set up face-to-face meetings to sell something.

Republican Sen. Dean Cameron, a Rupert insurance agent, used a rare procedural maneuver to kill the bill on an 11-10 vote.

The no-call law subjects telemarketers to fines if they contact people who have been included on a no-solicitation list.

Cameron and his allies contended that including solicitations to set up meetings to sell goods would inhibit economic activity at a time the state needs it the most.

MV students will receive congressional honor today

TWIN FALLS - Idaho's congressional delegation, governor, lieutenant governor and other elected officials will present bronze and silver Congressional Awards to nearly 40 Magic Valley youth at 4 p.m. today at the Cleary Junior High School auditorium.

Students from Twin Falls, Kimberly, Eden and Hazelton will receive 17 bronze and 13 silver Congressional Awards during the Region 5 Awards Ceremony. Six students will be recognized as model elect recipients and will receive their gold medallions at a ceremony this summer in Washington, D.C.

For more information about the program in the Magic Valley area, call Wiley Dobbs at 733-6900.

Agency hires permanent area representative

POCATELLO - Sue Skinner, a Twin Falls native and Idaho State University graduate, has been hired by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as its Pocatello area representative.

Agency spokesman Mark Masarik said Pocatello was considered a priority area because of such issues as the cleanup of the defunct FMC plant and contamination in the lower Portneuf River.

"It feels a lot like home," she said. "I've always wanted to come back to Idaho and work with Idaho folks."

She has spoken with Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Council Chairman Blaine Edmo, Bannock County commissioners and other area officials.

The agency began the search for a site-based representative three years ago, but found no successful candidates within the agency. After advertising with all government agencies they found Skinner.

She had worked with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for 23 years, including 17 years as a hazardous materials lead in Reno, Nev., developing statewide policy and overseeing hazardous materials cleanup.

Skinner received a bachelor's degree in geology from ISU.

Kimberly offers rabies shots for pets Saturday

KIMBERLY - Pet owners can have their pets protected from rabies or other diseases during a pet clinic to be held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kimberly City Hall garage.

The fee for rabies shots will be \$7.50. Dr. Jerry Jackson will be the veterinarian in charge. Residents who haven't purchased their dog tags for 2002 can purchase them Saturday.

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CAFO fee decision gets delayed

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Greg and Darla Vierstra say it's not the size of an animal feeding operation that matters.

It's how it's run. The Vierstras have been in the dairy business more than a quarter of a century and now have a 2,000-animal-unit operation three miles west of Twin Falls. They say they take pride in being responsible, ethical dairy owners. They take good care of their ani-

mals and they care about their neighbors, they said.

But they said it's getting harder and harder to be in the dairy business.

"They're going to regulate it to the point that the truly good dairy producers are going to leave the community," Darla Vierstra said.

They shared their thoughts Wednesday following the county commissioners' public hearing on raising application fees for animal feeding operations.

The higher fees would not affect registered existing opera-

tions unless they want to expand. But new operators would have to pay significantly higher application fees.

Operation	Proposed annual feeding operation fees	Current fee	Proposed fee	% increase
New 100-999 AU	\$250	\$545	\$138 percent	
New 1,000-plus AU	\$250	\$1,750	600 percent	
Unregistered existing operations	- \$250 to register			
Appeal Transcripts	- \$25 deposit/ \$3.25 per page			

Note: AU stands for animal units

Source: Twin Falls County

commissioners' chambers on the fourth floor of the County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

The county is considering raising the application fee for new 100- to 999-animal unit operations from \$250 to \$545 - a 118 percent increase - and the application fee for new 1,000-plus animal feeding operations from \$250 to \$1,750 - a 600 percent increase. Meanwhile, it would cost unregistered existing operations \$250 to register, and planning and zoning appeal transcripts would cost \$3.25 a page and require a \$25 deposit.

County officials said the fee hikes are needed to offset costs of

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FORDING THE ROAD



Several drivers braved the deep waters covering part of Pole Line Road Wednesday during the five o'clock rush hour until Twin Falls police officers began diverting traffic down other roads. Traffic had gotten backed up for miles due to people slowing down to either cross the water or turn around to avoid it.

Former Black Panther will speak at CSI tonight

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Sophomore Callie Blackwood knew she was stepping into controversy by bringing Bobby Seale to speak at the College of Southern Idaho.

Yet she said she believed that the educational benefits stemming from the Black Panther Party co-founder's visit outweighed the reservations of a few members of the community.

"I'm very happy with my selection," she said. "I don't feel that I've done anything wrong, and I feel that this community needs a little shaking up."

As part of Black History Month, Seale is scheduled to

If you go ...

What: Speech by Bobby Seale, co-founder of the Black Panther Party
Where: Fine Arts Auditorium, College of Southern Idaho
When: Today, 7:30 p.m.
How much: Free.

speak at CSI's Fine Arts Auditorium tonight at 7.

It's Seale's militant past - a times violent - that has some eyebrows raised. In addition to his role in the Black Panthers, Seale gained notoriety as part of the Chicago Eight, a group of activists charged in 1968 for inciting riot at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

They were later named the Chicago Seven when Seale was

tried separately.

Although folks of an older generation might have experienced first-hand the cataclysmic changes during the '60s, younger students have had to rely on books or movies to learn about that era, Blackwood said.

"I never got to form an opinion or form any sort of idea about what the civil rights movement was about," she said. "I feel lucky for being in a time of peace, but I also feel deprived because I have not been able to form an unbiased opinion."

Thus, while open to the general public, tonight's event is geared toward students, she said.

"If it was for the community, I would have brought an entre-

preneur or a politician," she said. "It's for the young adults of my generation who have not been exposed to this before."

Black History Month has generally registered little more than a hiccup in Idaho, and Blackwood said that as chairwoman of the Diversity Council, she wanted to change that.

Moreover, she liked that Seale remains active in his fight for human rights.

"There's nothing wrong with listening to this man speak," she said. "It's not going to hurt anybody."

Times-News writer Robert Mayer may be reached at 735-3231 or via e-mail at mayer@magicvalley.com.

Jerome City Council tries to overcome sewage spills

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - In an effort to avoid sewage spills the city authorized Tuesday the purchase of \$14,000 in spare parts for the city's seven sewer lift stations in the event of mechanical failure.

An inter-office memo from Michael Mathews, OMI project manager, to City Engineer Scott Bybee said that on Nov. 1, electricity was out on the south end of town. The electric pump at the H Street lift station was damaged and the sewage overflowed.

Then on Dec. 22, the south end of town had another power failure for 2 1/2 hours and sewage overflowed. On Dec. 24, a pump failed on the H Street lift station and sewage overflowed again.

Bybee said Wednesday that city workers contain spills as quickly as possible, sterilize the ground and remove soil if necessary so that no groundwater contamination occurs and the H Street lift stations are both at the limits of their flow capacities, and flow through these stations, at times, makes even routine maintenance very difficult because of a potential for overflow, Mathews said.

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By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The city of Jerome has hired a consultant to help decide whether the city needs a new sewage treatment plant operator.

The city's contract with OMI, the current operators, is up for renewal in September. The original contract signed with OMI in 1996 was for five years and expired in September. That contract was extended for one year, City Engineer Scott Bybee told the City Council at a work session Tuesday afternoon.

Both the H Street and 100 South lift stations have KSB-brand pumps. Parts are only available and drop-shipped from a factory in Virginia. Unless the city has an adequate supply of its own, it will take three weeks to receive spare parts, Mathews said.

Bybee said when a problem arises at one of the lift stations, city staff have only a short time to get to the lift stations before the sewage overflows.

The council voted Tuesday to hire Aqua Engineers, a consulting team from Bountiful, Utah, to help the city with the decision as to who to hire to run the plant. The city will pay the firm \$14,000 for its services.

The city is not unhappy with OMI and wants OMI to submit a proposal to continue to operate the Jerome plant in the future, Bybee said.

Aqua will help the city look at costs and whether it would be better for the city to operate the plant itself.

Scott Rogers, an engineer with Aqua, told the council his firm

specializes in sewage plants in small-sized cities.

"We do problem-solving and look at the nuts and bolts, ... the maintenance items and what needs to be fixed in water treatment plants," Rogers said.

Bybee said that since the city does not know if Jerome Cheese will continue to be an industrial customer, the city will take a worst-case scenario and go from there on future plans.

Jerome Cheese is currently looking at the possibility of piping its waste water to Gooding

city limits that currently lacks service. The area has been within city limits for many years and a property owner recently requested service. The line will be installed in the summer and will provide service to around 20 homes in the future.

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Officials say opposition to tech center is minimal

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If there's opposition to the proposed professional-technical center, it's hardly been heard.

In a meeting with the Times-News editorial staff Wednesday, representatives from the Twin Falls School District and the business community said that, aside from a couple of letters to the editor in the Times-News from former high school vocational teachers, response has been, for the most part, favorable.

"The biggest question I've received is, 'Why wouldn't you vote for this?'" said Linda Baird, district spokeswoman.

That doesn't mean district officials are celebrating quite yet; they continue to sell the project and hold their breath. To date they've spoken to more than 1,000 people at 50 different groups throughout the community. And the presentations continue.

"School bonds are not necessarily passed based on the people who support the concept; they pass or fail based on the people who show up and vote," she said.

Others will get their chance at the polls March 5.

Baird said one of the queries occasionally brought up at the district's presentations is why a new facility needs to be built if the high school's enrollment, around 1,400, has remained relatively unchanged for the last 30 years.

Simply because there's a variety of programs now that didn't exist back in the '60s, several of them federally mandated, she said. Some of those include classes for students who are emotionally disturbed or severely handicapped, or English-as-a-second-language classes. Add to that four computer labs and several tech-prep classes, and space quickly becomes a scarce resource. In fact, a waiting list is quickly building by teachers clamoring for dibs on space in the existing vacant vocational facility should the tech-center proposal pass.

The district plans to move three existing high school programs over to the new center: health occupations, information technology and ag manufacturing.

Other programs will be developed in subsequent years based on community and business needs.

"The key here, in terms of adding new programs, is really, we need to be flexible enough that we can respond to the community's needs," she said. "Ten years ago we would have never imagined that information technology would have been such a hot commodity."

Moreover, this is not the concept of "build it and they will come."

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Snowpack levels

Watershed % of Average*

Upper Snake River	76%
Salmon Falls Creek	102%
Oakley Basin	108%
Big and Little Wood	90%
Henry Fork	83%

*Based on 1999-2000 season

Source: Idaho Department of Water Resources

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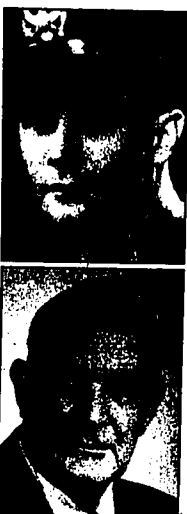
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BOISE



Wes Trounson

Wes Trounson, age 85, said good-bye to each of his eight children, then passed away February 19, 2002, in Boise, Idaho.

Wes began his adventure called life on May 13, 1916, in Jerome, Idaho. He helped his father in the family hardware store, graduated from Jerome High School and went on to the school of "hard knocks" brought on by the 1936 Depression.

Before Wes was sent overseas, he married his childhood sweetheart, Bonnie MacQuavey in 1943. Together, they raised seven children in Wendell, Idaho, until her untimely death in 1968.

Wes was elected State Senator, fought the Idaho State Tax Commission and the Idaho Legislature for fair and reasonable tax laws. After he retired in 1980, Wes was elected State Senator, fighting a whopping \$200 on his election campaign.

Wes celebrated each day of his life with insatiable curiosity, love of people, and undying optimism. Timeless icons that he leaves behind include "The Penny Car" that he and his grandchildren covered with 34,000 pennies, and a 1920 Hudson touring car that he lovingly restored to mint condition.

He is survived by his children, Jim (Julia) Trounson, Barbara (Dan) Smith, Mary (Bill) Bubak, Carolyn (Bill) Sellmeyer, Bonnie Alexander, Betty Trounson, Gordon (Sheila) Trounson; 18 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. In 1973, Wes married Myrel Bruch. Following her death, he continued to raise her daughter, Mardi (Larry) Crupper.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, February 23, 2002, at 2 p.m. at the Wendell Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in the Wendell Cemetery with Military Honors followed by a reception at the American Legion Hall. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

We requested that anyone wishing to do so, make memorials to the Wendell American Legion. Please contact Gordon at 208-866-7676 for any questions.

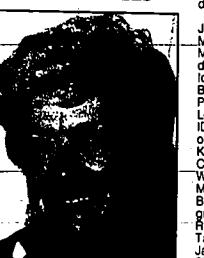
he was nicknamed Popeye by his family, because he wanted to be strong like Popeye. He learned how to fish and rode from his father early on and began working at the age of 16 in Mountain Home for Morrison-Knudsen Construction Co. When he was 16, LeRoy enlisted in the Air Force Reserves and served in the Korean Conflict. He was decorated with service and conduct medals. On February 11, 1956, he married Shirley J. Stapel, his wife of 46 years, in Jerome. Soon thereafter, he adopted her 5-year-old son Jerry. Two daughters were also born to this union, Val and Carla.

The family lived throughout Washington, Oregon and Idaho as he worked construction on various sites in the Pacific Northwest. In the early seventies, he trained in small engine repair in the Boise area, then returned to Jerome to stay. He became an expert in decorative concrete finishing. He was a hard worker and could be counted upon to deliver a hard day's work. LeRoy enjoyed tinkering on small engines for other folks, using the name LeRoy Mousse Mechanical. He was our rock and the greatest Dad, Husband, Papa and friend. If you were his friend, you had it made. We loved him so and we will miss him terribly and wish he were here every day. God had other plans for our "Special Guy." He was always there for his children and grandchildren, who loved him as deep as the heart goes.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley of Jerome; his children, Jerry Meyer of California, Valinda Roeth of Jerome and Carla Strunk of Jerome; six grandchildren, Jami Strunk, Tonya (Gary) Huber and Kerry Strunk, all of Jerome, Christina Meyer of Boise, Ben Strunk of Twin Falls and Wes Roeth of Redding, California; and three great-grandchildren, Alysa, Alexis and Jesse. Also surviving are four brothers, Edwin (Bonnie) Meyer of Wendell, Ernie (Maxine) Meyer and Bob Meyer, both of Jerome, and Johnny "Bud" Meyer of Boise; and five sisters, Esther Sturgeon of Shoshone, Nora (Lionie) Mays of Tri-Cities, WA., Virginia (Frank) Williams of Reno, Anna (Jim) Christianson of Idaho Falls, and Frances (Walt) Jones of Blackfoot, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, George, Paul and Charles; and two sisters, Lorraine Connors and Bonnie Lee Johnson.

At LeRoy's request, no funeral service will be conducted, however service will be a viewing for family and friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel on Saturday, February 23, 2002. A private military service will follow the viewing at 1 p.m. at the Howe-Robertson Chapel and cremation at the direction of the Howe-Robertson Chapel and cremation service.

IDAHO FALLS



Reba George Henry

Reba George Henry, 86, of Idaho Falls, died Feb. 18, 2002, at the Idaho Falls Care Center.

She was born January 15, 1916, in Thayne, Wyoming, to Carl and Vivian Walker George. In her early years, she lived in Wyoming, Mississippi, and Rexburg. On June 23, 1933, she married James Webb Henry in Rexburg. They resided in Kimberly and the Twin Falls area until her husband retired in 1974.

They moved to Lake San Marcos, California, near Escondido, where they lived for twenty-five years. James passed away in California some time in 1995. She continued to live in California until July 2000 when in health forced her to move to Idaho Falls to be near her grandchildren, who helped care for her. She enjoyed playing golf and belonged to Country Clubs where ever she lived. She also belonged to several bridge and civic clubs. She loved being with friends, gourmet cooking, education, the arts, music, traveling, and giving parties. She was a woman of integrity and respect, which was demonstrated even in the last months of her life. She is survived by daughter, Janice (Roger) Stoker of California; son-in-law, Bill (Resi) Floyd Sr. of Idaho Falls; 7 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Elwood George of Oregon; and sister, Roma Walker of Jackson, Wyoming. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Shirley Floyd; 2 grandchildren, Jim Davis and Selly Ann Floyd; and three brothers.

2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. The family will visit with friends on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave., East, in Twin Falls prior to the graveside services.

RUPERT



Elizabeth 'Beth' Meade Berg

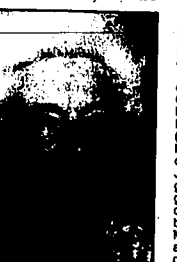
Elizabeth "Beth" Meade Berg, a 60-year-old Rupert resident, passed away February 20, 2002, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Center.

Beth was born on January 15, 1942, in Preston, Idaho, the daughter of John and Urs Hinton Rencher Meade. She graduated from Rupert High School, and went on to attend LDS Business College in Salt Lake City, Utah. She went to work at Hill Air Force Base, where she met and married Verlan Vernon "Slim" Berg. They were later sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple. To this union, they had six children. They were later divorced. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and served in many positions. Both then attended LPN school. She was the Nursery nurse for 30 years at Mindoka Memorial Hospital. Retiring in April 1987 to enjoy children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Beth is survived by three brothers, John Meade of Heyburn, Robert Meade of Declo, and Richard Meade of Simi Valley, CA; five children, Laure Lee (William) Boyce of Idaho Falls, ID, Linda Beth (Michael) Bessey of Murray, UT, Dallas Preston (Lynda) Berg of Boise, ID, Logan Reid (Cheryl) Berg of Burley, ID, and LaDawn Berg (Allen Hodges) of Burley, ID; 11 grandchildren, Kenneth Healy, Kathy Healy Melcar, Chasteeen Healy McCallister, Laura Waters, Kamil Perez, Aaron and Michael Berg, Monica Ward, Alyson Bare, Eric and Susie Berg; and 14 great-grandchildren, Jessica, Justin, Ryan, Chantelle, Sean, Casey, Tanner, Baylee, Makia, Kaylee, Jessie, Rylin, Mariah, and Nahlan. She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Luanna Healy Ladd.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 23, 2002, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel with Bishop Russ Holland officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

BOUNTIFUL, UTAH



Isabelle Fern Olson Rutledge

Isabelle Fern Olson Rutledge, 82, of Bountiful, Utah, passed away on February 19, 2002, at the age of 82.

Heyburn, Idaho, the eldest of nine children to Oren and Clara Olson. She grew up on the "Big Bend" of the Snake River. She married David William Thomas "Tommy" Rutledge on October 25, 1937, in North Ogden, Utah. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple for time and all eternity on October 19, 1949. He preceded Fern in death on May 25, 1989. Following their marriage, they lived in Murtaugh, Idaho, for 22 years. After a short stay in Twin Falls, Idaho, they moved to Provo, Utah, in 1961. She moved to the Salt Lake City area in 1991, to be close to her family.

She loved travel, drama, genealogy and her family. After retiring from ZCMI, she embarked on a journey to Scandinavia and Russia. Fern produced and directed many Ward and Stake theatrical productions and was an avid genealogist. Future generations will forever honor her for the great work she has done to link history and heritage. Fern was active in the LDS Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Cheryl Anne (Richard) Connelly, Bountiful, Utah, Trudy Noel Rutledge, Salt Lake City, Utah, sons, Barry Wynn Rutledge, Seattle, Washington, Gregory Allan (Brenda) Rutledge, South Jordan, Utah; brothers and sisters, LaVera Maxwell, Virgil (Geri) Olson, Hazel Hulst, Darlene (Gerard) Whitesides, Nita (Kenneth) Wells, Arland (Arlene) Olson; 16 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one brother and one sister.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 23, 2002, at the Remus Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, Idaho. Interment will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn, Idaho. Friends may call at the funeral home on Saturday, from 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

SAN JOSE, CALIF.

Lloyd McQuaery

Lloyd McQuaery was born in Buhl, Idaho, in 1918 and died February 1, 2002, at his home in San Jose, California.

He graduated from Buhl High School in 1937 and Los Angeles Technical School in 1940. He served in the U.S. Army in Europe, Africa and Italy during World War II. Lloyd married his wife Virginia Barron in 1945. They moved to San Jose in 1948. He was an Associate Electronics Engineer at IBM.

Lloyd is survived by his wife Virginia, Emily McQuaery and wife Irene of Stockton, CA; son, McQuaery and wife Kia of Fremont, CA; daughter Lee McQuaery and wife Irene of Stockton, CA; daughter Erb of South San Francisco. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Elizabeth, Kellie, and Abby McQuaery of Fremont; Alexis Munoz of Akron, Ohio.

Interment will be in Buhl, Idaho, at a later date.

WARDEN, WASH.

Emily May (Prinice) Ostler

Emily May Ostler, 92, died Saturday, February 17, 2002, at the home of her daughter in Warden, WA.

She was born March 31, 1909, in Leavenworth, WA, to Abby Marvin Prinice and Emily Evelyn. She was the third of six children. Her mother died when May was seven years old. She helped care for her younger siblings. Her family moved to Jerome, Idaho, in 1926. She met and married Johnathan Carl Oster on July 3, 1929. Their marriage was later solemnized in the LDS Temple at Mani, Utah, Carl and May farmed in southern Idaho, where they had six children. They moved to Moses Lake, WA, in 1951. May was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served a two-year mission with her husband to Waterford, Ireland, from 1970-1972. She loved to do handicrafts, knitting, crocheting, and quilting. She was a talented seamstress, carpenter and cake decorator.

Mrs. Oster is survived by her children: Mrs. J. (Carroll) Camiline of Chewelah, WA; Mr. Glenn Oster of Richland, WA; Kay (Norma) Lybbert of Warden, WA; Mrs. Enoch (Donna) Lybbert of Cheney, WA; Mr. Jack Oster of Moses Lake, WA; one sister, Mrs. Iola E. Hildstar of Jerome; 47 grandchildren; 178 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, (Mrs. Mildred Mays), three brothers, one sister, and two grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, February 22, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Warden, WA, with Bishop Lance Leavitt officiating. Burial will follow at Pioneer Memorial Gardens in Moses Lake under the direction of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory, Moses Lake, WA.

DEATH NOTICES

Raymond Ellis JEROME - Raymond Ellis, 63, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Wayne J. Thompson JEROME - Wayne Jay Thompson, 80, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, in Jerome.

The funeral will be held at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS Chapel, 520 N. Lincoln. A visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, and one hour before the service at the church.

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Doris J. Whittington JEROME - Doris J. Whittington, 70, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Goldie Dean RUPERT - Goldie Dean, 88, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

SERVICES

Debra L. Conger of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS First Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B, Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the service Friday at the church.

Lyle D. Zimbelman of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of service today at the funeral chapel.

John Henry Hoech Jr. of Lewiston and formerly of Clarkston, Wash., and Moscow, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lewiston First Church of the Nazarene, 1700 Eighth St.; burial will take place at the Moscow Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday and before the funeral Saturday at the First Church of the Nazarene (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Ethel Caroline Barney Cook of Gooding and formerly of Rexburg, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rexburg LDS 14th Ward Chapel, 590 Summerwood Drive Center Stake; viewing will be from 10-11 a.m. today at the chapel; burial will follow at the Sugar City Cemetery (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Ival Mae Deckard Clark of Boise and formerly of Bellevue, memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Boise Samaritan Village chapel, 3115 Sycamore, Boise.

Ivan (Bill) Lorenzo Johnson of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Paul Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis, Paul; burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery; family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the

Wilbur I. "Tex" Norcross of Gooding, memorial service with a potluck lunch at 11 a.m. March 9, 2002, at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

HOSPITALS

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Admitted Frank Rienstra of Shoshone

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Burley man faces sexual exploitation charges

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A Burley man remained in jail Wednesday in lieu of posting a \$250,000 bond on two charges of sexual exploitation of a child.

Leslie Peter Bowcut, 28, was charged by the Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Tuesday. He was arraigned, through a video system, that day by 5th District Magistrate Judge Roy Holloway. Bowcut reportedly uses Peter as his common name.

According to the complaint filed in magistrate court in Cassia County, Bowcut produced a preschool-age girl that shows a man sexually molesting the child. The charge also accuses him of preparing and producing a sexually exploitative photo of the girl.

The second charge alleges he prepared, produced and distributed another photo of the girl in which her body was exposed in an exploitative manner. The actions are alleged to have occurred between February 2000 and September 2001.

Cassia County Sheriff's Office deputies learned of Bowcut's alleged activities from the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office, according to the affidavit filed in magistrate court.

James Gentry, a detective with the Clovis (Calif.) Police Department, contacted Lt. Randy White with the Minidoka sheriff's office about a possible child pornography ring in Burley. Gentry told Cassia County Sheriff's Detective Rod Gates that Clovis police officers had found compact disks with a connection to Bowcut's pornographic Web site. That site reportedly includes images of a young girl being sexually molested. Those disks were found when police officers executed a search warrant at the Clovis home of Lloyd Emerson.

The furniture, carpet and wallpaper in some of the photos is readily identifiable, the complaint says, as is landscape in some other photos.

Two photos of the girl have indicators in the background of Burley connections, including a Burley Kiwanis banner and a newspaper with a headline referring to Burley, the complaint says.

Data contained in Emerson's computer hard drive included information linking the pornographic sites to a Peter Bowcut, the complaint says. The link was through several sites, all of which were determined by police to be connected to business ventures of Bowcut and his wife, Esther. Those businesses included Paul

Jones Photography and P.J. Crew Co., both in Burley.

A Burley woman was interviewed by police regarding the CD images, and she identified Peter Bowcut as the man wrestling with a young girl and said the images appeared to have been taken in the Bowcuts' home in Burley. However, the woman told police, the Bowcuts had moved out of that house into another house in Burley.

Sgt. Mike Lusk of the Idaho State Police cyber crime unit discovered the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children had several tips about Paul Jones, with a Burley address. Those tips indicated Paul Jones might be involved in child pornography and the distribution of pictures of a young girl, the complaint says.

Police executed a search warrant Friday at the Bowcut residence in Burley, the complaint says. Among the evidence seized was a tie with the same color and pattern as the tie worn by the man in the video that had earlier viewed from the Web site. The complaint also says Peter Bowcut wore a wedding ring which matched a ring worn by the man in the video.

In an interview with Gates, Bowcut "claimed he was being blackmailed" and the pornographic images were e-mailed to

him, the complaint says. He also told Gates that someone who had lived with his family had taken the pictures without his knowledge.

Then Gates asked Bowcut why he didn't report that information to the authorities. Bowcut reportedly told Gates that he and his wife were embarrassed about it and "wanted to keep it quiet and deal with it on their own," the complaint says.

In an interview with police, Esther Bowcut reportedly said she knew about the photos after finding them while looking for something else on their computer.

According to the complaint, Esther Bowcut confronted her husband about the photos, and Peter Bowcut told her he was being blackmailed, had no choice but to take the pictures and e-mail them to the person who was allegedly blackmailing him.

Esther Bowcut also told police she took care of it through their church and that she thought it was over and that Peter had not taken any more photos.

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Sheriff: Fewer drunk drivers leads to fewer DUI arrests

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The number of citations issued to drunk drivers by the Cassia County Sheriff's Office has dropped by 84 percent in the last 10 years.

In 1992 the sheriff's office arrested one drunk driver for every day of the year. In 2001, officers arrested 95 people for driving under the influence. Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higns said he thinks this change corresponds to an actual reduction in the number of people who are driving drunk, not just a reduction in the number of arrests.

The drop is the result of more stringent laws, campaigns against drunk driving and a reduction in the number of bars in Cassia County, Higns said.

People who drink and drive risk heavy fines, the possibility of jail time and a suspension of their driver's license.

"It's just not worth it to drink and drive anymore," Higns said.

In addition, judges have come down on drunken drivers, giving them harsher sentences.

Campaigns by the alcohol beverage industry which ask people to drink responsibly and designate non-drinking drivers have paid off, Higns said. Some bars will give designated drivers free soft drinks or coffee. People are doing more planning ahead and less driving

while drunk, Higns said.

The number of places to drink in Cassia County has also dropped.

"Thirty years ago there were 25 to 30 bars in Cassia County. Now there are just a handful," Higns claims.

In neighboring areas the number of drunk drivers has not changed. The number has remained fairly consistent in Rupert, said Cpl. Juan Martinez of the Rupert Police Department.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office has made no changes in patrolling techniques, Higns said. Bar owners have complained, from time to time, that officers were patrolling too much around their bars. The sheriff's office did not alter its practices in response.

The number of offense reports made by the sheriff's office has also dropped. The number of reports peaked at 4,509 in 1995 and has fallen steadily to 2,638 in 2001. This follows the trend across the nation, Higns said. For the last four years crime rates have fallen, he said. In Cassia County, cooperation between law enforcement, the juvenile justice system, judges, prosecutors and the school district have helped to bring down crime, Higns said.

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Members say FFA goes beyond just farming

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The National FFA Organization isn't all about farming.

"A lot of people think FFA is only farming. It's not," Burley High School senior Bryce Baker said.

There are many facets of FFA including agriculture, said FFA advisor Lex Godfrey. Students can learn about livestock and dairy products, meat and crop identification, public speaking, parliamentary procedure and job interviewing skills or welding and small engine repair.

"FFA offers a smorgasbord," Godfrey said.

Different chapters have different focuses, Godfrey said.

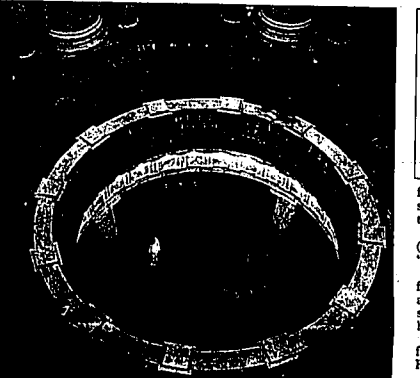
In the Burley chapter, which has roughly 140 active members, the focus is "to make kids better," said Sam Condie, teacher in the agriculture program at Burley High School.

Leadership and personal development are emphasized throughout the program, Godfrey agreed.

Not every FFA member has a connection to agriculture, Reid Bowen, Burley senior, said. But everyone can benefit from the leadership skills of FFA.

The name of the organization was changed in 1988 from Future Farmers of America to the National FFA Organization. Officials who benefited from the students who were not going to be farmers, but wanted to be involved in the agricultural community.

"I'm not a farmer," said Burley FFA President Bret Seamons.



FFA members from Burley, Declo and Raft River traveled to Boise Tuesday to visit legislators at the State Capitol. Students talked with legislators about upcoming farm legislation and school funding.

But that doesn't stop him from participating in FFA. There are many different opportunities in the field of agriculture. The wide range of skills learned in FFA is a testimony to that.

The Burley chapter has shown that with success in a wide range of FFA competitions.

At the East Magic Valley FFA district leadership contest, the chapter won the parliamentary procedure contest and will represent the district at the state contest in April. Stephanie King won the job interview contest and will represent the district at state.

The Burley chapter also has the state wildlife soils team which will represent Idaho at the national contest in Oklahoma City in May, Seamons said.

One of the biggest events local FFA students put together during the year is the ag exposition, Baker said. Students teach third-graders where their food comes

from, discuss farm safety and show them plenty of animals and tractors.

"They get to honk the horns (on the tractors)," Baker said. "It's pretty much a day of fun."

The expo gives the children a feel for the field of agriculture and gives them a chance to consider taking ag-related classes in high school.

This year the exposition is set for April 16-18 at the Burley High School ag building.

Earlier in the week, FFA members traveled to Boise as part of National FFA Week.

Bowen went with the delegation of students to Boise, where they had breakfast with senators and met with U.S. Republican Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. Burch Otter.

Students had a chance to learn more about what the day of a legislator is like and to talk with legislators about upcoming farm bills and school funding, Bowen said.

National FFA Week
FFA members celebrate National FFA Week today with a tractor drive. Burley students will drive their tractors to school, arriving about 8 a.m.

Other events today include a hamburger lunch for FFA members and supporters.

On Friday students will wear national FFA colors — blue and gold.

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Oklahoma governor lauds Kempthorne's safety efforts

BOISE (AP) — Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating on Wednesday praised Idaho Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's efforts to protect lives and public property after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Kempthorne, preparing to seek a second term this year, has been criticized even by members of his own party for overreacting to reports of terrorist threats last fall.

"Governor Kempthorne's voice there is a very powerful and important voice," Keating said.

Idaho's governor ordered Idaho State Police troopers and, for a time, National Guard personnel deployed to protect the Capitol.

State Police also were stationed at his condominium for almost a month.

Kempthorne also had concrete barriers installed around the Capitol and adjacent state office buildings and closed off major thoroughfares in front of and behind the Statehouse. The street in front of the building later was reopened.

Visiting Idaho to speak at a Lincoln Day fund-raising banquet for Ada County Republicans, Keating said Kempthorne's perspective as a former U.S. senator helped him understand the issues involved with responding to security threats.

Chips detect diseases, measure rain

POST FALLS (AP) — The microelectronics research center that returned to Idaho this week is working on ways to quickly diagnose diseases that could help officials react to biological terrorism.

The Center for Advanced Microelectronics and Biomolecular Research has been developing chips that do everything from detecting disease to measuring rainfall.

Now, the center that began as the University of Idaho Microelectronics Research Center and designed computer

chips for NASA, will work on sensors that can quickly and accurately detect chemical and biological agents for anti-terrorism purposes.

The center is headed by Gary Maki, the former University of Idaho professor and researcher responsible for innovative computer chip designs in the 1980s.

The research center was based on the Moscow campus until Maki became a casualty of inadequate state support for university research and moved the center to the University of New Mexico, where it has operated for the past decade.

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come." As proven by other tech centers in Idaho, student demand already exists.

The 90,000-square-foot tech center in Ada County has already maxed out its capacity and now must satellite out some of its programs. The Cassia Regional Technical Center, in its few years of existence, is already at 70 percent capacity. In addition, programs through Tech-Prep and the Advanced Regional Technical

Education Coalition continue to grow by leaps and bounds each year.

There's demand in Twin Falls on the budding square-foot center, with the continuing need for qualified employees, said Dan Olmstead, co-chairman of the tech-center's campaign committee.

From an economic development viewpoint, for Twin Falls to continue to draw firms such as Dell Computer Corp., a tech center is essential, he said. As Twin

Falls competes with other cities to attract new companies, it's not what a community has, but rather what it doesn't have that knocks it out of contention, he said.

"How are we going to be perceived if we miss this opportunity?" he said.

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ments relating to drinking water facilities' state revolving loan fund for construction loans.

The funds will come from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and be met with U.S. Republican Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. Burch Otter.

The council passed this resolution last year. The DEQ requested the council reaffirm the resolution since there are two new

council members.

Water upgrades — The city is in the process of upgrading and making repairs to an aging water system. Phase three will cost an estimated \$1.7 million and will replace water lines in the southwestern part of the city.

The city is currently awaiting judicial confirmation that would allow the city to proceed with needed repairs to the system and finance those repairs through increased water rates rather

than requiring another bond election.

The city held an unsuccessful bond election in August 1999.

Annual audit — Auditor Laurie Harberd from Smith Cook and Company gave the city a "clean report" for the 2000-2001 audit.

"Each fund in the budget did better than what was budgeted for it last year. The city is in the best financial condition it has been in for several years," Harberd said.

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the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Department to process animal feeding operation applications and transcripts.

County Planning and Zoning Administrator Bill Crafton estimates the plan will cost about \$35 hours per staff an application for a 100-999 AU operation, which includes time spent reviewing and evaluating an application, doing a site visit and other duties. Add to that the cost of supplies and miscellaneous expenses, and it costs the Planning and Zoning Department about \$345 to complete the process.

Crafton estimates it takes about 69 hours to process an application for a 1,000-plus-AU operation, which includes additional time spent preparing and holding the required public hearing and the time necessary to let residents know the county wants to raise the

application fee for larger operations to \$1,750 to cover the entire process. The law allows the county to pass those costs on to the user.

According to Idaho law, a taxing district must hold a public hearing whenever it proposes a fee hike over 105 percent.

Ed Smith, who lives near a large dairy in Filer, told commissioners that if the fees are just, "they should be paid by the people of that particular activity."

But as far as Kimberly hog farmer Dave Roper is concerned, Twin Falls County has taken down the welcome sign when it comes to animal feeding operations.

"I am skeptical by the continual flow of rhetoric that comes from Twin Falls County (regarding CAFOs)," Roper read from his written statement. "My first concern is as county commissioners you don't know what you're doing. Each week it seems we have a new hoop to jump through. I have

to ask myself, 'How would our situation be different if the local activists were in charge?'"

Roper also questioned whether the county Planning and Zoning Department has the personnel to actually evaluate all the requirements it asks for in the permit, namely an ag engineer, water rights attorney, certified land surveyor, registered civil engineer, sound decibel specialist, lighting and odor specialists and a waste treatment engineer. He asked if the planning staff had the expertise to evaluate the required soil maps, geological survey impact studies and water quality data.

"With no disrespect to the Twin Falls (Planning and Zoning Department), I would agree that there is no one on their staff to assure compliance to all these permit requirements — all of which have been already paid for by the livestock producer," Roper said.

"Really, isn't the county just a file

cabinet of permits?"

Brent Olmstead, executive director of the Milk Producers of Idaho, asked commissioners to hold off on a decision until he could go over the new fees with Crafton. Commissioners put off making a decision until Monday morning.

Commissioner Marvin Hempman said the county just wants to do the right thing by everyone.

"We're not anti-ag," Hempman said. "We just want to make it fair for everybody."

Mearns, Daria Vierra said she'll continue to speak up on behalf of responsible dairy producers.

"I refuse to put my head down because I know I have to do what's right," she said.

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County. If it does, there will be plenty of capacity at the Jerome plant. However, if Jerome Cheese continues to send its waste water to Jerome and if Westfarm Foods Inc. completes the expansion of its facilities, the city will be nearing capacity in the near future.

Since the city is looking at expanding the plant in the near future, it needs to make the right decisions as to what is going to operate on the plant and what improvements are needed. "It will be good to have a fresh opinion," Bybee said. "To be sure we make the right decision."

Bybee said the city is currently spending between \$50,000 and \$700,000 per year to operate the plant. The \$1,400 the city is paying Aqua for consulting services is 2 percent of that budget. "This is an opportunity to save in the

long run," Bybee said.

Rogers said Aqua will look at the plant to be sure everything is in order and working properly so that whoever comes in to operate the plant will be able to operate it.

Aqua will look at the industrial customer ordinance, and meet with the industrial customers to see what can be done to pre-treat the waste water and help the city out." The company will also help the city to write a "slug load ordinance" that will take into account industrial customer overflow in the system. "So that the city can send the expense back to the responsible industry," Rogers said.

Councilwoman Marjorie Schmidt said "The frequency of orders from the waste water treatment plant over the past few years has been getting worse. We need to do all we can."

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Blaine projects eye landmarks

By Karen Bosick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - They don't move down the highway at 55 miles an hour. Nor do they have to commute to work.

Still, a few stationary objects, such as the Idaho Gas Company Employee Housing and Company Store north of Hailey and the Spring of Gladness Ranch near Bellevue, could help shape future highway construction projects along Idaho Highway 75 between Timmerman Hill and Ketchum.

Consultants developing an environmental impact statement have identified about 40 properties along the highway that will have to be considered during any future development.

These include the Gregory Ranch, Timmerman Stage Stop and Goodale's Cutoff south of Bellevue, the Eccles Flying Hat Ranch and railroad grade north of Bellevue, the Hailey Rodeo Grounds, the Bonivier House north of Hailey, the truss railroad bridges near Gipelet and several properties in a possible McHanville Historic District, including the Blue Haven antique shop.

Properties and structures that are older than 50 years must be evaluated for eligibility in the National Register of Historic Places. To be eligible, they must be associated with significant events, people or embody distinctive architectural or construction characteristics.

The Henry Miller House on the Judge Ranch just south of Bellevue has already been listed in the National Register.

"We have to avoid these at all costs, even if they're considered eligible," said Chuck Carnahan, an engineer with the Idaho Transportation Department.

The identification of possible historic properties is among several factors being considered as the Idaho Transportation Department and its consultant Parsons Brinckerhoff unveiled preliminary findings of a study they're conducting under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The study must be conducted before any further changes are made to Highway 75.

The study assesses whether the highway is adequate for present traffic as well as how it will meet future demand based on projected population growth, employment patterns, new school building and recreational uses.

The Wood River Valley is expected to grow 55 percent from about 19,000 residents to 29,000 by the year 2025. Jobs - most of them retail and service related - are expected to grow 64 percent from 15,419 to 25,355 as summer tourism picks up, said analyst Chuck Green.

The highway currently carries between 15,000 and 17,000 vehicles a day with 1,100 to 1,200 an hour during the morning and afternoon commute. At times the traffic

crawls along at speeds as low as 5 mph.

A telephone survey of 250 commuters, including Twin Falls and Shoshone residents who work in the Sun Valley area, found that about 40 percent of the respondents would ride a bus to work if it were free. About 25 percent said they would take it if the fare were \$2.

Sixty percent would carpool or ride the bus if one lane on the highway was restricted to vehicles with two or more people during peak hours. Slightly more than 40 percent would if it were not.

Curiously, more than 40 percent said they would ride the bus if the time between buses was 20 minutes; 35 percent if it was 10 minutes, and 70 percent if it was a half-hour.

Diana Atkins, the Parsons Brinckerhoff consultant who is overseeing the project, said she thinks the team will be able to complete the environmental draft by the end of the year to the relief of local government officials who have consistently asked whether the process could be speeded up.

That would be a year ahead of plan. The process has been speeded by the fact that communities are considering mass transit.

"What's most impressive to me is that the communities in the Wood River Valley are all working together now on this issue. That wasn't happening when I came one-and-a-half years ago," she said.

Twin Falls roads see traffic delays today

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Traffic delays and road closures will be in effect today and Friday on Blue Lakes Boulevard North near the Bridgeview Boulevard and Fillmore Street intersection while Specialty Construction Supply installs traffic signals at this intersection, said Anne Spears, traffic control field supervisor for Specialty Construction Supply.

Travelers can expect the following lane and road closures from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today:

Blue Lakes Boulevard southbound - one lane of traffic crossing the Perrine Bridge from Golf Course Road past the Fillmore/Bridgeview intersection; two lanes of traffic before Pole Line Road; no left turns onto Bridgeview.

Blue Lakes Boulevard northbound - one lane of traffic just past Pole Line Road before Bridgeview continuing through the Fillmore/Bridgeview intersection, opening back to two lanes before the Perrine Bridge; no right turns onto Bridgeview.

Bridgeview Boulevard - closed to access to and from Blue Lakes; Pole Line Road/Bridgeview will remain open for those visiting the Magic Valley Mall and Bridgeview Estates.

Fillmore Street - no access to Bridgeview; right turn only heading south on Blue Lakes; no left turns on Blue Lakes heading north.

On Friday, travelers can expect the following lane and road closures from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.:

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Blue Lakes Boulevard northbound - two lanes of traffic until Fillmore/Bridgeview intersection; reduced to one lane through intersection; two lanes right before the bridge; no left turns onto Fillmore.

Bridgeview Boulevard - right turn only onto Blue Lakes heading north; no left turns onto Blue Lakes heading south; no through traffic to Fillmore.

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Getting federal money to airports proves tricky

BOISE (AP) - A security breach at the Boise airport that inconvenienced travelers Wednesday shows the need for increased security and speeding the federal funding process to pay for it, U.S. Sen. Michael Crapo said.

"That money is essential both for large airports and smaller air terminals."

"We want to make sure the water gets all the way to the end of the row," he said after

an inspection of the Boise Airport.

A security gate being built by a Lewiston-area company could go a long way to speed passengers to and from their airplanes.

Passenger traffic was halted at about 6 a.m. at the Boise terminal. An airport screener wanted to take a closer look at a briefcase, but when they turned to do so, the briefcase and its owner were gone. The

matter was eventually resolved without incident.

The Boise airport is undergoing a multimillion-dollar renovation. The good news is much of the security technology was included in construction plans well before Sept. 11.

Still, it is costing \$2 million to put security systems in place, which are one-time costs, Crapo said. It also will run \$750,000 a year for 15 more security officers.

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Hansen approves school calendar

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - Members of the Hansen School Board accepted the proposed area-wide school calendar for the 2002-03 year during its Tuesday night meeting.

The proposed starting date is Aug. 26, 2002, and the last day will be June 3, 2003. School districts and parents have found that having the same calendar for all schools has advantages when teachers and students are involved with more than one school.

In other school board business Tuesday:

- Hansen student Josh Jennings, representing the Twin Falls County Youth Action Committee, outlined the committee's program for establishing positive assets for students.
- The decision to purchase a new bus was tabled until the next meeting as two board members were absent.
- In the elementary school report, principal Tom Standley spoke about the program that Shane Ridley Steven, a native American from the Fort Hall reserva-

tion, presented Friday to the fourth grade on the life of his ancestors.

- Standley said 80 percent of the students attended a swimming party as a reward for having met their reading goal for the first semester. The number of students meeting their goal is going up each year, he said.

- Upcoming events include mid-term grade reports for the third quarter on Friday; a Parent Teacher Organization meeting on Monday; the end of the third quarter, the PTO/elementary carnival and the tentative date for the puberty class on March 15; parent/teacher conferences March 20 and 21; and spring break March 25-29.

- In principal Rick Abel's secondary school report, band students will travel today to the Moscow Jazz Festival; the high school ski day is March 11; the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's scholastic team regional competition is in Boise March 5; college day at Hansen High School is April 9; and the prom at The White House in Twin Falls is April 20.

Filer schools save money on busing contract

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER - The Filer School Board this week awarded Western States Bus Service a five-year student transportation contract that will save the district money from its current contract.

The current contract will expire at the end of the 2002 school year. Western States secured the new contract by offering its 1996 price of \$2.14 per mile on regular home-to-school routes.

The district currently pays \$2.38

per mile on regular routes.

The board voiced an intent to open bids for bus transportation during its January meeting. Letters were sent to every bus company in Idaho on Jan. 17. Advertisements were placed with *The Times-News* on Jan. 27 and Feb. 3.

But proposals were also received from Durham Transportation and LaidLand Transit Inc. Durham offered \$2.95 per mile on regular home-to-school routes, and LaidLand proposed a rate of \$2.22 per mile.

"The free enterprise system is a wonderful thing," said Superintendent William Feushens.

Also on Monday, the board heard an overview of events during the "Day on the Hill" gathering in Boise on Feb. 12-13. Feushens reported that the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee voted to reduce the state's general education budget from the \$933 million proposed by Gov. Kempthorne, to \$920 million. This \$13 million reduction will come through cuts in educational

programs, some of which include the following:

- Technology will be reduced from \$10.4 million to \$8.4 million.
 - Innovative Teacher Grants totaling \$425,000 will be eliminated.
 - Idaho Reading Initiative will be reduced from \$4 million to \$3.3 million.
 - Standards Implementation will be reduced from \$8 million to \$4 million.
- The Filer School Board will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on March 20 in the Filer Elementary School library.

Gooding City Council leaves irrigation rates alone

By Almee New
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - The City Council voted Tuesday not to raise the cost of irrigating since the water department has been financially sound.

"For two years in the row, we've been in the black," said City Superintendent Todd Bunn regarding a potential irrigation rate increase.

In a related matter, the irrigation corrections board will meet at 6:30

p.m. on March 18 in City Council chambers to hear from residents who are protesting irrigation fees.

Other council business included: City appointments - The council confirmed the following appointments of city council members:

- Dean Gooding to the airport, city parks and sewer committees.
- Isabel Calhoun to the library, streets and fire department committees.
- Sharon Seifert to the sanitation, water and irrigation committees.

She is also on the economic development committee.

- Tom Stevenson to the police department and planning and zoning committees.

Purchase approval - The council approved Bunn's purchase request for \$967 for Idaho Power Solutions to fix the non-directional beacon for LifeFlight helicopters. Bunn said that every time it snows, the beacon turns off. When that happens, the automatic notification of the Police Department is activated,

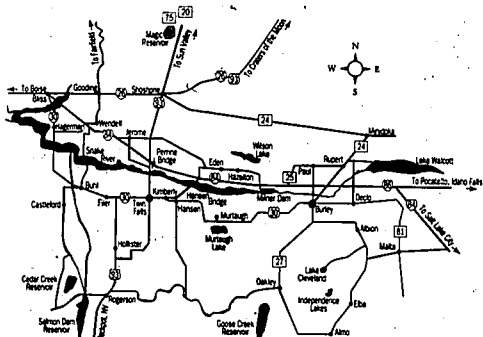
requiring Bunn to reset the beacon.

Upcoming meeting - The Gooding Economic Development Task Force and the BREATH Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the county offices. The meeting is for the purpose of finding a signature identification for Gooding.

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'Other woman' who won now wishes she hadn't

DEAR ABBY: I am the other woman you rarely hear from. I had an affair with a married man and married him after he divorced his wife.

Please warn your female readers that even when an affair leads to marriage, it isn't going to be what they expect.

My husband and I have been married nearly nine years. We have a beautiful daughter. She is the only good thing that has come out of this mess. My husband is selfish and cares only about his own needs. His ex-wife still won't speak to me (not that I want her to), and their son barely acknowledges my existence. All I feel is regret over breaking up their marriage and remorse for the mess I made of my life.

So, Abby, if any of your readers are dating a married man - give them this warning: Run for your life now! He may seem sweet and



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DEAR ABBY: This letter is for all the "other" women out there. I dated "Ray," who claimed his marriage was over. Ray did leave his wife, but he was dishonest with her. In fact, I have learned some pretty hard lessons lately.

A married man (or woman) who pursues a new relationship before putting closure on the previous one displays several character flaws: disloyalty, immaturity, dishonesty, and an inability to commit.

I was Ray's third wife. He left each of us under the same circumstances. When the going got tough, he bailed. Like most people, Ray had a pattern. He would

meet a woman, start a relationship, then leave his wife. Yes, I won the grand prize, but what a mistake! I would have been better off if I hadn't. I have no doubt that Ray loved me very much. However, he lacks the skills to maintain a healthy relationship. No relationship can be healthy if it starts in a deceitful manner.

If people truly love each other, they should wait until closure is put on the first relationship. It will allow time for healing. One cannot commit fully to a new job until notice is given and the allotted time spent. The same holds true for a relationship.

- RAY'S THIRD WIFE
DEAR WIFE THREE: To quote a well-known advice columnist, "Oh, the lessons we learn too late." Yours was a painful one. But please don't place the blame entirely on Ray. After all, he had a co-conspirator - you.

Monkeys question with their eyes before, after mating

Before mating, male and female squirrel monkeys gaze into each other's eyes, researchers have noted. Presumably, it's a sort of silent question-and-answer ritual. These monkeys also gaze into each other's eyes after mating. And that is a silent question-and-answer ritual, too, evidently. Explain it, if you like. What are the questions and what are the answers?

If it's a small sauce pan used to melt butter, you can call it a "pip-kin."

The U.S. military awards only one neck decoration - the Medal of Honor.

To hug her or kiss her, or just give her a box of candy, young fellow, is the same as asking her to marry you, if you do any of these in the presence of her pur-



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Such be the construction of an old law in Minnesota. I find it interesting that you describe only men as craving the thrill of the chase. Women, too, get caught up in the excitement and melodrama of seducing another woman's

terpiece," said the French composer Maurice Ravel. "That is Bolero." Unfortunately, it politics fulfill the traditional three demands of the political state-

To measure up, such a statement ought to be 1, pleasant, 2, necessary, and 3, truthful. Diplomats who heed this line say any one but only one of the three demands can be set aside momentarily for expediency. Ideally, though, the politician's comment should meet all three requirements.

Arizona Epitaph of the Week: "Here lies Sonny. Planned raw... Quick on the trigger... Slow on the draw."

Ten out of every 40 university presidents nationwide have

admitted at one time or another to surveystakers that they're so disenchanted with their jobs that they'd quit tomorrow were it reasonable to do so.

One worker, doing all six steps in the manufacture of a product, can make one unit. Six workers, each specializing in one of the six steps, can make 12 units in the same time.

Maybe you've read that wealthy Romans of old posted "Watch out for Dog" signs on their estates. "Canis Canem." What's little remembered is that these signs were to protect the dog, not the human.

The popular Italian greyhound of the time stood only about 10 inches high and weighed approximately 10 pounds. Proud owners didn't want their pups stepped on.

Scorpio: You could be handling other people's money

IF FEBRUARY 21ST IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, your intellectual curiosity leads you to unorthodox studies and people. Often you are better at helping others than yourself. You have an instinct for fashion and could write about it.

General business individuals play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: C, L, U. Out-of-town trip featured in March. During August you will be involved in romantic and financial affairs.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Take initiative in making new start and being in charge of own destiny. Romantic relationship is serious; don't play games! Leo figures prominently.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Financial windfall featured; you could win contest! Proposals received could include career, business and marriage. Last luxury

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item will be recovered. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Lunar cycle high; events transpire to bring you closer to goal. As you read these lines, circumstances are turning in your favor. Sagittarius plays key role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Work behind the scenes; you will get credit long overdue. Review and rewrite; what had been rejected could now be accepted. Wear hair, clothes in different styles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This could be a "superlative" day. Your personality is overwhelming, and you look fantastic. At the track: Choose number 5 post position in fifth race. Flirtation is serious.

LIBRA (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Major domestic adjustment takes place; it involves marital status, possible change of residence. Luxury item will be received as gift. Be gracious not obsequious. Libra involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Define terms, see people in realistic light. Avoid self-deception; don't believe everything you hear. Sound of your voice is melodious - sing out! Pisces in dramatic role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You could be handling other people's money. Take care with accounting procedures. You will be in executive area; another promotion due. Cancer native involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Creative juices stir. Change

is necessary. You did right thing earlier this week; follow through, don't give up the ship. Aries, Libra persons figure in scenario.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Answer to question: Imprint style, dog and for Dog. Play leading role or not. Wear bright colors, make personal appearances. Avoid heavy lifting. Chance for romance!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on settling basic issues. Home and marriage figure prominently. If single, you will meet future mate. Keep resolutions concerning diet. Capricorn figures prominently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will be in more commodious living quarters. Social activities accelerate. Participate in civic projects. You might be asked to run for political office. Gemini involved.

Citrus officials hope grapefruit martinis spur sales

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) - When the girls from "Sex and the City" sipped grapefruit martinis to toast Carrie's engagement and a partnership with SKYY Vodka so company representatives can pitch the drink to bars and pass out recipe cards.

The grapefruit industry has been battered by slumping grapefruit juice consumption. Every season, growers are forced to dump their crops in cow pastures.

Grapefruit juice sales in major stores are down more than 10 percent from last season, according to A.C. Nielsen supermarket data.

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The Ruby campaign also includes a Web site dedicated to the cocktail, a promotional trip to the Nightclub and Bar Trade Show in Las Vegas next month and a partnership with SKYY Vodka so company representatives can pitch the drink to bars and pass out recipe cards.

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advertising agency, Chicago-based Golin/Harris, came up with an official recipe for the cocktail: ruby red grapefruit juice, citrus vodka, a garnish of pink grapefruit and a glass rim dipped in sugar.

The agency also hired actresses Aida Turturro, Karen Duffy and Talisa Soto to promote the Ruby in two test markets - Chicago and Miami's South Beach - in appearances on local TV shows, and at nightclubs and restaurants.

The Florida Citrus Commission, which oversees the department, has approved \$470,000 to help promote the drink - called the Ruby - at trendy clubs and bars across the country and sweeten the juice's stogy image.

The target market? Young, single, urban women like the "Sex and the City" characters Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda.

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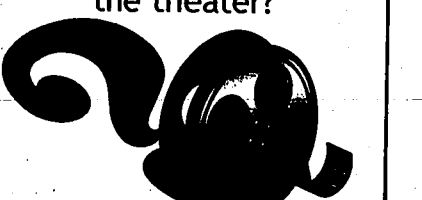
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Note: Yesterday's crossword puzzle ran without numbers corresponding to the across column. We are reprinting it here. The Times-News regrets the error.

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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'N Sync's Lance Bass negotiates to travel on Russian rocket into space

NEW YORK (AP) - Lance Bass could be going from 'N Sync to space.

The boy band member is negotiating to travel on a Russian rocket for a mission in November, according to MirCorp, the Amsterdam-based Space travel company.

Bass said in a statement Wednesday that he "completely over-whelmed."

"I'm looking forward to completing this lifelong dream," he said.

The plan still requires the approval of the Russian space agency, Rosavkosmos, according to MirCorp, which also plans to build the first private space station. The partners in the international space station program - the United States, Russia, Japan, Canada and Europe - also would have to approve the trip.

training center, outside Moscow, before blasting off. A Los Angeles TV production company, Destiny Productions, is one of several corporations offering to sponsor Bass' journey, and hopes to document it for a television special, "Celebrity Mission: Lance Bass."

Bass' voyage would follow that of California investment banker Dennis Tito, who reportedly paid \$20 million to visit the International Space Station last year. South African reportedly is Shuttleworth reportedly is spending the same sum to fly to the space station on a Russian rocket in late April.

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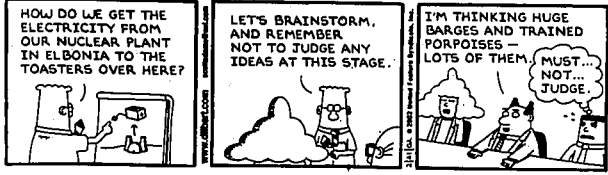
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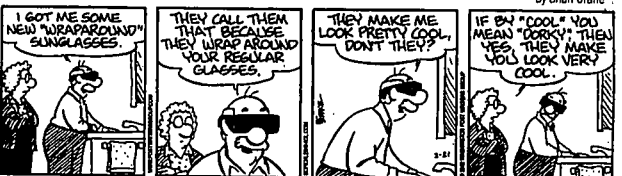
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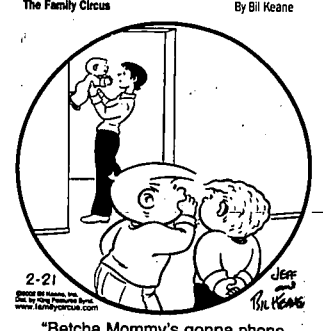
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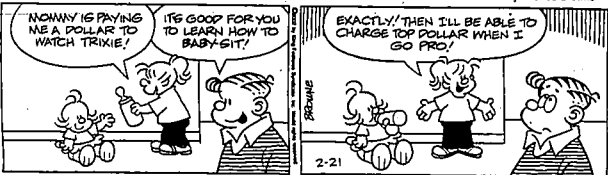
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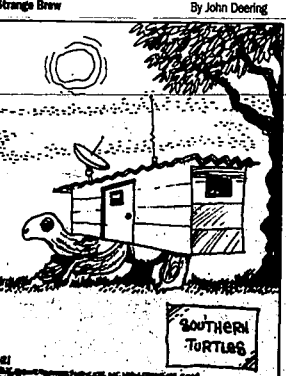
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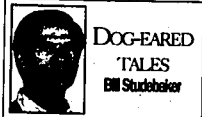
People, dogs and SUVs tend to match

The similarities among sport-utility vehicles, dogs and their owners doesn't end with just good looks.

Consider dogs for a moment. There are kinds, and within the kind that's suitable for mountain travel, we find types, sporting and working dogs, for example.

Then there tends to be two types of sporting dogs. One is lean, fast and independent. It will outrun you, out-climb you, but generously wait at the top of the ridge for you. One is heavy, plodding and dependent. It will stay with you, walk beside you and be happy to have reached the ridge at a leisurely pace.

In the first category, to name a



DOG-EARED TALES
By Studobeker

few, are the English pointer, German shorthair, Hungarian vizsla, Russian wolfhound, Irish wolfhound, greyhound and blue tick. In the second category are the Labrador, golden retriever, cocker spaniel, griffin and husky - the standard poodle notwithstanding.

Working dogs come in divisions, too. You take a Shetland, or collie or an Australian shepherd, and you'll have a fast, wide-ranging, round 'em-up dog. On the other hand, you take the likes of a Queen Land's blue heeler or a dingo, and you'll have a slow, tight-workin', tough, stay-with-you-all-day dog.

Now match owner to dog. (I have pictures of friends with their dogs and, as often as not, my friends look like their dogs.) Once you match owner to dog, you've got a picture. Now match owner and dog to SUV, and you've got "the" picture.

People and their dogs look like and act like their SUVs. Some people are lean, fast and independent. They want a vehicle that runs the hills like a deer. They want big engines that'll spin the tires through the rocks and leap over the top of the mountain ridges. These folks are all about dust and letting you eat it.

Others are heavy, plodding and dependent. They want a vehicle that climbs the hills and carries a load. They want good gear-rat-to-torque-ratios that'll turn a 16-inch wheel, grip the rocks and crawl over the top of mountain ridges. They want a working truck. And gas mileage, well, it's not an accurate statistic. They want diesel and figure consumption by gallons per hour. These folks are all about crunching rocks and haulin' gear and coin' trailers.

This all sounds good to me. What's wrong with a man or a woman, a cocker spaniel and the Mitsubishi Montero teaming up?

Or the four-wheel drive Ford pickup, converted into a flatbed, can take a dip in a creek and round around two-track roads. Each corner, each bump and each dip sends the dog scratching for its life. The driver rolls down the window to sniff the fresh air and send puffs of smoke from a roll-your-own cigarette up in a cloud that could be mistaken for a forest fire.

Last weekend, I sat on a ledge just above the Rock Creek Canyon road. As I sat there, I saw hundreds of SUVs going up and down the road. Some were going slow. Some were going hell bent for election.

I saw the largest family vehicle on the planet, the Ford Expedition, sucking air as it carried a nice middle-aged couple up the grade. There was a dingy Palomian dancing back and forth in the cargo bay.

I saw a Toyota Rave with six teen-agers and a howling beagle race up the asphalt.

I saw a 4-Runner driven by a woman - short-hair was sitting in the front passenger's seat and a man in the back. A Ford pickup driven by a guy whose buddy was talking fast and waving his hands and a red bone was ruffling laps in the open bed. A Chevy Blazer, driven by a hairy man - a Guardian Setter was wiping the windows with its tail. A Land Cruiser and a Weimaraner - the couple in the back could have been from Sun Valley.

My sampling may have been short, but it goes to prove that the people who own a Chevy suburban own a Labrador retriever.

Snowboarding goes mainstream

Snow lovers of every age choose one plank instead of two

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Carl Manus swoops down Baldy's Flying Squirrel on his snowboard, laying his body parallel to the ground as he cuts a graceful arc on the steep slope.

The powder spraying in his wake matches the white crewcut atop his enthusiastic tan face.

Did we mention that Manus is 71? Yup, folks, snowboarding is not just for bubble blowing teens with shaggy haircuts and too-loose jeans anymore. It's become a sport for all generations, from 6-year-old kids like Riley Sibbach to 71-year-old kids like heart like Manus.

"It feels like flying when you turn real tight," said Manus. "You get the G-force feel. It's indescribable."

Snowboarding harkens back to 1960s when a former skateboard champion tinkered with his skateboard to get it to slide on snow.

Others followed in his wake, using surfboards, cafeteria trays, even two skis tied together for inspiration. Now there's even a motorized snowboard that will reach speeds up to 30 mph.

As the technology's improved, so has the sport's following. Snow sport experts predict that six of every 10 people who "go skiing" in just three years will be on boards-up from 28 percent of ski area visitors today.

Already, snowboarders make up 42 percent of those who frequent ski areas in Washington and California - 97 percent of the 600,000 who made the pilgrimage to Mountain High Ski Resort in the San Gabriel Mountains of California last year were snowboarders.

The more traditional Rocky Mountain areas claim the lowest percentage, with snowboarders making up just 22 percent of ski area visits.

But that's likely to change, with America's 1-2-3 Olympic medal sweep in men's halpine competition likely to incite excitement among youngsters clamoring to do inverts and McTwists.

Women now make up a third of all snowboarders. That's a far cry from when a Boise sixth-grade Lisa Kosglow, now a two-



Photo by KAREN BOSSICK/The Times-News

Above, Friends of Ketchum snowboarder Carl Manus have seen him playing on his snowboard on billboards as far away as Georgia.

time Olympic snowboard racer, took up the sport because she overheard someone say it was only for guys.

Even entire families are learning to snowboard, said Jack Sibbach, director of marketing for Sun Valley. He should know. He's had his 6-year-old son Riley out on a snowboard, and he wants to take lessons himself once his son gets a bit older.

Manus remembers when the first box of snowboards arrived in 1988 at Scott's, where he designed goggles. "We called the manufacturer and said, 'What do we do with these things?'" he said. "There were no lessons then. But, then, learning to board is not rocket science."

Fortunately, Manus said, the same principles that apply to skiing apply to snowboarding. And it didn't hurt that he used to skateboard through a slalom course set up on the hilly streets surrounding his Laguna Beach, Calif., home before moving to Ketchum.

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- Carl Manus, 71-year-old snowboarder

A few years ago, Manus put away his skis for good to concentrate on his carving - a pose so picturesque it landed him in a Fidelity Investments ad that's appeared in USA Today, Time, Newsweek and the Wall Street Journal.

"Until last year, Bill had trouble keeping up with his grandkids. Now his grandkids have trouble keeping up with him," boasts a billboard featuring Manus that's appeared across the country.

"Did you ever see someone get off two water skis one and go back? The ability to rock up on edge and lay down in the snow like you do on the water and do a 100 percent carve like you're on a rail really hooked me," he said.

"I've been snowboarding exactly as long as I've been skiing and it still excites me. I'm actually much better at it than I was at skiing, and I was considered a good skier."

The ability to surf the snow has reenergized plenty of people who long ago tired of skiing. And people who never quite turned onto skiing, as well.

Chris and Laurie Leman rarely went downhill skiing, preferring to spend their time on the cross country tracks around Sun Valley. But someone turned them onto snowboarding a few years ago. Now the Ketchum couple rarely misses a day on Baldy from November through April.

Red Tatsuno has been teaching skiing so long that he recently taught the grandson of a woman he taught to ski in the 1970s. But more and more of his lessons are on snowboard.

"I used to be a surfer and snowboarding feels like surfing," he said. "When you get past the point where you don't have to think about what you're doing, it feels like you're doing waves."

Granted, the first few lessons are not

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Kids and snowboarding

They don't start them out as young on snowboards. Sun Valley Ski School, for instance, offers ski lessons for kids as young as 4 and 5, and instructors say it's okay for Mom and Dad to take them out even earlier. But they don't recommend kids try snowboarding until they're 6 or 7 if they're comfortable on skis. The reason? Many younger kids aren't strong enough to push themselves off the snow every time they fall down. Snowboards also are heavier than skis and therefore more difficult for little tykes to carry around.

When you do enroll your child in lessons, rent or buy a snowboard with straps for bindings, rather than step-in bindings. Straps are more trouble free for children. Step-in bindings tend to ice up and can be frustrating for kids to clean up.

As for adults

It's best to learn to snowboard in spring when the snow softens or in early winter there's plenty of fresh powder, said Allan Potzer, Sun Valley Ski School supervisor. "You're going to fall. You might as well do it when the snow is soft. Wear special snowboard clothes, reinforced at the knees and seat. Or invest in some good patches for the holes and tears you will probably get."

You definitely want to wear a helmet. Your head is often the first thing to hit the ground when you catch an edge on snowboards. But the jury is out on wrist guards. Some people swear by good stiff Rolleblade wrist guards to protect wrists from injury. Others say they simply move the fracture further up the arm.

Do take a few lessons. A good instructor can make all the difference between a painful experience and an exhilarating one.

Be aware that snowboarders have a blind side and learn to compensate. "It's a little awkward for me to look to my left but I always try to do that before a commit to carve a turn because I like to traverse the mountain," said snowboarder Carl Manus.

In general, keep your weight on both feet even, flex the ankles and use your legs as shock absorbers. To initiate a turn, rise up slightly to release the pressure on your board. When the board starts to move, reach your hand in the direction you want to go. Pretend there's a thousand dollar bill out there and you're reaching to get it. Manus said. Keep your body forward, even though your tendency will be to lean back when the movement starts.



Seven-year-old Danielle Santos takes her first tentative glide on a snowboard.

California formations inspire imagination

Mojave Desert rock spires mark gateway to vast wilderness

By Marylee Shrider
The Bakerfield Californian

TRONA, Calif. - They could be a birthday cake with candles.

Or a king's crown.

Or a tribe of troglodytes hunkered around a fire.

The Trona Pinnacles - towering rock formations in the western Mojave Desert - are whatever the imagination allows.

Rising from the Seales Dry Lake basin, the pinnacles stand like sentinels (Or sphinxes, or washer women hanging the wash) at the gateway to a vast arid wilderness. There are about 500 spires of all shapes and sizes, some reaching heights of up to 140 feet.

The pinnacles are about 20 miles east of Ridgecrest, about a three-hour drive northeast of the Los Angeles area. The last five miles are a bit rugged (the Bureau of Land Management recommends four-wheel drive vehicles) and there are no creature comforts at the site.

No snack bar, water fountains or restrooms. Just hundreds of California's natural wonders.

There is an eerie, otherworldly feel to the Trona Pinnacles, like something out of a science-fiction movie, which is probably why so many films are shot there. The lake bed is cracked, but spongy from recent rains. Short, grayish shrubs of desert holly is a primary vegetation in the area; except for about three weeks in spring when wildflowers bloom.

The strong sulfur smell in the air is the result of decomposing organic materials in the lake bed's black mud.

Plumes of white smoke are clearly visible in the distance, hovering over the tiny town of Trona, about five miles to the north. There, ICM Chemicals mines borax, a natural mineral used in creating glassware and laundry detergents.

The pinnacles themselves look like solid rock, but are really quite fragile - composed primarily of tufa, a highly concentrated calcium carbonate brine. More coral than rock, the tufa is sharp and jagged and shatters like glass when dashed against rock.

The spires have shown up as the backdrop in least 19 television shows and films, including "Star Trek V," "Lost in Space," "ER" and the remake of "Planet of the Apes."



The Trona Pinnacles, near Trona, Calif., rise from the Seales Dry Lake Basin. There are about 500 spires of all shapes and sizes, some reaching heights of close to 140 feet.

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OUTDOORS

Licenses require six months' residency

Question: I recently moved to Idaho. What does it take to become a resident for hunting and fishing?

Answer: A resident as defined by Idaho law "shall mean any person who has been domiciled in this state with a bona fide intent to make this his place of permanent abode, for a period of not less than six (6) months immediately preceding the application for any license, tag, or permit ... and who when temporarily absent from this state intends to return and who does not claim any resident privileges in any other state or country for any purpose."

ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

"Such privileges include, but are not limited to: state where valid driver's license is issued, state of voter registration, state where resident state income taxes are filed, state where homeowner's tax exemption is granted."
Residents of Idaho will not lose their residency status if

they are absent from the state for religious (not to exceed 2 years) or full-time educational (not to exceed 5 years) purposes. Military personnel on active duty stationed outside of Idaho who maintain Idaho as their official state of residence on their leave and earnings statement, with their spouse and dependent children under 18 years shall retain their Idaho residency.

In summary, to become a resident of Idaho for hunting, fishing or trapping you must live in Idaho with the intent to make it your home for 6 months before you purchase a license. In addition, you may not claim any resi-

dent privileges in another state for any reason.

Documents a person can use to show how long they have lived in Idaho include: an Idaho driver's license or identification card, employment records, previous year's state income tax forms, or rent receipts and utility bills dated 6 months before the hunting or fishing license is applied for.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. E-mail your questions to him at the Fish and Game Web site at www2.state.id.us/fishgame.

CSI offers intro to kayaking course

TWIN FALLS - Anyone aged 15 and older who is interested in learning to kayak is encouraged to sign up for "Introduction to Kayaking" through the College of Southern Idaho's Outdoor Program.

Taught by expert kayakers including Bill Studebaker, this class teaches the basic skills needed to explore Idaho's great paddling waters. There will be one +dry, session held at the CSI campus and two pool sessions at the Twin Falls city pool. The classes will be held at various times March 15 through 18.

The fee for all instruction is \$25 per person. All equipment will be provided. Interested persons are encouraged to sign up ahead of time as class space is limited. For information, call the Outdoor Program at 733-9554, extension 2697 or by e-mail at bstudebaker@csi.edu.

Outdoors in brief

Hunter Education registration arrives

Registration for spring hunter education, both rifle and bow, will be held the last week of February and the first day of March. This will be the only chance for those needing hunter education to sign up for and get into a class this spring.
The cost for each course is \$6 per student. Students must be 11 years old to attend. Graduates 11 years old may apply for controlled hunts in May, but cannot actually hunt in Idaho until they turn 12.

At each registration site, a selection of class location, dates and times will be available. People must register at the site for their area. In other words, a course selection list for Gooding County will not be available at the Twin Falls registration.

Registrants need to bring the student's name, address, phone number, date of birth, and Social Security number. Specifics for each area are as follows:

- Cassia-Blaine counties, Feb. 25 and 26, Cassia Co. Sheriff Office, 129 E. 14th St., Burley.
- West Twin Falls Co., Feb. 25 at Filer Middle School, 299 Hwy. 30, and Feb. 26 at Buhl Moose Hall, 1101 West Main.
- East Twin Falls Co., Feb. 26 and 27, Boy Scout Service Center, 2988 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls.
- Jerome County, Feb. 26 and 28, Round Bldg. at ISDB Campus, 202 14th Ave. E., Gooding.
- Blaine County, Feb. 28 and March 1, Blaine County Judicial Bldg., 202 2nd Ave. S., Halley.

- compiled from staff reports

WATERFRONT DINING



A golden eagle feeds on a tundra swan at the Lower Klamath Wildlife Refuge south of Klamath Falls, Ore., earlier this month. Golden and bald eagles are a common sight in the Klamath Basin this time of year.

Time is right for cross country skiing

By Kelton Hatch
The Associated Press

POCATELLO - Spring is starting to peek out from behind its icy blanket as the warming day-to-day temperatures make the outdoors more inviting. It's time to grab the cross country skis and head to the woods to explore.

Southern Idaho is a winter wonderland with dozens of groomed trails scattered throughout the region and thousands of miles of backcountry trails giving winter sports enthusiasts a head of choices.

"There are a lot of trails up Mink Creek, but you can go to any other place you would like," says Dana Olson, Outdoor Program director at Idaho State University and skiing enthusiast. "You can find lots of places you might be the only one to leave a track in the whole winter."

"The reason I cross country ski is I like to go out on a trail and enjoy the quiet," she said. "I can go at my own speed and enjoy the day."

Like many cross country skiers and winter recreationists, Olson also enjoys dividing her free time with downhill skiing, but when she's ready for a slower pace she

'I cross country ski just because it's slower paced and it's a more intimate feeling when you're out with your friends in the out-of-doors.'

- Dana Olson, skiing enthusiast

grabs her skinny skis and heads out.

"I like skiing in general," says Olson. "I downhill for different reasons. I cross country ski just because it's slower paced and it's a more intimate feeling when you're out with your friends in the out-of-doors."

"You get to see more wildlife and birds," she says. "This winter we have been seeing a lot of moose in the area."

"I like cross country skiing because I can just go for a tour or go on a hiking tour to the top of a mountain and then I can ski back down. In cross country skiing you have a lot of options."

For the pure enjoyment of skiing, Olson picks spring as her

favorite time of year. Like cross country skiing, spring skiing offers more options on the days you are out.

"Spring is a great time," she says. "If the weather is nice and warm, you can go somewhere and sit down and have a nice lunch on the mountain and not just sit there and freeze. You also get to see a lot more animals in the spring. Many of the birds that have been gone for the winter begin coming back and it's just a good time."

To make the day safe and enjoyable, Olson recommends taking a few extra items:

- A backpack.
- Extra gloves in case one pair gets wet.
- Headband and a hat. When you're working up the hill, the headband keeps your ears warm but you don't sweat as much. When you're coming back down and not exerting as much energy, the hat will keep you warmer.
- Extra sweater if the weather turns cooler.
- Food and water.
- A pad to sit on and enjoy the sights around you.
- First aid kit: matches, string, a tarp, knife, etc.
- Head lamp.
- Sun screen.

Diseased elk came from Montana

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Eastern Oregon elk diagnosed with tuberculosis late last year came from a Montana farm once quarantined for the disease and later shut down for repeated violations.

The appearance of the disease has federal authorities planning to buy and destroy about 500 elk and cattle from the ranch near John Day where it was diagnosed.

The farmed elk and cattle to be destroyed are in addition to the roughly 350 wild elk and deer that state wildlife biologists also plan to kill in an effort to determine whether tuberculosis has spread from the ranch to other wildlife.

Ranch owners Stan and Tan Hermens built their herd of about 250 cattle and 200 elk over more than a decade, buying animals only from herds certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as tuberculosis-free.

"As far as I'm concerned, the USDA is liable here because we bought them from certified TB-free herds," Tan Hermens said.

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Share your adventure
Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to print it as part of our new "Callis From the Wild" series. We welcome readers' true stories about hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Please write your story in the first person, keeping it under 500 words. Photos are a plus. Be sure to include your phone number.

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Snowboard

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usually fun. Catch an edge-which you will and you feel like a calf in a rodeo whose legs have just been yanked out from under it.

It takes some getting used to having both feet strapped to one board. And the first few trips down the hill may feel more like body slamming than surfing through snowcapped waves.

But the learning curve on snowboards is way steeper than skis. Snowboarders who stick with it can look pretty darn respectable within a week while skiers can wrestle with the basic skills for years.

And, while beginning boarders are more likely to be injured than beginning skiers, the risk reverses itself as skills improve. The sport is easy on creaky old knees that have come under the surgical knife, but harder than tiking on the back, tailbone, wrists and even head.

"You've got to be open-minded



Rid Tetzeme has taught three generations of skiing at Sun Valley over the years. But now he's teaching more snowboard lessons than old lessons.

and prepare to crawl like a baby on your stomach before you can turn," said Tetzeme. "But if you learn the right way, you're not going to fall. And if you do fall, there's a way to fall safely, to get up a roll so you don't put your arms out to stop the fall."

HUNTER EDUCATION REGISTRATION SPRING 2002		
AREA	DATES	LOCATION
Cassia-Minidoka	FEB. 25 & 26	Cassia Co. Sheriff's Office 129 E. 14th St., Burley <i>*This site is not handicapped accessible; call 324-0259</i>
West Twin Falls Co.	FEB. 25	Filer Middle School 299 Hwy. 30, Filer
West Twin Falls Co.	FEB. 26	Buhl Moose Hall 1101 West Main
East Twin Falls Co.	FEB. 26 & 27	Boy Scout Service Center 2988 Falls Ave. E., Twin Falls
Jerome	FEB. 27 & 28	Fish & Game Regional Office 868 E. Main Ave., Jerome
Gooding Co.	FEB. 27 & 28	I.D.S.R. - Round Bldg. 302 14th Ave. E., Gooding
Blaine Co.	FEB. 28 & MAR. 1	Blaine Co. Judicial Bldg. 301 2nd Ave. So., Halley

ALL registration times are 9-5pm. Cost \$60/individual. Students must be 11 years old when the class starts. A selection of class dates, times and locations will be available at registration. Registration requires address, phone number, date of birth and social security number for each student.

OUTDOORS



Paul McHugh, an outdoors writer for the San Francisco Chronicle, tests his homemade kayak in the Pacific Ocean off Bolinas, Calif., Dec. 21, 2001.

Search for the perfect surf boat

By Paul McHugh
San Francisco Chronicle

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — The dream is as old as sports. Golfers seek clubs which might whack balls 10 more yards down a freeway. Hikers hope for boots that can leave them happily wiggling toes after an 18-mile day. Sailors scheme for new tows to alchemize wind and sea.

Even in a sport apparently as simple as surfing, grand debates erupt over basic aquodynamic surfaces. Wave riders pursue a charmed shape that might unlock fresh realms of performance.

This quest is particularly avid in kayak surfing — a sport that seems to have been in its infancy for the past 5,000 years.

That's the age of the oldest skin boat archaeologists have found in coastal Alaska. There, paddling the sea, riding storms and courting ashore on large waves have long flourished as native survival skills.

Aleut kayakers astonished the first Russian colonists 200 years ago with their ability and audacity.

Those Aleut boats, made of bone and driftwood sheathed in seal hide, were shaped to each individual paddler — with a hull 3.5 times as long as his outstretched arms, a width 1.5 times the span from elbow to fingertips,

and its ends upturned the breadth of three fingers. In modern times, the effort to tune a surf kayak — not only to a paddler's body, but also to his aspirations — still continues.

"Your work on this bow looks kind of asymmetrical," Dick Wold told me, grinning. Wold, a five-time U.S. kayak surfing champ and 1993 world champion, works as a recreational sports instructor at Humboldt State in Arcata. He ran his hands over the lumpy craft I lashed atop my car.

My main surf kayak is a fiberglass Frankenstein's monster. The tail and cockpit are off an old Phoenix Arc "squirr" boat — a low-volume river kayak — which I used when I was on the U.S. kayak surfing team in 1988. But its bow was whacked off with a power saw just ahead of the cockpit.

A redwood stringer was installed, foam blocks glued on and shaped, and a new skin grafted on.

Now, it looks like a 1960s surfer's longboard, but one you can sit inside. No less an authority than Jeff Clark pronounced it a "very interesting shape." I'm

assuming he meant that in a good way. Despite the hand-faired, eyeballed curves, I've found nothing better for riding big waves.

But I still found myself yearning for more hull speed, slightly better handling. That brought me to Wold's door. Wold's hand-made line of half a dozen hulls includes the bulbous Das Boot, which features a flat bottom and fins, the T-1 and T-2, designed for international competition; and his new Dream Machine, built to tumble, roll and flip at the foam line in the manner of craft used on rivers in whitewater rafts.

"I try to make something for everybody," Wold said. "But rafts are the most popular division in the surf contest I put on annually, by far. That's what kids in the sport go for. So my new stuff tends toward short boats, with a low volume tip and tail, so they can dig in and tumble. That's where the growth is."

With a Wold protégé, Kevin Tinney, I went out at Arcata's Moonstone Beach. The break was a rolling fleece of scudding foam, generated by 13-foot waves crashing on the outer sandbars. After trying Tinney's T-2 and Boot, I

wound up buying his used Boot, primarily to do more research on the aquodynamics of flat hulls and the use of fins. But my ideal surf shape still lies elsewhere.

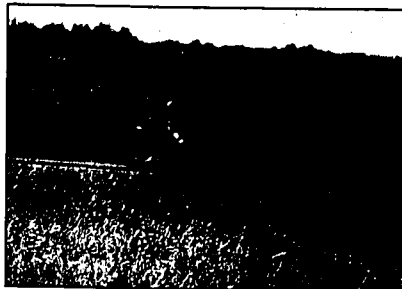
"Yeah, the longboard aspect of surf kayaks is neglected," my friend Dan Crandall agreed. Owner of Coloma's Current Adventures kayak school, Crandall is current U.S. kayak surf champion in the High Performance division.

"But the technology going into short boats, which makes them so light, tough, responsive and stiff, all that could be brought to longer designs. You could mix up the concepts and technology and devise something exciting."

As I recline to sleep — especially if radio buoy reports announcing a big swell will arrive by morning — the dreams begin. I imagine riding a craft that lets me paddle out through the break with speed and verve. This boat spins on a dime, drops onto a steep, smooth green wall. Slight shifts in my body weight affect the surf kayak's trim, swiftly alter its course, enable me to squeeze the last drop of delight out of the ride. This boat is so well made, it seems to respond to thought. A roundhouse cutback, a new bottom turn, a hop over the shoulder, and I'm ready to stroke back out for another intoxicating glide.

Wave riders pursue a charmed shape that might unlock fresh realms of performance.

AN UNLIKELY RACE



A doe runs alongside a cyclist last week in Bidwell Park in Chico, Calif.

Climbing provides an escape - and a workout

OSHKOSH, Wis. (AP) — When Don Anderson climbs a rock formation, not much else matters.

"You really don't think about much more than that," said the Oshkosh resident, who has been climbing rocks for the past three years. "I've found that it's a place where you don't let your mind drift to other things. You can clear your mind to the daily monotony going on."

Estimates vary, but there are about 60 areas in the state where adventure seekers can climb rocks that tower upwards of 90 feet.

Many find the climbing action exhilarating at Devil's Lake near Baraboo and High Cliff State Park near Sherwood.

Devil's Lake provides a breathtaking view with more than 1,000 routes, said Paul Kuenn, owner of Dairyland Expeditions. "It's just huge with lots of routes," he said.

High Cliff, Kuenn said, is generally not for the first-time climber, but there are some beginner routes up the rock formations.

"Most of the climbing areas of High Cliff are very advanced," he said. Kuenn said another decent spot for rock climbing is along the St. Croix River Parkway in the northwest part of Wisconsin.

more than a sport and it really is a diversion from normal, everyday life."

Anderson said rock climbing brings those together with a similar interest. "It's an excellent way to meet new people and it's one of the few sports that I've done where people are more than willing to help you get into the sport," he said. "They're not afraid to share their tips or ideas or experiences that they've had."

Karl Ziebert, who lives in the town of Taycheedah east of Fond du Lac, said he gets an adrenaline rush — a natural high — when he's climbing rocks outdoors. He said the view from the top of a rock formation can offer a great panoramic view.

"It's great to be outside," he said. "You can take a lunch and sit there and look into the distance. There is a lot of satisfaction in that."

However, Ziebert said injuries can be part of the rock-climbing experience. "Every once in a while, there is an injury for a variety of reasons and sometimes because people don't have the right equipment," he said. "You can't stress safety enough. The biggest mistake is that you think it's easy."

Ziebert said rock climbers should not borrow someone else's equipment or purchase used equipment.

"That's because you don't know what it's been through," he said. Another important tip, Ziebert said, is to never climb alone. "Only a fool would go out and climb by themselves," he said.

Minnesota man makes decoys for controversial sport

PINE RIVER, Minn. (AP) — Spearfishing divides ice fishing enthusiasts into sharply opposing camps, but most would agree on one thing: John Oman makes some pretty cool decoys for the controversial sport.

His hand-carved, hand-painted creations have attracted buyers who dream of spearing a whopper, and others looking for something "funky" to decorate the den. Oman sees it both ways. His decoys — from the palm-sized perch to the trophy-winning pike — are carefully designed and weighted and painted to lure the real thing to the ice.

But he thinks of himself as an artist with a unique product that will just as likely appeal to the collector. In fact, he broke into the business a few years ago by marketing his decoys through a "made-in-Minnesota only" kiosk at the Mall of America in Bloomington and is now represented by art galleries in Minnesota and Idaho.

His works also can be found occasionally on E-bay, the Internet marketplace auction site, as well as on a specialty Web site. Both are home-field locations for collectors, as opposed to fishing enthusiasts in search of gear.

"First off, I'm an artist so I want to do what I want to do," Oman said. "But it's a lot of fun to get around with something you make and see if you can draw a fish in with it."

An avid spear fisherman, Oman spotted a niche for hand-made decoys while attending a fishing-collectibles show in 1997. A lifelong wood carver, he noticed that "a lot of the stuff (on display) was pretty crude" and decided he could compete with his own designs.

Later that year, his profile and several of his initial pieces were included in a glossy publication featuring some of the country's best decoy-makers and their works.

Spires

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Ray Arthur, executive director of the Ridgecrest Area Convention & Visitors Bureau and film commissioner for the Ridgecrest Regional Film Commission; approves about 20 to 25 film shoots at the pinnacles each year. The "Planet of the Apes" shoot required about 1,000 cast and crew members, including 500 to 600 extras, most from the Ridgecrest and Bakersfield areas.

Arthur said the film crew, the largest ever to shoot at the site, would normally be considered a threat to the pinnacles, designated by the BLM as an area of critical environmental concern.

"Fortunately you couldn't get a more liberal, environmentally sensitive group than the film industry," Arthur said. "There wasn't anything they did that caused a problem."

To ensure the safety of the pinnacles and to protect fragile vegetation, visitors are discouraged from climbing the spires and off-

road vehicles are limited to existing trails. Primitive camping is permitted, but campers are expected to use existing campsites and fire rings and to pack out all trash.

The pinnacles were formed underwater 10,000 to 100,000 years ago, when valleys of the area were filled with water and made a great chain of lakes stretching from Mono Lake to Death Valley.

Over several thousand years, these tufa formations developed into small reefs, providing mineral-rich algae a sunlit surface area on which to grow. Stony molds of those fossilized algae cells still cling to the pinnacles, so pack a magnifying glass.

Summer temperatures at the pinnacles often exceed 115 degrees, so any other season is the best time to explore the area. Sunsets and nights with full moons, Arthur said, are especially dramatic.

Water and a four-wheel drive vehicle are basic necessities when exploring the pinnacles,

If you go...

- **GETTING THERE:** The Trona Pinnacles can be reached from state Highway 178. About 20 miles northeast of Ridgecrest and five miles southwest of Trona, look for a dirt road going south from 178 marked with a Pinnacles sign. Take the road about five miles to the formations.
- **GENERAL INFORMATION:** Bureau of Land Management, (760) 384-5400; Ridgecrest Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and Ridgecrest Area Film Commission, (800) 847-4830.
- **ON THE NET:** Ridgecrest Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, <http://www.visitridgecrest.com>; Ridgecrest Area Film Commission, <http://www.filmdesert.com>.

but be sure to bring the camera. After all, where else will you find a rock formation that looks like a giant walking into the wind? Or a priest with arms raised in blessing? Or a ...

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'DOG' WILD

Stocks jump for Phoenix-based pet supply giant

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - When Rick Piper wants to reward his 6-year-old, he says only one place will do.

It has everything his boy could want - food, toys, clothing accessories and often same-sized friends to mingle with inside or outside the store.

"We come at least once a month," said Piper. "Anytime I want to get him all excited, I just have to say four words: Wanna go to PETS-MART?"

Piper, a local office worker, and his beloved border collie Rocky are exactly the customers PETS-MART had in mind when the company opened its first pet supplies store here 15 years ago.

The Phoenix-based retailing giant - whose motto is "Where pets are family" - now has more than 560 superstores across the United States, including a year-old store in Twin Falls, and Canada, catering to all kinds of animals and the humans who adore them.

A recent push by PETS-MART to remodel most of its outlets and an added emphasis on in-store customer service also is paying off.

After posting losses in 2001, the company's stock has climbed nearly 188 percent in the past year with shares quadrupling in price, from \$2.50 last March to almost \$11 in recent weeks.

The company's stock was priced at \$10.88 at the close of trading Wednesday.

Third-quarter earnings this year were at \$5.8 million on sales of nearly \$39 million, up 11 percent from the same period in 2001.

Fourth-quarter earnings will be announced in mid-March. PETS-MART Chairman and Chief Executive Phil Francis said the numbers should be strong again since "the fourth quarter is typically our best quarter."

A major factor in the upswing is the remodeling of PETS-MART's old stores - doing away with a warehouse look in favor of boldly decorated outlets with supplies neatly organized for pets ranging from cats and dogs to fish, birds and reptiles.

Francis said more than 200 stores have been remodeled so far with another 180 targeted for next year. There also are plans for more new stores.

"By November of 2003, we'll have about 600 stores and all of them will be in the format we've recently gone to," Francis said. "We think the store count we can eventually get to in North America is 1,100."

Analysts say PETS-MART's growth plan is not far-fetched despite the slowing national economy.



Charlene Harrison shops with her dog Gino, a miniature doberman, in a PETS-MART store in Phoenix. The retailing giant now has more than 560 superstores across the United States and Canada.

"The pet industry is almost recession resistant," said David Mann, an analyst for New Orleans-based Johnson Rice & Co. "There's a good tailwind behind the industry and it's growing at a pretty healthy pace. It's being helped by multiple-pet households."

"I could see PETS-MART growing by several hundred more stores. They have a new store format that's very attractive."

Full-service pet styling salons now offer everything from baths to toenail trimming and teeth cleaning.

PETS-MART also has obedience classes and some stores provide veterinary care through animal hospitals and wellness clinics.

And for those wanting to adopt a cat or dog, PETS-MART has placed more than 1 million pets in

new homes through its in-store adoption centers.

"The main thrust of our business is the stores and the store customers," Francis said.

He said the company has changed the tone of its service.

"We used to sell just food and stuff for pets," said Francis. "Now, we think of ourselves as helping pet parents provide total lifetime care."

Wage gaps



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Sears' mall store in T.F. sees layoffs

TWIN FALLS - Employee layoffs that Sears, Roebuck and Co. announced in July are being felt at the company's Magic Valley Mall store.

Sears spokeswoman Peggy A. Palter at the company's Illinois headquarters said Wednesday the company wasn't providing layoff numbers for individual stores but that on average stores were seeing a total of between six and 10 layoffs.

The layoffs seen now involve hourly supervised positions, Palter said. Between 3,600 and 3,700 of the positions will be eliminated nationwide. Earlier layoffs included 4,900 salaried positions, she said.

"Right now we're competing against other retailers who are off the mall whose operating expenses are lower," Palter said.

The layoffs are part of Sears' plan to increase operating income by \$1 billion, or by 50 percent, to more than \$3 billion by 2004.

Sears says it will adjust customer service to better meet customer expectations, offering a higher level of service and expertise for major purchases and more self-service in areas where customers need less assistance. The company plans to move toward a self-service environment.

M-C chamber plans to honor volunteers

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce tonight will honor community members who volunteer their services.

The chamber is honoring Jackie Handy as community volunteer of the year and Barbara Bauder of Pro Paint Inc. as chamber member of the year.

"The honors will be given at the chamber's Ninth Annual Banquet and Awards Banquet. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. at the Burley Inn and Convention Center. Entertainment will be offered throughout the evening. For tickets, call 674-4793.

Sun Valley makes up for rough start to season

SUN VALLEY - Things are looking up at Idaho's most famous ski resort.

"Kicker numbers are on the rebound after setting off to a slow start when the resort failed to meet its traditional Thanksgiving Day opening."

Sun Valley Co. reported huge crowds during Presidents' Day weekend, and that was good for area businesses.

For the month of January, 88,617 skiers and snowboarders shuffled and scussed down Bald and Dollar mountains, almost 3,000 more than January 2001.

"The phones have been ringing. We've been doing a lot of advertising in Utah, and it looks like we're doing well with it," Sun Valley spokesman Jack Sibbald said.

However, the slow start apparently hurt businesses in the cities of Sun Valley and Ketchum. Year-to-date sales tax collections through December showed both cities down about 11 percent from the previous fiscal year. December tax collections were down 13 percent in Ketchum and 20 percent in Sun Valley.

January's numbers will not be tabulated for another two weeks. But Ketchum Councilman Baird Gourlay said business has been on the upswing. Gourlay owns Paul Kenney's Ski and Sport.

"With the mountain not being open for Thanksgiving, we're being caught up all the way through Christmas, but Christmas turned out being really good," he said, expressing optimism about the rest of the season.

"The skiing is great. The snow is great. The scenery is quality. We're probably have the best snow in the West. The spring business could be phenomenal."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Analysts predict seasonal increase in gasoline prices

Knight Ridder News Service

Almost as certain as looming tax deadlines and spring blossoms, consumers are facing higher gasoline costs.

Gas prices have recorded a springtime increase for 18 consecutive years. This year should be no exception, analysts predict.

"There are certain situations in the market that could contribute to higher prices," said Jeff Lenard, a spokesman for the National Association of Convenience Stores.

Increasing seasonal demand, lower crude oil output and global political worries create a virtual catalyst for higher prices at the pump, Lenard and other analysts said.

But the damage may not be severe - at least not as bad as last year, when gasoline soared to \$2 a gallon and even higher in some American cities.

Prices might rise as much as 15 cents a gallon between March 15 and Memorial Day, according to Peter Beutel, publisher of Cameron-Hanover's daily energy newsletter.

Gasoline analysts said prices typically rise in the spring because people drive more, pushing up demand. At the same time, supplies drop as refiners shift production from winter-to-summer-grade fuel to comply with federal clean-air regulations.

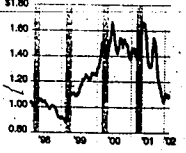
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Springing gas prices

The cost of gasoline typically rises between mid-March and Memorial Day as refiners shift production from winter-to-summer-grade fuel in preparation for the busiest driving season.

Weekly U.S. spot price per gallon of unleaded gasoline

Mid-March through Memorial Day



SOURCE: Department of Energy AP

Fleetwood settles employee class-action suit

The Times-News

BOISE - Manufactured home and recreational vehicle builder Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. settled a \$7.35 million class-action lawsuit with employees.

The lawsuit announcement was made Wednesday by Fleetwood and attorney Dan Williams of Boise, who represented the

employees. Fleetwood said it admitted no liability or wrongdoing. Both sides said it was a fair agreement.

Employees claimed that Fleetwood pressured them to work early in the morning, through breaks, and after their shifts to keep up with production quotas. The lawsuit revolved around the federal Fair Labor

Standards Act that prohibits "off-the-clock" work.

Fleetwood agreed to pay a total of \$7.35 million to nearly 3,000 current and former employees who joined the class-action suit. Certain other employees, primarily former employees who worked in Fleetwood recreational vehicle

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Strong dollar hurts exports

Manufacturers seek change in Bush policy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - At least 400,000 U.S. factory workers have lost their jobs since August 2000 because of a sharp drop in U.S. exports largely due to a strong U.S. dollar, according to the country's biggest manufacturers.

The group is urging the Bush administration to change its policies on the high-flying U.S. currency.

Exports have fallen \$115 billion, or by 17 percent, since August 2000, causing manufacturers to sharply cut back on production and let an estimated 400,000 factory workers go, the National Association of Manufacturers said in a report to be released Wednesday.

Though the economic slowdown played a role in the sharp decline in U.S. exports, manufacturers said most of the blame should be placed on the strong U.S. dollar, which makes it expensive for U.S. manufacturers to sell their goods abroad.

"The principal reason for the decline in manufacturing is that the dollar has risen 30 percent against other currencies since 1997," said National Association of Manufacturers President Jerry Jasinowski. "That is just like slapping a 30 percent tariff on U.S. exports."

The association has been pressing the administration to look closely at exchange rate policies and consider actions that would lower the value of the U.S. dollar. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill has repeatedly said that a strong dollar was in the best interests of the country, continuing the strong dollar policy set forth by former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin in 1995.

Jasinowski said the association intends to meet with members of Congress on the issue.

The dollar now stands at a 16-year high against a trade-weighted collection of other currencies. The cost of the present dollar policy has become too high, Jasinowski said. "Too many workers are unemployed because of the overvalued dollar, and too many manufacturing firms are curtailing production or contemplating moving offshore."

BANKRUPTCIES

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. bankruptcy court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Karla Dickson, also known as Karla Royal and Karla Johnson, 538 14th St., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40223.

Terry Lynn Hurrie, 645 Albion Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40211.

Donna Alderson, 1712 Harmon Park Ave., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40221.

Margie A. Holstrom, 590 Fourth Ave. E., Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40225.

Wendell Troy Dunn and Teresa Dunn, also known as Teresa Thacker, 183 S. Crestview, Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, number of creditors not listed,

assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40230.

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

Weldon LaVar Newman and Frances Loraine Newman and E. Aye F. Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-40222.

Lindsay Gardner Call and Jasmine Marie Call, 231 Ave. N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000, to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 02-40205.

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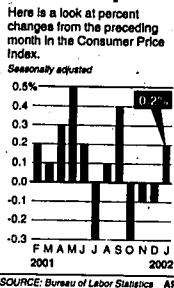
Johnny Rivera and Dawn Marie Rivera, 300 Lake St., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets, \$100,000, to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-40220.

Janet Anne Borchia, 525 N. Lincoln, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets, \$100,000, to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000, to \$500,000. Case no. 02-40229.

MONEY

Consumer prices post small advance

Consumer prices



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics 2002

WASHINGTON (AP) Consumer inflation rose 0.2 percent in January, lifted by the largest increase in gasoline prices for four months and higher prices for fruits and vegetables, the government reported Wednesday.

'There are no inflationary pressures in the U.S. economy.'

-Stan Shiplby, Merrill Lynch economist

Even in states such as Colorado, where reformulated gasoline are required only during the winter, prices can rise during the spring and summer because of shortages in other markets.

at the consumer level was in line with many analysts' expectations and suggest that inflation is fairly well contained.

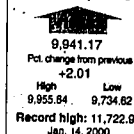
On Wall Street, stocks were regaining a bit of Tuesday's big losses. The Dow Jones industrial average was up around 50 points and the Nasdaq gained 15 in the

first half hour of trading. To revive the economy, the Federal Reserve slashed interest rates 11 times last year. The Fed could act aggressively because inflation hasn't posed a risk to the economy.

For the 12 months ending in January, consumer prices rose by just 1.1 percent, the smallest increase since the 12 months ending December 1986. Last month the Fed opted to leave interest rates unchanged and cited signs of a recovery as the reason.

Many economists believe the Fed's rate cuts will pave the way for solid economic growth in the second half of this year. In the meantime, analysts expect companies will continue to find it difficult to raise prices, which should keep inflation in check in the coming months.

Dow Jones Industrials



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Continued from D4 For refiners, the switch to special gasoline blends requires shutting down equipment, scrubbing it clean and starting all over again - a process that causes supplies to contract and prices to move higher, if only temporarily.

Suit

Continued from D4 Nampa, who worked at the Fleetwood plant from March 1989 to member 1995. Among other things, he alleged that Fleetwood required or allowed employees to work "off the clock" without getting paid, improperly rounded down employee time, changed time records and did not keep other

spring in Colorado compared with last year, when gas shot up to a record high average of \$1.82 a gallon.

Gasoline analyst Mary Greer of AAA Colorado said crude oil prices have risen recently amid speculation that military action could be launched against Iraq

or Iran.

She said supply cuts from one of the countries would not severely affect the world oil market, but "the simultaneous loss of oil production from both countries would be problematic for the United States and the world economy."

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Bargain hunting pulls stocks higher Wednesday

NEW YORK (AP) - Bargain hunting gave the stock market a generous boost Wednesday as investors took advantage of lower prices after a two-day selloff and sent the Dow Jones industrials up nearly 200 points.

Investors traded more cautiously in the tech sector, however, troubled by reports of improper accounting at Computer Associates.

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Depressed prices, not hopes for the catalyst for buying on Wall Street for several weeks. Trading so far this year has largely been dominated by selling on fears about poor business earnings and corporate bookkeeping in the wake of Enron's collapse.

"The market appears to be one

where we are seeing lots of rallies, lots of selloffs," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president of Fahnstock & Co.

"There's little conviction and little leadership needed to get the market going."

Many of the market's gains also grew out of short covering as investors who bet prices were headed lower were forced to buy stocks to cover their positions.

The prevalence of shorts in the market is another sign of investors' lingering pessimism. "We're beaten up pretty good. So, every now and then we lift up. But the only thing that allows the market to move a bit is short (investors) cover and bargain hunters step in, but then it fades," said Larry Wachtel, market analyst for Prudential Securities.

Accounting concerns again plagued Wall Street Wednesday. Computer Associates plunged 17.4 percent, down \$4.40 to \$20.91, on reports in Newsday and The New York Times that federal prosecutors are investigating whether the company deliberately overstated sales and profits to inflate its stock price.

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Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and Volume.

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Table summarizing market activity for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including Most Active, Most Active, and Most Active lists.

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LITTLE ROCK (AP) - Idaho, 22 other states and the District of Columbia have settled complaints with three long-distance companies marketed telephone service.

Officials said that AT&T, MCI WorldCom and Sprint did not disclose hidden charges when advertising long-distance telephone rates at low as two cents per minute.

The carriers denied wrongdoing but agreed to pay \$1.5 million that will be distributed to Idaho, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, and Wisconsin as the District of Columbia.

"A dollar can buy a whole lot more as long as consumers in Arkansas know that they won't be overcharged through hidden fees when they sign up for a long-distance calling plan," Arkansas Attorney General Mark Pryor said.

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ISU makes task force to aid Hispanic student retention

Pocatello - A task force to assist in the recruitment and retention of Hispanic students in higher education has been initiated by Idaho State University President Richard Bowen and will include ISU faculty, staff members and students and members of the Hispanic community.

Angela Luckey, assistant professor in the college of education, and Rene Rodriguez, associate professor of chemistry, will co-chair ISU's Hispanic Task Force.

Luckey and Rodriguez say the group's work begins before Hispanic students ever enroll at ISU, including early involvement with the students, families. The task force will ask that district superintendents and junior high and high school principals and counselors interact with it.

"Before we recruit students, we have to work with the schools so they can better prepare them," Luckey says.

"We need to get information to the counselors so they can get the word out and plant the seed for students to look for programs," Rodriguez says.

The task force is established as a permanent academic committee at ISU. It will continue its involvement in Hispanic student recruitment and retention issues, and may add more members.

UI sponsors bilingual schools for milkers 'in Caldwell'

CALDWELL - A school for milkers will be held Feb. 26 in English and Feb. 27 in Spanish in Caldwell.

Sponsored by the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and

Life Sciences, the Southwest Idaho Milking School will focus on reducing mastitis, improving milk quality and increasing milking efficiency.

It will be taught by UI Extension educators and specialists.

Topics to be covered include food safety, animal health, animal care, milk quality reports, anatomy of the udder, the milk letdown process, cow preparation and sanitation, milking systems, milk removal and milking unit handling, and prevention of antibiotic residues in bulk-tank milk.

In addition to regular and relief milkers, the workshop is intended for dairy owners, managers, herdsmen, fieldmen and anyone interested in becoming a milker. It begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. at the UI Caldwell R&E Center, 16952 S. 10th Ave. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch.

For more information, call Dalton at 459-6365 in Caldwell.

The Times-News seeks info from former braceros

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News Comunidad editor is interested in doing a story about local people who were part of the *bracero* program in the 1940s.

About 100,000 *braceros*, or Mexican laborers, worked in the United States between 1942 and 1948. By 1964, an estimated 3 million *braceros* had held jobs in America.

If you were a worker and know someone who was, call Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288 or e-mail information to patm@magicvalley.com.

Guatemalan journeys

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - As a former farm worker, Noel Morfin related to the toils and frustrations of the coffee pickers of Guatemala. "They have no power or say over what their labor is worth," said Morfin, a Twin Falls resident.

Morfin is a Hispanic Ministries coordinator and an employee of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, assigned to the Idaho and Oregon conferences. He recently attended a 10-day meeting for Rural Chaplains Association in Guatemala.

One purpose of the meeting was to expose participants to the cultural, ecological and religious life of the people of Guatemala.

Participants also were there to gain an understanding about the impact of American foreign policy and multinational corporations on the country, to foster solidarity with the people and congregations, to experience worship, and to gain theological understanding of church life and ministries in that country.

The Rural Chaplains organization wanted to identify opportunities for partnerships between rural congregations and communities in Guatemala and share their work and ministry, he said.

"You can't go to a third world country like that and not come back with a lot of questions," Morfin says. "We, as people or Christians, can experience to a degree what people in other nations are going through... their daily life, their worship, their aspirations."

For Morfin, there was a lot to experience. Guatemala has been fighting a civil war for 36 years. A peace accord was signed in 1996, but



About Guatemala

The third largest country in Central America and most populated, with 12.3 million people. Spanish is the official language.

About half of all Guatemalans are Mayan.

40 percent of the population does not have access to health care. 68 percent of adults are illiterate, but half of the children do not make it to fifth grade.

As a result of extreme poverty, approximately 450,000 people in Guatemala City are considered homeless.

Approximately 68 percent of Guatemala's original forests are gone, most destroyed in the last 30 years.

Source: 1999 Index for Human Development



Above, Noel Morfin says the women carry 100-pound bags of coffee beans down high mountain trails. Top left, a teen-age girl in Guatemala City sells hats to make a living to support her family.

hope never ceased," Morfin recalls. "They're not an angry, bitter people. Everybody works, men, women and children. Education is very important to them. The culture is basically Mayan. But with about 22 different dialects, communication is a problem. "They're going through a real

struggle to retain their native tongue," he says. However, part of the peace accord includes retaining the Mayan religion, language and culture. The journey provided a rich education for Morfin. "I went there not really knowing a whole lot about Guatemala," he says.

The three faces of 'NYPD Blue' star Esai Morales

By Lola Ogunnaike
New York Daily News

Esai Morales didn't mean to go underground. He, like most of the other actors who have played the role of the cop, joked the Latin actor, who despite breakthrough roles in '80s smashes like "La Bamba" and "Bad Boys" spent much of the '90s in relative obscurity.

"I wanted to hold out for quality roles and didn't have the right material support, connections (or) maturity," Morales said. "I don't blame it all on the outside. I just wasn't ready, I guess."

These days viewers need not look far to find Morales. He's starring in three TV shows on three networks. When not playing Lt. Tony Rodriguez on ABC's "NYPD Blue," Morales plays a recovering



Esai Morales

alcoholic/ex-boxer on Showtime's "Resurrection Blvd." and an ex-con struggling to get his life together on PBS' new drama "American Family."

He most identifies with his "American Family" character, Esteban: "I feel like he's still trying to find himself. He's a late bloomer. He's had trouble in his past. He's not perfect. And he hasn't had the type of ambition it takes to survive in this world and be more than what he is." Like Esteban, Morales admitted, "I feel like I could've done more

with my talents." Born in Brooklyn, Morales said that by age 13 he knew acting was his calling. "I saw Al Pacino in 'Dog Day Afternoon' and I said, 'That's it. Thank you very much, Mr. Pacino. Now I know what I was meant to do for the rest of my life.'"

"Mainstream network television doesn't represent the rainbow that we are," he said, citing NBC's monochromatic hit "Friends." "Their idea of diversity is blondes and brunettes." He is particularly conscious of the dearth of Hispanic actors and television shows on the air. "We get marginalized because of who we are and it's, like, come on, man. You want our tax dollars. You have no problem taking our viewership. But you don't want us at the table," he



Morales has another role in 'Resurrection Blvd.'

said. "That's fine, but understand that you're missing out, too."

NEWS FROM MEXICO

Mexico's state-run oil company struggles to grow

By Traci Carl
The Associated Press

SALAMANCA, Mexico - Mexico's state-run oil company, long viewed as an overgrown, wasteful dinosaur, has grand plans for a more efficient, profitable future.

But first, it will have to overcome the present: A series of accidents that have scorched Mexico City homes and killed a 4-year-old girl, a corruption investigation and a debate over private investment in an industry that is still viewed as Mexico's sacred right.

President Vicente Fox, who says the monopoly should be run more like a private company, appointed former Dupont executive Raul Munoz Leos its leader a year ago.

Since then, Munoz Leos has

focused on making Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, leaner, eliminating overlapping jobs and departments and coming up with a plan to make it more profitable.

"Pemex should strengthen all of its activities: expand proven reserves, increase the production of crude and gas, improve refinery capacity and eliminate restrictions that have confronted the oil industry in the last few years," Munoz-Leos said in a report to reporters.

He and Fox are pushing for a plan that would allow private investment in the country's gas fields, freeing Pemex resources for expanded exploration of the more profitable light crude. They argue that private investment would increase Mexico's gas production, allowing it to halt reliance on natural gas imports and possibly begin exports.

Deaths deepen mystery of Monarchs' migration to Mexico

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY - A massive die-off of monarch butterflies in their winter nesting grounds has deepened the mystery surrounding their numbers, after researchers suggested a death toll twice as high as the previous estimate of the entire population.

This data is telling us we have to go back to square one in estimating just how many monarchs make the trip, said Lincoln Brower, a biologist who may be the foremost expert on the 3,000-mile migration to Mexico. "We may be off by a factor of five to 10."

The monarchs' amazing migration has inspired thousands of schoolchildren and amateur ecologists in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Although a single butterfly can spend its entire life in either the United States or Mexico, its children and grandchildren will know to migrate north or south. Researchers are still trying to

unravel the mystery, following the lead of a motorcycle-riding American expatriate who stumbled on a trail of dead butterflies to become the first outsider to discover the nesting sites in January 1975.

Both the government and monarch expert Lincoln Brower agreed that an unusual combination of freezing temperatures, rains, and clear night skies in mid-January killed a high percentage of butterflies in their winter nesting grounds in the central and western states of Mexico and Michoacan.

A similar but less brutal cold snap this week is expected to kill more of the creatures, who use a little-understood navigating system to take the same route their ancestors took to Mexico from the United States and Canada.

Brower estimated that 150 million to 250 million butterflies may have frozen to death, the worst die-off on record - and twice the 110 million monarchs previously believed to have wintered here.

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BLOOD DRIVE



Photo courtesy of Burley West Stake

The Burley West Stake Relief Society held its second annual blood drive at the Burley West Stake Center. Rebecca Kay organized the effort for a Young Women's group service project. She spent many hours organizing the times for the donors, phone calls to remind them to show up and preparing a snack for the donors afterwards, organizers say. The drive collected 87 units of blood. Kay, with a Red Cross worker, gives blood for the first time. She is the daughter of Tim and Holly Kay.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Photo courtesy of District School

Students of the month for January at District High School are, from left, Sandy Jauregui, Katie Maughan, Ailaha Gross, Ayleen Sorensen, Scott Southwick and Christine Telford. Teachers Wayne Maughan and Tim McDaniel nominated the students for the honor.

Olympics preempt Thursday's Child profile this week

TWIN FALLS - A Thursday's Child profile will not be presented today or next week due to programming changes with television broadcasts and Olympic coverage. The profiles are featured on both television and in newspapers.

Beginning March 6, Thursday's Child will introduce three siblings, ages 15, 12 and 10, who are waiting for an adoptive family. If you would like to know more about children waiting in foster care for adoptive families, visit the Wednesday's Child Web site at: <http://www.2.state.id.us/dshw/Adoptiv07/>

CSI Blaine center offers communication, sewing

HAILEY - The College of Southern Idaho Blaine County Outreach Center offers communication and sewing courses.

Participants will learn the following concepts: What it means to communicate. How to reduce the "noise" in communication with others. The role gender plays. "The Democratic Revolution" and how it has effected relationships and communication in the home and workplace. The cost is \$25. The class meets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Wood River High School.

Tricks and Tips of Sewing - Learn to sew the correct way with lifetime seamstress Ellen Johnson. Bring your machine and learn about the care of the machine, sewing tools, fabrics, different seams, and many other basic sewing techniques. The class will be taught with a hands-on approach and participants can finish a project. Call the CSI office for a material's list. The

cost is \$40 plus materials. The class meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Wood River High School.

For more information, call Joan Davies at 788-2033 or 788-2038.

Paul Serr receives Eagle award on Sunday evening

PAUL - Randall Serr will receive his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor at 6:30 p.m. Sunday in the Emerson LDS 2nd Ward building, Ward building, 950 W. 125 S. in Paul.

For his Eagle project, Serr, 17, built a sign for the Paul city shop. The project took 17 hours to complete. He is a member of Troop 45, sponsored by the Emerson 2nd Ward.

Serr, the son of Daryl and Irene Serr of Paul, is a senior at Minico High School, where he is a member of student council, National Honor Society, Mountain Bike Club, Future Farmers of America, Club and Business Club. He also enjoys wakeboarding and is a priest in the Emerson 2nd Ward.

AARP 55 Alive driver safety program starts up at chamber

HEYBURN - The AARP 55 Alive driver safety program will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Monday and Tuesday at the Minicassia Chamber of Commerce.

Alive 55 is a classroom discussion and instruction of good safe defensive driving techniques. Upon completion of the eight-hour class, the senior will receive a certificate of instruction that some insurance companies will honor and allow a discount on the

Donors help make Helping Hands camp out best ever

Thank you, to all of the donors, sponsors, friends and well-wishers who helped make the 2001 Helping Hands Freedom Trails camp out the best ever. Your generosity and giving was, is and ever will be appreciated.

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We could not have even thought about this project, much less accomplished it, without you.

JEANE MILLER
Secretary
Helping Hands Freedom Trails
Jerome

Contributors aid camp out for special needs people

We would like to say thank you for supporting the Helping Hands Freedom Trails camp out for special needs individuals:

Idaho Horse Council, Idaho Milk Transport Inc., Idaho Power (Burley), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, Independent Meat, J.B. Big Boy's Family Restaurant, Gary D. Jones construction, John's Grocery, K & R Rentals, KKMV-KBBK Radio, Key Bank (Burley), King's Department Store (Burley and Rupert),

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We appreciate all of you, without your help, we could not do the campout.

DAVE COOPER
President
Helping Hands Freedom Trails
Rupert

Helping Hands project gets help from various sources

Thank you to the following for supporting the Helping Hands Freedom Trails camp out:

Redders Showcase, Gene and Betty Riehl, Cyndi Richardson, River View Packing, Rupert Iron Works, S & G Produce, St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Jerome), Schow's Car Quest (Burley), Schow's Auto (Rupert), Sears, Simplot Agri-Source, J.R. Simplot, Skaggs Furniture, Skipper the Clown (Beaver Creek Lodge), Smiley Creek Lodge, Smith's Corp., Snyder's Surplus Inc., Stars Ferry, State Farm, Suburban Propane, Subway Sandwiches, Sun Valley Potatoes, John and Cindy Swain, Sweet Portable Toilets, Swensen's Market, Target, The Book Store, Treasure Valley Coffee Inc., Tri-County Tractor (Lewiston), Tri-Tractor Broadcasting, United Coop Inc., U.S. Forest Service, Wal-Mart (Burley and Jerome), Walton Inc., Wayside Cafe, Jan Werner Farms, Western Riding Club, Wireless Mountain Trails (Montana) and Zion Bank.

Please accept our apology if we have failed to include you.

our list of donors. We certainly did not intend to leave anyone out. Thanks again.

PAT HUNTER
Vice President
Helping Hands Freedom Trails
Heyburn

'Take a Bite for Education' raises money for schools

The Shoshone Education Foundation wishes to express its thanks for the support given by area merchants and individuals which helped to make its event, "Take a Bite for Education!" a big success. The dinner and silent auction raised money to benefit Shoshone Schools.

The following businesses donated food for the delicious meal: Mountain View Lanes, Bowling Alley, Manhattan Cafe, Valley Co-ops Convenience Store, New Chimney Town, Sawtooth Food Town, Skiing Station, Pepsi-Cola Co., and the Golden Years Senior Center.

Auction items were donated by the Shoshone School District, Wells Fargo, Bozotto Furniture, G & H Ace Hardware, Moon Creek Store, Magic Floral, Gooding Golf Course, Shear Excellence, Fingers and Toes, Julie Pagaoga, Magic Cut, Bear Claw Gift Shop, Sunrise Cafe, Sage Berry House, Berce's Repair, Whistle Stop, Virginia Churchman, Glenda Excell, Chicago Bulls, Shoshone Snack Bar and Eagle's Nest.

We appreciate you all very much.
DIANE DAVIS
Shoshone

Donation helps program keep mission to protect children

The Fifth Judicial District CASA Prager, Guardian ad Litem, would like to thank the Green Giant Community Fund through the Idaho Community Foundation for its generous donation. The money received will go toward our mission of every child has the right to a safe, permanent and nurturing home.

The Fifth Judicial District CASA Prager, Guardian ad Litem represents the best interest of children who are victims of abuse, abandonment or neglect throughout court proceedings. Volunteers are recruited and trained to provide the court with a neutral third-party opinion as to what is in the child's best interest. This service is very important to the child due to the outcome and the impact it will have on their future.

We are grateful to Green Giant and Idaho Community Foundation for choosing us as the recipient of these funds and commend them for their continued support of southern Idaho's youth.

KRYSTAL SCHIVANEVELDT
Executive Director
Jerome

Donations help committee make run toward new track

On behalf of the Filer Community Track Committee that recently held a dinner and auction fund-raiser to build a track at Filer High School, we would like to thank all the donors that contributed an item for the auction and all the businesses that donated product for the dinner. Your generous donations helped to make this a successful event for our school. Thank you to everyone that attended the dinner and auction and gave generously at the event. We would like to raise \$17,898 that would be able to raise 197,898 that would be able to raise your donations and support.

A special thank you to Masters Auction Service, Filer School cooks, Filer School District office staff and Filer High School track coaches. Thank you to the Filer Kiwanis Club, Filer Key Club, track athletes and parents. To everyone that served on the committee and played a part in helping the night of the auction, a huge thank you.

LINDA GWYN
Track Committee Member
Filer

Twin Falls Rotary Club recognizes longtime members

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Rotary Club honored longtime members on Nov. 7.

"Senior" members include: Rich Alexander - 26 years, Armond Anderson - 25 years, Warren Barry - 49 years, Dick Brice - 27 years, Chappie Chapman - 36 years, Dick Cook - 47 years

Rich Cook - 27 years, Bob Coimer - 25 years, Carrol Dowd - 31 years, Foggie Fisher - 31 years, Ed Fournier - 33 years, Fred Harwin - 28 years, Dick Irwin - 37 years, Ed Kiefer - 43 years, Dale Krumm - 29 years, Bill Langley - 49 years

Rex Leforgee - 28 years, Bill Miller - 25 years, Earl Nelson - 32 years, Doug Neville - 37 years, Dan Oberchamber - 37 years, Dan Siedel - 34 years, John Rosholt - 34 years, Thad Scholtes - 28 years, Bob Seibel - 33 years, Dick Shortwell - 36 years, Leon Smith - 32 years

Ted Smith - 40 years, Bob Synder - 53 years, Jack Stalley - 25 years, Rich Stevens - 29 years, Tom Stivers (in memoriam) - 49 years, Harry Turner - 25 years, Dell Van Orden - 33 years, Charlie Watt - 35 years, Bud Williams - 26 years, Dick Worst - 27 years.

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senior's auto insurance, organizers say.

For more information or to register, call Louis Freese at 436-6126.

Business offers basic cake decorating course March 2

TWIN FALLS - Kitchen Magic will offer a basic cake decorating class from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 2 at Kitchen Magic, 1347 Filer Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The cost is \$20 plus supplies. The class must be pre-paid by Feb. 26.

For more information, call 733-4285.

Zonta Club hears about insurance shopping Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Zonta International Club of Magic Valley will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at noon Tuesday at Perkins Restaurant in Twin Falls. The guest speaker will be Natalie Knighton of Knighton Insurance, who will discuss helpful hints on evaluating and shopping for health insurance, with a brief introduction on long term care insurance.

For more information, call Debby Johnson at 733-8765 or 735-3326.

Agencies sponsor domestic violence prevention seminar

BURLEY - The Heyburn Police Department, in conjunction with The Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance and the Minicassia and Cassia Community Task Force Against Domestic Violence, offers a course entitled, "Domestic Violence Prevention: Saving Our Future" at 8 p.m. Feb. 28 at the King Fine Arts Center, 2200 Parke

Ave. in Burley. Cost is \$5 if registered before Tuesday and \$10 after that and at the door. Send payment to MC Domestic Violence Task Force, 1800 - St., Heyburn, ID 83336. Seating is limited to 200 people so early registration is advised.

Class instructor will be Mike Gulon from the San Diego Police Department, who will cover the areas of domestic violence and sexual assault response, effects of violence on children, teen dating violence, victim sensitivity and the criminal justice response.

Spouses are also invited to attend.

For more information, call Cpl. Dan Bristol, Heyburn PD at 678-4545, fax 678-0428 or e-mail policecommander@cablcone.net

Kimberly man celebrates 80th birthday on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Paul R. "Jeep" Bowman of Kimberley will celebrate his 80th birthday at an open house for family and friends from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

Children are hosting the event and request no gifts.

For more information, call 733-0739.

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners. Winners for Feb. 7 were: first, Helen Burgess and Flight B; second, Riley Burton and Max

Thompson; and flight B, Betty Sabo and Dorothy Young.

Winners for Feb. 9 were: first, Beverly Burns and Mary Kienlen; second, Betty Sabo and Sam Smutny; third, Riley Burton and Herb Burgess; and fourth, Howard and Mary Tucker.

Winners for Feb. 11 were: first, Mike Mitchell and Sam Smutny; second, Betty Sabo and Dorothy Young; third, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Doris Finney; and flight B, Don and Shelley Montgomery.

Winners for Feb. 12 were: first, Lonnie Burns and Bill Simonsen; second, Al and Frances Anglin; third, Madeline Sawaya and Sam Smutny; fourth, Bonnie Aspitarte and Enid Cook; fifth, Polly Mulliner and Mary Ann Siegel; and flight B, Janet Beeks and Sue Carver.

Winners for Feb. 13 for north-south were: first, Linda Fix and Ruby Grimes; second, Peggy Hackley and Max Thompson; third, Al and Frances Anglin; and fourth, Beverly Burns and Mary Kienlen. Winners for east-west were: first, Elaine Bowe and Ruth Skeem; second, Lonnie Burns and Jessie Lignaw; third, Pattie Cooper and Evelyn Meyer; fourth, Bonnie Aspitarte and He Burgess; and flight B, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Doris Finney.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.

The Twin Falls Unit met Feb. 14 at the center. There were 13 tables. Overall winners for flight A were: first, Nathan and Kay Higer; second, Ruby Grimes and Doris Watts; third, Peggy Hackley and Evelyn Meyer; fourth, Fran Maughan and Marie

McGowan; fifth, Don and Ruth Rabe; and sixth, Harold Buicher and Jessie Lignaw.

Overall winners for flight B were: first, Ruby Grimes and Betty Sabo; second, Steve Frickey and Larry Kelley; third, Mike Mitchell and Sam Smutny; fourth, Roger and Martha Connor; and fifth, Steve Hale and Marjorie Rainbolt.

Twin Falls Public Library offers 'Curious Critters'

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Public Library will offer Curious Critters, this month's presentation for Presentations Plus, for children in grades four to six at noon Saturday in the Storywell Kiva at the library.

The event will feature Bill Workman from Animal County, Sweden in fourth grade are invited to bring a sack lunch and stay for the Munch Bus portion of Presentations Plus.

The staff will provide pop and chips.

For more information, call the library at 733-2955.

Domestic Violence group starts mentoring program

HAILEY - The Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence is implementing a mentoring program to offer support and encouragement for the children of their clients.

They are looking for men and women to join their program as volunteer mentors.

Mentors do not have to be specialists, but must devote four to eight hours per month. Volunteers are required to have two in-person contacts and two phone contacts per month. For more information or to sign up for training held from 6 p.m. Wednesdays, call Beaver Butte at 789-4191.

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63-34469 UNITED WATER IDAHO INC. V. WICKORY RIVER TRIBUTARY TO SNAKE RIVER (Point) of the Division L7 ADA CEN 514 T03N R02E ADA CEN 514 T03N R02E

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94-7389 GOLD CREEK MINES INC. V. WALLACE, ID 83873 (Point) of Division: BOISE 54 T4N ROSE SHOSHONIE COUNTY

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the 13th day of June, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, (reorganized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, Inc., 250 Third Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho...

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's Office, the address of 222 Elm Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

The above grantors are named to comply with SECTION 45-1506(d)(1), IDAHO CODE NO. 45-1506(d)(1) IS MORTGAGE TRUST. THE ABOVE GRANTORS 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 the terms of the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$410.19, due per month for the months of June through October, 2001 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge according to §15.20, uncollected late charges are due in the amount of \$10.00 per month, and the interest rate of adjustable rate, the current rate is 8.25% per annum, and continuing to accrue from May 31, 2001. The principal balance as of 5/15/02 is \$10,240.00. The interest rate of adjustable rate, the current rate is 8.25% per annum, and continuing to accrue from May 31, 2001. The principal balance as of 5/15/02 is \$10,240.00.

On May 21st, 2002, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, in the Office of First American Title Company, Inc., 250 Third Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, was set at 10:00 A.M. to sell the above real property in lawful manner of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and classified as follows to-wit:

Lot 2 in Block 4 of Golden Spur Subdivision No. 5, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 18 of Plats, Page 4. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 407 Golden Spur Drive, Filer, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the deed of trust covering the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 407 Golden Spur Drive, Filer, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the said real property.

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Published in the Times News on 02/21 & 02/22/02.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO WATER RIGHTS NOTICE is hereby given that two Applications for Transfer were filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources on 12/22/2001 by PICARD INVESTMENT CO., INC., PO BOX 248, PICARD RD #13344 for change to water rights within Blaine County, Application No. 69624 proposes to divert a combined total of 18.63 cfs from ground water (three existing wells) and Application No. 69626 proposes to divert a combined total of 2.74 cfs from existing Creek (Silver Creek) and Silver Creek tributary to Little Wood River. The purpose of the transfers is to modify the permissible place of use to include recently purchased ground. A total of 271.13 acres within the well and Application No. 69626 proposes to divert a combined total of 2.74 cfs from existing Creek (Silver Creek) and Silver Creek tributary to Little Wood River.

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CHEV '96 Camaro Top AT. Moving must sell \$1800/offer. 735-0488.

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CHEV '96 School Bus 15 passenger no plates, as where is, 423-4199 msg.

FORD '86 Windstar AT. AC. CD. 90K clean. \$5700/offer. 732-5498 or 308-5499.

CHEV '94 Impala, 2 door hardtop, new 350, 4 spd. cd. 1000. 208-788-9252.

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