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## MILLIONAIRE MONEY INSIDE

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# Students face drug tests



Drama students practice a scene from a play at Twin Falls High School on Monday. All TFHS students in extracurricular activities are now subject to random drug testing.

## T.F. board approves random urinalysis for activities

**By Robert Meyer**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The students would randomly drug test all students. However, a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision limits such tests to students participating in extracurricular activities. All students at Twin Falls High School involved in school-related activities — from the volleyball team to the Spanish club — will be subjected to random drug tests.

In fact, if they could, the School Board members at Monday evening's meeting said they would randomly drug test all students. However, a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision limits such tests to students participating in extracurricular activities. All students at Twin Falls High School involved in school-related activities — from the volleyball team to the Spanish club — will be subjected to random drug tests.

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## Centennial Commission eyes 'legacy projects'

**By Loretta Burkhardt**  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As the ink is beginning to dry on the schedule of events planned for the city's rapidly approaching 2004 centennial celebration, new task teams are busy narrowing down potential "legacy projects" that will last throughout the next century.

A major art project is also being considered by the Legacy Committee, to be put in Twin Falls City Park or at the north entrance to the city, McCurdy said.

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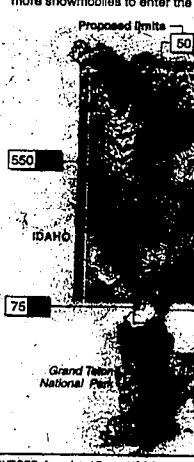
## Bush sets limits for Yellowstone snowmobiles

**The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines. The Bush administration plans to allow more snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks on average, while curbing numbers on the busiest days. The decision reverses one taken during the Clinton presidency that would have banned them by next winter.

### Snowmobile-capped peaks

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## Three states begin cleanup after deadly tornadoes

Storms kill 36 people over the weekend

**Los Angeles Times**

MOSSY GROVE, Tenn. — On the morning after, Tammy Pennington was looking for her kitchen. The rest of her trailer home she had found, more or less. Scraps of the frame were dangling from a tree. Other shards were strewn about a muddy field. She had even tracked down her sofa, her treadmill, her linoleum floor — or rather, their shredded remains. The kitchen, though, was gone.



Residents sift through the debris of Mossy Grove, Tenn., Monday after a deadly tornado traveled through the area earlier in the day. At least 36 people died in the storms and hundreds were injured. Scores of houses were obliterated, several manufacturing plants were destroyed.

**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

**Today:** Breezy with patchy clouds. Highs in the middle to upper 50s.  
**Tonight:** Increasingly cloudy with a slight chance of rain developing late. Lows in the lower to middle 30s.  
**Tomorrow:** Developing showers. Highs in the lower to middle 50s.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

**Today:** Partly cloudy, comfortable and breezy to windy at times. Highs in the lower to middle 50s.  
**Tonight:** Partly to mostly cloudy. A stray shower may pop up late at night. Lows in the 30s.  
**Tomorrow:** Mostly cloudy with areas of light rain expected. Highs from the upper 40s to lower 50s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 Mostly cloudy and breezy. Light valley rain and mountain snow will surface Wednesday.

**Today Highs 37 to 47. Tonight Lows 18 to 28**  
**BOISE** Breezy and mild with patchy clouds today. Becoming mostly cloudy and continued breezy Wednesday. Anticipate isolated rain showers to form.

**Today Highs/Lows 39 to 54 / 25 to 42**  
**NORTHERN UTAH** Partly cloudy, mild and dry today. Clouds, wind and rain will surface Wednesday. High elevation snow also possible.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 56 at Lewiston. Low: 18 at Starley. Weather key: S=sunny; B=partly cloudy; M=mostly cloudy; C=cloudy; R=rain; SH=showers; SN=snow; W=wind; F=fog; MZ=moderate; WZ=windy.

**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breezy with patchy clouds	Turning cloudy, a growing chance of rain	Developing showers	Cooler and moister	A crisp fall day	Partly cloudy
High 56	Low 35	51/33	48/30	52/32	48/31

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 47 Yesterday's Low: 34 Normal High/Low: 60/28 Record High/Low: 87/18	Month's to Date: 0.56" Avg. Month to Date: 0.48" Avg. Daily: 0.16" Total Precip. for Month: 5.56"	Yesterday Low: 60% Avg. Month to Date: 61% Avg. Daily: 61% Highest: 75% Lowest: 47%	Yesterday: 30.0 Normal: 30.0 Record: 29.9	Today: 7:29 AM Sunset: 5:18 PM

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	High	Low	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	50	37	pc	50	33
Burley	51	38	pc	52	34
Donnerstag	51	38	pc	52	34
Idaho Falls	47	34	pc	48	31
Malheur	47	34	pc	48	31
Shoshone	47	34	pc	48	31
Starley	47	34	pc	48	31
Timber Lake	47	34	pc	48	31
Wendover	47	34	pc	48	31
Yellowstone	47	34	pc	48	31

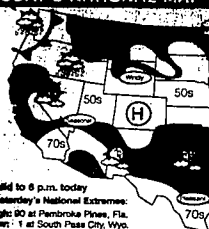
**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	High	Low	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	55	45	pc	55
Baltimore	50	40	pc	50
Boston	45	35	pc	45
Chicago	45	35	pc	45
Denver	45	35	pc	45
Detroit	45	35	pc	45
Houston	55	45	pc	55
Los Angeles	65	55	pc	65
Miami	75	65	pc	75
Minneapolis	45	35	pc	45
New York	45	35	pc	45
Phoenix	65	55	pc	65
Portland	55	45	pc	55
San Francisco	65	55	pc	65
Seattle	55	45	pc	55
Washington	45	35	pc	45

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	High	Low	Today	Tomorrow
London	55	45	pc	55
Paris	55	45	pc	55
Tokyo	65	55	pc	65
Sydney	75	65	pc	75
Auckland	85	75	pc	85
Wellington	85	75	pc	85

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**



**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	High	Low	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	38	18	pc	38
Edmonton	32	12	pc	32
Halifax	48	38	pc	48
Montreal	48	38	pc	48
Ottawa	48	38	pc	48
Regina	38	18	pc	38
Vancouver	58	48	pc	58
Winnipeg	38	18	pc	38

**Randy Hansen Chevrolet Cadillac**  
**Poleline At Blue Lakes North**

**Snowmobiles**

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 mobiles daily during the winter but up to 1,650 a day during holiday and other busy weekends. Both parks are in northwestern Wyoming, but Yellowstone also extends into Idaho and Montana, from where most snowmobilers enter the park.

The Interior Department planned to release an environmental impact statement Tuesday that details the proposal. The ceiling represents a compromise between unlimited access wanted by snowmobile makers and users and the ban sought by environmental groups and some Democrats in Congress.

"This is just a boon to the industry," said Kristen Brengel of The Wilderness Society, an environmental group. "This is not what the American public has been expecting."

But Idaho public lands director for Idaho-based Blue Ribbon Coalition, which advocates opening more public lands to recreational motor vehicles, said his group is satisfied with the peak-days ceiling, even though it might not reflect the rising popularity of snowmobiling in the parks in recent years.

"Clearly I don't think they're overreacting," he said, "but they're talking about one-third less numbers on peak days."

To minimize the impact and maximize safety, the regulations would require that 50 percent of the snowmobiles allowed in the two parks be led by commercial guides. Also, beginning next year commercially rented snowmobiles would have to have four-stroke engines, which are said to be quieter and less polluting. Private snowmobile owners could use traditional two-cycle engines

**On the Net**  
 National Park Service:  
<http://www.nps.gov/>  
 Wilderness Society:  
<http://www.wilderness.org/>  
 Blue Ribbon Coalition:  
<http://www.shartrail.org/>

until the 2004-2005 winter season.

No more than 950 snowmobiles would be allowed into Yellowstone National Park: 550 through the West entrance and 400 through the North entrance, both in Montana, and 250 through the South entrance and 100 through the East entrance, both in Wyoming.

Another 75 would be allowed into Grand Teton National Park through a snowmobile trail along the Conginental Divide and 75 more from a road along the Rockefeller parkway.

The Interior Department officials said their plan is based on a belief that four-stroke engines can significantly cut noise and reduce emissions of hydrocarbons by 50 percent and carbon monoxide by 70 percent.

They left open the possibility of adjusting the caps based on results from air quality and noise monitoring stations that will be installed in the parks. University and state contractors will be hired to collect data on air quality, noise and the effect on wildlife.

"This plan, in essence, stays away from the extremes," said Eric Ruff, an Interior Department spokesman. "It strikes a good balance. It protects resources and allows visitors a unique experience. It's never been managed like this before."

**Tornadoes**

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 ing plants were destroyed, uncounted cars and trucks and trailers were lifted, twisted and hurled into the raging funnel clouds that pulverized whole communities.

The band of tornadoes and accompanying thunderstorms stretched from Pennsylvania to Louisiana. They swept across the region in waves, from late Saturday to late Sunday, catching victims as they fled from church, as they huddled in their basements, as they tracked radar images of the violent weather on TV.

The death toll included 17 victims in Tennessee, 12 in Alabama, five in Ohio and one each in Pennsylvania and Mississippi. Scores of people were still unaccounted for late Monday - though no one could say whether they were buried under homes or simply unable to communicate because of downed phone lines.

"We want the prayers of everyone in the country," Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist said.

Touring this devastated mountain community by helicopter on a tauntingly sunny morning,

Sundquist said the twister that nailed Mossy Grove may well have been an F5 - the most severe classification on the Fujita scale. Such storms can pack winds topping 300 mph, though they account for just 1 percent of the roughly 1,000 tornadoes that hit the United States each year.

At least seven people were killed here in northwest Tennessee, including 73-year-old Marjorie Williams and her son Mike, 47, who lived side by side in homes that the wind ripped to splinters in the roaring confusion of the night.

An exhausted James Williams - Marjorie's son, Michael's brother - searched the wreckage on Monday afternoon, drawing on a cigarette. He set aside papers that looked important. He scavenged the block for his brother's prized gun collection. "Hard to believe," he mumbled.

"Unreal," he found an old-fashioned wooden telephone booth his brother had restored. It was about the only intact item in what was left of the house.

"I wish he could have been inside this," James Williams said, staring at the booth. "He might have made it."

**Projects**

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 As chairman of the commission's events committee, Lezamis supervises funding by taking charge of securing sponsorships for the city's proposed projects and scheduled events, and oversees the process of grant applications.

"Until now we met and went away... but (with a full-time executive) we have an office (where) we're more focused, visible, reachable... and can (more actively) contact people by virtue of her position," Maughan said.

Lezamis sees "community awareness" as a first step in making a lasting legacy possible.

"It's more than just having a big party," said Lezamis, who took the commission's top job to help coordinate celebration efforts,

"but it's (also) about getting the people involved."

While several preliminary organizational meetings have already transpired concerning a consensus of the events to be included in the centennial celebration, the biggest push is money.

"It's about finding the cash to make this thing go. We need capital to make the machine run," Maughan said.

For her part, Lezamis said she'll be busy raising money, planning and working with the community to pull off a memorable celebration.

"There's a lot to do in the next year," she said.

**Centennial schedule**

Event	Date	Possible budget
New Year's Eve Kickoff*	Dec. 31, 2003	\$25,000
Blessing of the water	April/May 2004	\$5,000
Weston Days	June 2004	\$25,000
Jazz in the Canyon	June 2004	\$10,000
Independence Day	July 2004	\$25,000
Art in the Park	June or July 2004	\$25,000
Air show	August 2004	\$5,000
Hispanic Heritage Celebration	August 2004	\$2,000
of Twin Falls	August 2004	\$2,000
Chamber's August Nite	Aug./Sept. 2004	\$10,000
Twin Falls County Fair	October 2004	\$25,000
Concluding event	October 2004	\$25,000

\*The New Year's Eve opening event has been planned as a dance/celebration to be held in the commons area of the Magic Valley Mall.

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**Drugs**

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 the first violation.

As the policy was originally worked, a student testing positive for the first time would be suspended from the school activity for two weeks. However, Allen said that would create an imbalance penalty for different activities. That is, two weeks off in a nine-week football season is more detrimental than two weeks off in a year-long cheerleading program.

He suggested a sanction of 10 days or 10 percent of the season - whichever is greater - for a first-time offender.

Molina feared the change would produce the illusion that the policy is more about punishment than about help.

"But Superintendent Terrell Donich said students are going to

view the policy as punishment anyway."

The board approved the stiffer penalty for first-time offenders.

"As a parent, I would think you would want them to have some kind of sanction that would make them sit up and take notice," said Board Chairwoman Vera Redman.

Despite the rhetoric of good intentions, High said random drug tests send the wrong message.

Random drug tests, by definition, presume a student is guilty and must be proven innocent, a reversal of the standard of justice in this country, High said.

Instead, he'd prefer an honor system similar to that practiced by the football team. In that sport, players sign a contract, agreeing to not use drugs during the football season.

Insulting a method would be less

something before I (urinate) in a cup because I want to know why. Nobody's just going to hand me a cup and say, 'Here, (urinate) in this,' because I'm not going to."

By refusing to take the test, however, High wouldn't be allowed to participate in the Drama Club or any other school activity.

But preventing any student from a school activity would have a reverse effect from what the board desires, senior Stephanie Poore said.

Students involved in drug use tend to not be involved in school activities and as such are the very people who could benefit most from such participation. Thus, random drug testing will not only cause away current students from participating in after-school events, Poore said; it will keep away the students who could benefit from them most.

"I think people will drop out of (school activities) just so they don't have to take it," Poore said. "Students should be tested if there's an apparent problem, like a student coming to school high or

drunk playing football."

But board member Del Traveller said because students involved in school activities represent the school, their responsibility is greater.

"The bar is raised a little bit more for our men, conduct-wise," he said.

Thus, regardless of whether there's a drug use problem, the policy needs to be in place as a preventive measure, he said.

Also on Monday, the board approved a \$24,000 expansion of surveillance cameras at all of the district's schools and at the district office, as well.

"We have had considerable success with the camera setup at the schools," Donich said.

All elementary schools will double their capacity, going from the current eight cameras to 16 in school to a potential 16 cameras. Many of those will be placed outside.

"Even the district office has not had cameras on the outside of the building."

"I think it is a good idea," Redman said.

**CORRECTION**

A story in Monday's paper incorrectly identified David Maestas, marketing director for BioCast, as the author of the article. The Times-News regrets the error.

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NATION

# Bush to vets: War may be necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a November tribute to soldiers of wars past, President Bush said Monday he will commit "the full force and might of the United States military" against Iraq if Saddam Hussein refuses to disarm swiftly.

As the rubber-stamping Iraqi parliament condemned a U.S.-backed United Nations resolution, Bush used two Veterans Day addresses to underscore his impatience.

"The time to confront this threat is before it arrives, not the day after," he told several dozen veterans during an East Room ceremony.

Behind the scenes, Bush has approved tentative Pentagon plans for invading Iraq should a new U.N. arms inspection effort fail to rid the nation of weapons of mass destruction. The strategy calls for a land, sea and air force of 200,000 to 250,000 troops, administration officials said, as they sought to build up pressure on Saddam to relent.

"We have to keep, in a sense, a gun pointed to the head of the Iraq regime because that's the only way they cooperate," Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, told National Public Radio's "The Tavis Smiley Show."

The talk of war grew to a crescendo just three days after the U.N. Security Council approved a tough new resolution with an unexpected 15-0 vote. Iraq



Honoring those who served in the wars of yesteryear, President Bush tells veterans he will lead America into a new battle if necessary to disarm Iraq, as he speaks at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., Monday.

has until Friday to accept the resolution that would send U.N. inspectors back to Baghdad after an absence of nearly four years with broad new powers to go anywhere at any time backed by the threat of force.

With the clock ticking, Bush traveled across the Potomac River to visit Arlington National Cemetery, lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, praise America's veterans and pledge his resolve against terrorism and Iraq.

"We will not permit a dictator who has used weapons of mass destruction to threaten America with chemical, biological or nuclear weapons," the president said.

# Independent leaves Dems in control of Senate for now

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dean Barkley said Monday he will not align with either party when he becomes Minnesota's interim senator, leaving Democrats in temporary Senate control during a postelection session that President Bush wants used to complete homeland security legislation.

White House and congressional aides, meanwhile, studied a staff-level proposal for ending an impasse over Bush's proposal to create a Homeland Security Department. Bush has said passage of the plan should be the top priority of the so-called lame-duck session, which starts Tuesday.

With pivotal lawmakers yet to sign off on the tentative plan — which was offered by Republicans — major hurdles remained that could extend the long-running dispute over the proposed agency. But the effort underlined just how serious legislators were taking Bush, who insisted last week that Congress not adjourn for the year until it enacts his plan.

The decision by Barkley, an independent, to remain neutral means Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., will continue in that post when the Senate convenes on Tuesday. Daschle will decide what bills the Senate debates until the GOP assumes control — probably later this month with the expected arrival of Republican Jim Talent, who

won a special Senate election in Missouri.

Senate Democrats have a 50-49 edge, including their support from the chamber's other independent, Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont. Had Barkley sat with Republicans, they would have become the majority because Vice President Dick Cheney could vote to break the resulting 50-50 tie.

"I am an independent, the governor who appointed me is an independent, and I believe the best way to serve the people of Minnesota is to remain independent," Barkley said in a written statement.

Barkley was appointed by independent Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura to fill the expired term of Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., who was killed in a plane crash Oct. 25. Ten days later, Republican Norm Coleman was elected to the seat for the new Congress that convenes Jan. 7.

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## EDITORIAL

### Leaders should shun post-election tax talk

**A** new and old lawmakers head to the North Idaho Chamber of Commerce tour, they undoubtedly will discuss the possibility of raising taxes this winter.

But that should be the last thought that comes to their minds. With the elections over, the term "tax increase" is no longer banished from politicians' lexicons. And the triannual north Idaho tour, organized to let down-state legislators observe life in the northern provinces, is the first big rendezvous for November's winners.

So don't be surprised if certain state leaders start embracing the tax-hike idea, even if it's a bad one. Idaho's economy may be heading toward recovery, but so far the rise is lethargic. The state is still looking at a revenue deficit between \$150 million and \$200 million for the fiscal 2003-2004 budget. Many economic sectors remain uncertain. The last thing workers and employers need is a beefier tax burden.

If legislators eventually do embrace tax increases, they should do so as a last resort, but not a first choice. Just as the governor's 47-member blue ribbon commission is doing, legislators participating in the northern legislative tour should put everything on the table.

A good place to start is with rollbacks in top-end state salaries. New legislators come to Boise with a mandate from voters to think new thoughts. And rollbacks are a good place to start.

The state has not thoroughly examined the idea of trimming

the state's highest salaries. Small cuts in top positions could generate significant savings.

State leaders might borrow a page from the campaign playbook of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jerry Brady. Brady proposed cutting 1 percent from all state programs except education. He also proposed a comprehensive review to bring \$40 million from government budgets.

Finding \$40 million may be overoptimistic. But surely some savings can be found. Legislators will have a tough task in funding education. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has already promised that "public schools and high-schoolers will not feel any further effects from this recession."

Protecting the ed budget is one thing; schools chief Marilyn Howard's proposed \$32 million increase is quite another. Some funding solutions should come from the state's school districts, many of which are holding out reserves and rainy-day funds.

Only after all cost-cutting options are exhausted should the state consider higher taxes. The lawmakers who already are promoting a "temporary" sales tax increase are fooling nobody. Temporary tax increases have a nasty way of becoming permanent.

Many local governments across the state already are raising taxes to cover unmet expenses. Now is not the time for the Legislature to further burden Idahoans.

This session may be the toughest in a generation for legislators. They need a firm resolve to protect those who pay the bills.

**I**f, as expected, House Democrats elect Rep. Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco as their new minority leader on Thursday (Nov. 14), they will have given Republicans two major victories in less than 10 days.

The first victory, on Election Day, gave Republicans control of Congress and the White House

for the first time in half a century. The second will come with the election of Pelosi as minority leader. It will allow Republicans to again invoke the image of Democrats as the big government, high-taxing, over-regulating, entitlement-establishing, unaccountable, irresponsible, run-of-the-mill, totalitarian-coddling, price-at-any-price, ACLU card-carrying, same-sex-marrying, unrestricted-abortion, anything-goes philosophy of the Dukakis-Montale-McGovern extreme left wing of their party.

Rep. Martin Frost (D-Texas), who briefly sought to challenge Pelosi for the leadership job, said, "To be successful (Democrats) must speak to the broad center of the country... The battleground seats... are swing, marginal, moderate and conservative areas. If we want to write off those seats, we are just to say, 'We want to be to the left, and we want to be pure,' we will be a permanent minority party."

In what could be an epitaph for Democrats in the 2004 election and beyond should Democrats refuse to isolate their left wing, Frost added, "It's a question of being pure all the time, just standing by certain fundamental beliefs and never compromising, we will be in a minority party for the foreseeable future, and we will have less Democrats than we do today."

Frost endorsed Pelosi when he saw that she had the votes, but his analysis is correct.



Cal Thomas

Pelosi's voting record is a classic in liberal profiling. For the past two years, the liberal Americans for Democratic Action gave her a 100 percent rating. The same 100 percent approval came from the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL). Pelosi supports abortion on demand at any time, for any reason. She has voted against a measure to outlaw the procedure known as partial birth abortion, which sucks the brains from a fully developed baby as he/she emerges from the birth canal. She voted against a bill that would outlaw transportation of minors across state lines for the purpose of obtaining an abortion unless it was to protect the girl's life.

Pelosi wants the federal government to offer marital status to any type of human relationship. Six years ago, she was quoted in the San Francisco Examiner as saying "Should you find yourself in a situation where your child or close

relatives or close friends find solace, happiness, confidence, love and support in a relationship that's appropriate for them, wouldn't you want them to have the legal recognition they deserve?"

Democrats have been without new ideas for so long that for their party bankruptcy would be a step up. All they do is whine and complain about Republican "extremists" and demagogue about the elderly, race and class. Their religion is big government. The government is their shepherd, they shall not grow old. They are not discriminated against, the angry and ignored walk through the valley of the shadow of poverty. Democrats will be there comforting them with entitlement checks and empathy. Their lives won't improve, but to Democrats independence and self-sufficiency mean the end of their political power.

New York Times culture columnist Frank Rich last Saturday (Nov. 10) offered his remedy for the disease afflicting the Democratic Party: "A unified vision composed of actual policies and principles, as opposed to knee-jerk liberal dogma; energetic, cynical political strategies; and anti-Bush winning, is now required."

It may be required, but Pelosi and the rest of her special interest-satisfying, Fidel Castro wing of the Democratic Party aren't about to go there. They would rather be left than president. If Republicans plan their strategy right, Democrats will surely get their wish in two years and possibly for some time to come.

The late GOP Chairman Lee Apatow could beat this San Francisco Democrat with both of his blues guitar-playing hands behind his back.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

## Parents need info to protect working kids

**O**n May 16, 1996, convicted rapist Corey Hood raped and murdered her 17-year-old daughter, Wendy. Wendy had been employed at a car wash in Burley, Idaho. The car wash manager knew that Hood was a convicted sex offender on probation. Hood's probation officer warned the car wash manager that Hood was not to be alone with children. Nevertheless, the car wash manager assigned Hood as Wendy's supervisor. The car wash did not tell Wendy or her family what it knew about Hood. A Twin Falls jury found that the car wash bore 20 percent of the blame for Wendy's death.

The Idaho Supreme Court recently overturned our verdict, holding that the car wash had no duty to anticipate "what had consequences might result from placing Hood where he would have contact with a minor girl."

Idaho, like most states, has Registration Notification and Community Right-to-Know Act.

### READER COMMENT

Beverly Hunter

I adopted a version of "Megan's Law" that requires registration of convicted sex offenders. Idaho's version of Megan's Law is called the "Sexual Offender."

Registration Notification and Community Right-to-Know Act. Ironically, however, the law contains loopholes that make it next to impossible for a parent to protect a child from a known sex offender in the workplace. The act does not permit anyone to find out the name of a sex

offender's employer. The act exempts employers from any duty to ask or tell if an employee working with children is a registered sex offender. It also immunizes any employer from liability for failing to tell children or their parents if it knowingly employs a registered sex offender.

Understandably, most employers will not give out the names and addresses of their employees, so as a practical matter, parents cannot find out if their children are working with convicted sex offenders. Because of this loophole in the law, if a child gets an after-school or summer job with a large employer, a parent has no practical way of knowing if the child is working with a convicted sex offender. Our family learned, too late, that the same business that hire children often hires known convicts on probation and parole that can only get low-paying jobs.

Tragic as our loss has been,

Wendy's death will not be in vain if it serves to alert other parents so that they can act to protect their children. In the name of our beloved daughter, Wendy, we ask our fellow Idahoans to contact their legislators and demand that the loopholes in Megan's Law (the "Community Right-to-Know Act") be closed. In honor of our daughter, we would like this amendment to the act to be called "Wendy's Law."

Employers who knowingly employ convicted sex offenders to work with children must be required to inform the children and their parents so that we can act to protect our children. We hope that Idaho legislation will lead the nation in strengthening Megan's Law to protect effectively children in the workplace. To learn more, please visit [www.wendyslaw.com](http://www.wendyslaw.com).

Beverly Hunter lives in Challis.

## LETTER

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thousand-cow dairies eligible for taxpayer handouts of more than \$30 per head just because they consider feed prices too high. It just hope some of that money gets passed on to the hay farmers around here when they sell to Mr. Olmstead's buddies.

It is also true that the Idaho Rangeland Council and some of its members have been active trying to protect family farmers, ranchers and rural residents from the consequences of industrialized dairies. Many of their problems might be solved if mega dairies were sited where they won't turn people's lives upside down. It seems like dairies and their neighbors were getting along fine until

the mega dairies moved in. Unfortunately, many in Mr. Olmstead's group seem to have the attitude that we here in Idaho just need to catch up with folks in California where mega dairies have been accepted as "King" if they are to be king, when does that leave the rest of us?

By the way, Mr. Olmstead's letter did not mention he was executive director of Milk Producers of Idaho. An oversight by the editor?

RICH CARLSON  
File:  
Editor's note: Yes, we unfortunately overlooked that we didn't change the crush of pre-election letters. Our apologies.

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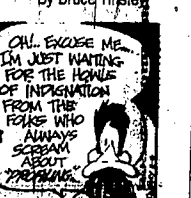
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# Colin Powell comes out on top

**W**hen have you seen Colin Powell? Those words appeared on the cover of a leading weekly magazine the week before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. They summed up what many wondered about the secretary of state as he seemed to be keeping internal Bush administration debates on a re-orientation from missile defense to engagement with North Korea to mid-level peace negotiations to climate change.

**MICHAEL O'HANLON**

Well, Powell appears to be back. With the U.N. Security Council's agreement on an Iraq resolution, Colin Powell has carried the day on what may be the most important national security debate of the Bush presidency. The resolution would preserve American freedom of action to go to war if absolutely necessary, while also creating a strong, united international front.

For a secretary of state concerned with America's diplomatic seal in the world, for a former soldier who would rather not see his military have to fight a necessary war unless absolutely necessary and for a hawk who nonetheless wants American security protected and Iraq denuclearized, no outcome could be better.

It began to be apparent that Powell was winning the internal administration debate when President Bush gave his Sept. 12 speech to the United Nations. The chief thrust of that speech was to push for a final, U.N.-sponsored ultimatum demanding that Hussein accept rigorous inspections and comply with disarmament demands — or else. To be sure, Powell had helped from the elder President Bush, Tony Blair and others in making his case against those who favored prompt unilateral war to unseat Hussein. But he appears to have been the only chief member of the administration pushing for a strategy that could possibly avert war and avoid America's international iso-



lation. Giving inspections one last try was exactly the outcome Vice President Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld feared most. They had spent the summer declaring Hussein undeterrable and a mortal danger to the United States. If inspections resumed, they thought, the United States would likely get one of two outcomes: Either Hussein would appear to comply with international demands, inspectors would find no illicit weapons or technologies, and pressure would mount to lift sanctions on an unrepentant dictator who still possessed his vast arms. Or Hussein would gradually start thwarting inspectors, causing diplomatic fissures between the United States and its allies while holding out for the best deal on his weapons. Neither official seemed to countenance the possibility that inspections could be toughened in the ways the Bush administration has promoted since the Sept. 12 speech. Administration hardliners surely did not like the decision to give inspections a final try, but at least they could take heart in all the other demands Bush placed on Hussein in his speech — that

Kuwaiti prisoners be returned, Iraqi human rights practices be improved and so on. Surely Hussein would fail to comply, thereby providing ample grounds for war one way or another. If that was their hope, it quickly faded. Powell was warning Congress that while much about Hussein's regime was reprehensible, only his weapons of mass destruction could justify a U.S. invasion. Intelligence agencies, backed up by the State Department, were also challenging continued assertions by Rumsfeld about strong links between Hussein and al-Qaida. Then the president declared, in a speech Oct. 7, that he still hoped to avoid war, and he uttered his important phrase "Saddam Hussein must disarm himself — or, for the sake of peace, we will lead a coalition to disarm him." The first part of the sentence made clear that war was neither imminent nor inevitable. Bush made it clear he was focused on the weapons issue and that alone as a justification for war.

But how do we know that these are not all tactics, designed to provide multilateral camouflage for an administration plan for a largely unilateral war? That seems highly improbable, despite the continued flow of military supplies to the Persian Gulf. Congress, close allies such as Britain and the Arab states, and the American people have supported a tough policy toward Iraq based principally on concern about weapons of mass destruction. Bush would lose much of their support if he went to war now for other reasons. And once they begin, successful inspections will develop a momentum of their own — especially if they can provide good assurances that Iraq's nuclear weapons program, the hardest to hide from inspectors, has been arrested. Of course, Hussein may still miscalculate, and war may still occur. But there is also a real possibility that the president, together with his secretary of state, will achieve a peaceful outcome in Iraq that rewrites the books on coercive diplomacy — as well as the early histories about who really calls the shots in this administration.

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## LETTER

### Use your control carefully, Republicans

Open letters to Republican winners: Congratulations on your victory in this off-year election and a great voter turnout. I hope you do not get over-confident and arrogant and rest on your laurels.

I believe your support came from people who are already fed up with arrogance, people who wanted to show support for President Bush (and I'm so glad to use a capital P now), from people who want to see conservatism in action, who want to see the tax reduction made permanent, people who want our country (not government) to be strong in the face of adversity, people who want our borders to be secure, who

want to see our country proud but not arrogant, peace-loving but not weak, charitable but not suckers to bureaucratic waste. Many, like myself, will support you if you truly represent our interests and stand up for what you believe in even if we do not agree with you 100 percent of the time.

As Ben Franklin said when asked what kind of government the Continental Congress had given us: "We have given you a Republic ... if you can keep it." Legislators, you have the state of Idaho, the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, the White House. The ball is in your court. How much of our republic can you restore? JOHN L. THEBERT Twin Falls

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## Oregon voters dump Hillary-style health care

CONRAD F. MEIER

Oregon residents went to the ballot Nov. 5 to decide whether to be the first to test the nation's first broadly applied single-payer health system. By a nearly 4-1 margin, they voted to slow down, making a lesson from other states like Tennessee, Kentucky and Washington that have tried limited versions of the single-payer scheme with disastrous results.

The defeat of this measure in Oregon and the history of how it was promoted by its backers should provide lessons to other states considering a similar system. "Oregon Health Care For All" advocates promised medical care for everyone, but experience said they couldn't deliver on what they themselves considered an "audacious" promise. Just like England's National Health Service, the end result would have been lousy health care for all and an unending demand for higher taxation.

The initiative known as Measure 23 would have created a health plan covering 100 percent of medically necessary health care costs with no deductibles and no out-of-pocket expenses. Prescription drugs, preventive care, mental health services, long-term care, dental and vision care, and many alternative therapies would also have been fully covered.

The proposal required creating an operating fund financed by a personal income tax increase capped at 8 percent and employer taxes assessed at 11.5 percent of payroll, reduction of current state and federal funding for Medicare and Medicaid to the single-payer plan, which, by the way, had not been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

A major turning point in the debate was the release of an independent study commissioned by the American Association of Health Plans, which showed the Oregon plan would lead to substantially higher medical costs,

increased taxes, and decreased health benefits due to the application of cost-containment measures.

The study estimated the Oregon single-payer plan would have required additional annual revenues of \$14.5 billion to \$21.4 billion, or \$4,000 to \$5,900 per Oregon individual and \$10,000 to \$15,000 per household.

The payroll and income tax increases permitted under Measure 23 would have raised approximately \$11 billion in revenue — and would have created an estimated shortfall of a minimum \$3.5 billion. The shortfall could have been as high as \$10 billion if higher payroll taxes caused some businesses to reduce investment in the state and some citizens to relocate to lower-tax states.

Oregon's advocates of socialized medicine, like their counterparts in other states, blamed "market failures" for rising health care costs, the loss of patients' rights, waste, and fraud. They failed to understand that previous government interventions are largely responsible for the current dysfunctional health care market dysfunction.

Oregon's patients' bill of rights law, mental health parity law, guaranteed issue, community rating laws, and hundreds of unneeded benefit mandates have made state one of the most over-regulated health care and health insurance markets in the nation.

This toxic regulatory cocktail drove many private insurers out of the state and encouraged many people to remain without health insurance until they need it. This caused health insurance premiums to soar, resulting in some 400,000 uninsured citizens.

Less than a month before the vote, a Portland Tribune poll showed supporters and opponents of the measure split almost evenly, testimony to the public's frustra-

tion with rising costs and less control over their health care.

Advocates of the Oregon initiative claimed that sufficient funding, their state could do what had never been done before: socialize the cost of health care without needing to impose price controls and other kinds of rationing.

At best, their single-payer system would have resembled the managed care system Oregonians say they hate, but without the innovation and accountability that come from competition.

At worst, their plan would have resembled Medicare, where seniors rightly complain about all the time. The Oregon voters made the right decision in signing this measure to the scrap heap of big government "solutions" to problems in our health care system.

Potential presidential candidates should take note: American voters almost certainly will hammer home that lesson again if

confronted with a similar ballot choice in their states.

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### Findings strengthen terror group's link to Bali blasts

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Investigators revealed Monday that the top suspect in the Bali blasts studied under the alleged spiritual leader of the Jemaah Islamiyah terror network, which has links to al-Qaida.

The announcement strengthens allegations, voiced by several foreign intelligence agencies, that Jemaah Islamiyah was responsible for the Oct. 12 night-club bombings that killed more than 190 people in one of Asia's most frequented tourist spots.

Monday's announcement by two of Indonesia's top security officials further suggests the suspect identified as Amrozi, who authorities say has confessed, was a close associate of the cleric, Abu Bakar Bashir. They also said Amrozi held four planning meetings in Bashir's hometown. The 64-year-old Muslim cleric

has also been detained but on different charges. A Jakarta court on Monday ordered his detention to continue after rejecting his appeal for unlawful arrest.

Police also arrested two more men in Amrozi's home village of Tenggelan and, based on testimony from one of them, uncovered a weapons-cache near the village containing an M-16 automatic rifle, two pistols and ammunition.

Amrozi's position in the organization remains unclear. Police say as many as 10 of Amrozi's accomplices, including three of his brothers, are likely in hiding, possibly in neighboring countries.

And Jemaah Islamiyah's alleged operations chief, a Muslim cleric named Ridwan Isamudin — also known as Hambali — is still at large.

### Policemen sustain injuries during anti-nuke protest

DANNENBERG, Germany — Anti-nuclear activists staged a parade through this north German town near a nuclear waste dump Monday, and two police officers were injured in a skirmish with demonstrators.

Police said most of the approximately 1,000 protesters demonstrated peacefully against a shipment of 12 containers of atomic waste that left the reprocessing plant at La Hague, France, Monday night.

The train was expected to reach the French-German border this afternoon. The shipment is the largest yet for dumping at Gorleben.

About 15 Greenpeace activists wearing white jumpsuits protested at the Valognes, France, train terminal as the 1,455 ton shipment left northern France.

**Students boycott classes, protest death sentence**  
TEHRAN, Iran — Thousands of

university students and some teachers boycotted classes Monday to protest the death sentence imposed on a prominent professor convicted of handling Islam and questioning hard-line clerics.

Enraged students at Tarbiat-Modarres University, where Hashem Aghajari taught history, took to the streets to denounce what they described as the "medieval" verdict against their professor.

Aghajari, detained in August, was found guilty of insulting the Prophet Muhammad and questioning the hard-line clergy's interpretation of Islam. He was informed of the guilty verdict and death sentence last week.

**Milosevic trial proceeds, despite demands for lawyer**  
THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Slobodan Milosevic on Monday rejected prosecutors' demands that the War Crimes tribunal

**World in brief**

appoint him a lawyer, saying he would keep defending himself despite his failing health.

Milosevic, 61, suffers heart problems and high blood pressure. His poor health has already delayed proceedings by several months since he was brought to The Hague in June 2001.

Milosevic said the proposal by the prosecution was "completely illegal, absurd and evil-minded."

Chief U.N. prosecutor Carla Del Ponte asked the court Friday to appoint him defense lawyer after Presiding Judge Richard May asked both sides to submit ideas

for speeding up Milosevic's trial. It is likely to arrive into 2004.

**Mexico destroys coffee to halt falling prices**  
ACAPULCO, Mexico — Mexican coffee growers ground 8.4 million pounds of low-quality beans into fertilizer as part of an international effort to halt plunging coffee prices.

The 63,000 sacks of coffee destroyed Sunday came from across the country, but much of it was from the southern state of Guerrero, one of Mexico's major coffee-growing regions. Mexico exports about 1 million sacks of coffee each year.

"This action complies with the commitment Mexico made along with Central and South American countries and is a firm message to the world that we do what we say we will do," said Roberto Gleason, president of the Mexican Coffee Board. — compiled from wire reports

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### AROUND THE VALLEY

#### ISP: ATV wreck puts youth in hospital

**SHOSHONE** - A 17-year-old Twin Falls boy was in stable condition late Monday after suffering injuries Sunday in an all-terrain vehicle crash, according to the Idaho State Police.

Eric Hall was riding a 2001 Polaris ATV on Thorn Creek Road north of Shoshone at about 3:14 p.m. Sunday when he lost control after rounding a curve and rolled into a mud puddle. The ATV rolled and landed on top of him, according to an ISP report. The chin strap on his helmet was not buckled, and the helmet was torn off in the crash, according to the ISP.

After the accident, he was taken by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

#### Fire causes only minor damage to T.F. home

**TWIN FALLS** - A trailer house fire that started just after 6 p.m. Sunday caused little damage, and the home should be inhabitable after only minor repairs, an area fire chief said.

The exact cause of the fire was still under investigation Monday, but it apparently started outside next to the trailer, said Salmon Truss Rural Fire Protection District Chief Rod Davis. Nobody was hurt in the fire, which damaged a trailer owned by Bill Dobson at 3505 U.S. Highway 93 south of Twin Falls, Davis said.

#### Group plans for human rights programs

**TWIN FALLS** - The Association of Idaho Cities has scheduled a series of programs around the state regarding "Human Rights, Justice and Hope." A meeting for the Magic Valley area will be held Jan. 22, 2003.

A pre-planning meeting will be held Wednesday at the KMYT Community Room, with an afternoon session at 1 p.m. and an evening session at 7 p.m. to accommodate people wishing to attend. Each city is asked to send a group of five to ten people to help decide the future training needs for the cities.

Discussion will focus on these possible topics for the January meeting: undoing racism; leadership; community relations and community building; peaceful conflict resolution; racial profiling; hate crime; history of human rights in Idaho; law enforcement community discussions; and faith community discussions.

Interested community members from throughout the Magic Valley are welcome to attend, including college students and older high school students.

For more information, call Chet Bardett at 735-9927.

#### CSI offers workshop for potential students

**TWIN FALLS** - The College of Southern Idaho will have a workshop for those considering going back to school.

Participants will learn about the services available at CSI, financial aid resources and college procedures. Parents are welcome to explore the myths that prevent adults returning to college from reaching their goals. The workshop will be 1:30 to 4 p.m.

This free workshop is designed for any person who is considering college classes, either full or part time, and is not sure of where to start or what resources are available.

Register by Thursday by calling 732-6680 or 1-800-680-0274, ext. 6680.

#### Blaine rec district hires marketing specialist

**HARLEY** - Dave Keir has been selected as the new marketing and development specialist for the Blaine County Recreation District.

In this new role, he will seek sponsors and funding for the youth and adult programs the district offers.

Nearly two-thirds of the district's funding must be raised through sponsors, user fees and donations because of a 3 percent cap on tax funding.

Keir moved to Harley earlier this year from Boise, where he worked as membership services coordinator, youth and teen director and coordinator for the annual support campaign of the Boise YMCA.

He was chosen by the Boise Family YMCA's Employee of the Year and as one of KTVB's Channel 7 "Seven's Heroes" for his work to help raise money for the Community House, which serves the homeless in the Boise area. He has earned a master's degree in recreation administration from the University of Northern Colorado.

## Legislators disagree over ISU impact

### Will wins by Democrats hurt university funds?

**POCATELLO** - The co-chairmen of the Legislature's budget committee disagree over an outgoing Republican state senator's warning that last week's Democratic victories in southeastern Idaho will hurt funding for Idaho State University.

"It sets us back 10 to 12 years," said Sen. Evan Frasure, R-Pocatello, who did not seek reelection to the Senate and instead waged an unsuccessful secretary of state campaign.

"This was a nightmare finish for Idaho State University. I

worked my heart out for 12 years for that university, and to see no voice from the majority in our area is going to be devastating," he said.

Bannock County elected Democrats to all six of its legislative seats last Tuesday, including Rep. Ken Kunz of Pocatello, who tried to unseat appointed Sen. Bert Marley of McCammon.

Frasure and others say that when the GOP-dominated budget committee has to choose between spending money in a Republican or Democratic district, Republicans will spend along party lines.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, co-chairman of the budget committee, agrees with Frasure's assessment.

"I am fond of ISU and try to treat them well, but it's absolutely right that there is some loss of clout," Cameron said.

But Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, who co-chairs the budget committee, disagreed.

"Just because we don't live in Pocatello doesn't mean we don't feel there is a fairness issue," Bell said. "Kent Kunz was a strong supporter for ISU, and I plan on Marley and whomever else being strong but fair as



Sen. Dean Cameron  
Rep. Maxine Bell

representation we did have, I am not so sure they were any more effective."

Marley sees great benefits for Bannock County under a unified delegation.

"We have six legislators who have nothing else to focus on except Bannock County. They don't have to worry about American Falls or anywhere else, just Bannock County," he said.

Voters in some other college towns, such as Moscow and Lewiston, also installed more Democrats this year. The election came on the heels of the Legislature's approval last winter of a 10 percent budget reduction for higher education.

## UNLOCKING THE GRIDLOCK



A student climbs into a vehicle in a long line of double-parked cars on Third Avenue East. Because of traffic problems created by parents picking up their children, the City Council is considering a proposal to change the parking on the street to create more spaces.

### School district, city plan street changes at Bickel

**By Julie Pence Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** - About 3 p.m. every school day on the residential streets near Bickel Elementary School, chaos repeats itself.

People coming to pick up kids double- and triple-park their vehicles in the middle of the road behind the school. Parents wave their kids to their cars, paying no heed to crosswalks or the danger of children walking

behind vehicles with their engines running. And drivers, oblivious to the potential of children dashing out unexpectedly into the middle of the street, weave through the one-lane traffic without slowing down from the 20 mph school zone speed limit.

Linda Bancroft, who lives on the northwest corner diagonal from the school, is raising her granddaughter, Myranda. She refuses the let the kindergarten walk to school by herself.

"I will not allow her to cross the crosswalk by herself," Bancroft said Monday when she pointed to the inherent dangers of the area that are increased by a fair amount of law-breaking during the hours that people drop off and pick up children.

Earlier this school year Bancroft and other neighborhood residents took it upon themselves to lecture safety to parents and grandparents who weren't using safe driving practices.

"But some of them started swearing at us and calling us obscene names," Bancroft said.

Bickel Principal Kelli Schroeder said she later fielded phone calls from those same parents and grandparents complaining about the lectures. She said they didn't like the neighbors' approach, but Schroeder said she told them bad language wasn't the right approach, either.

In an effort to reduce the confusion and danger in the streets

## Hospital looks at patient approval

**By Sandy Miller Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's emergency room staff has proven that the things that mean a lot - like making contact with patients soon after they walk through the emergency room doors and following up with them after they leave.

The result has been that although the emergency room is getting ready to burst at the seams, its patient satisfaction scores are going through the roof.

The Hospital Board Monday got a look at the hospital's latest service excellence report.

The emergency room saw 3,783 more patients than it had expected to from October 2001 through September 2002, much of which was due to the hospital's January purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital and the closing of that facility's emergency room.

But even with higher patient numbers, the report showed emergency room patient satisfaction in the 94th percentile, up from the 72nd percentile on the last report.

"The ER staff are champions," said Hospital Board member Dave Johnson, chairman of the board's Quality Committee. "They're doing a tremendous job."

Emergency room staff members have had to make the best of treating more patients in a cramped space while waiting for the hospital to begin a \$3.69 million renovation that will include adding 12,700 square feet to the last report.

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### Former principal files suit against school district

**By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer**

**RUPERT** - Nancy Kuna, the former Heyburn Elementary School principal, and her husband are suing the Minidoka County School District, the superintendent, school board, two district employees and four other people.

The Kuna's complaint follows a July 30 notice of tort claim filed against the school district. District officials didn't respond to that notice within 90 days, which opened the door for litigation.

School district attorney Jessica Walker said Monday she was aware of the lawsuit but hasn't filed. Twin Falls attorneys Stephanie Fassett and Richard Worst filed the complaint Wednesday for the Kuna's.

Nancy Kuna resigned from the school district in July after she was somewhat abruptly reassigned from her job in Heyburn

to the post of assistant principal at Minidoka High School.

The Kuna's don't specify a dollar amount in the complaint, but seek redress for breach of contract, violation of Nancy Kuna's rights as a professional and certified employee of an Idaho school, violation of her constitutional, civil, due process and statutory rights, defamation, intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress and loss of consortium.

The complaint seeks attorney fees and the costs of the lawsuit, compensatory damages in an amount determined at trial - to include salary and other compensation Nancy Kuna would have earned from the time she was discharged until judgment is entered, and from that date until such time as she reasonably could be expected to find a similar job - damages for emotional distress and injury to her personal and professional reputation, damages for Robert Kuna's loss of consortium and companionship of his wife, and any other

## M-C beets escape frost damage

**Despite setbacks, yield is still average**

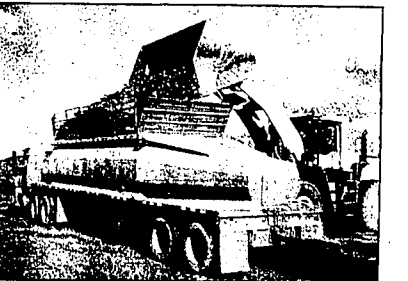
**By Nate Johnson Times-News writer**

**BURLEY** - Heavy frosts in the spring and fall bracketed the sugar beet growing season this year, but Mini-Cassia farmers still produced a good crop, officials say.

Two spring freezes forced many Mini-Cassia farmers to replant their fields, and the ground froze again two weeks ago, with some beets still in the ground. The recent cold snap slowed work and forced workers to concentrate on moving the frost-damaged beets, said John Schorr, agricultural manager for the Amalgamated Sugar plant in Paul. Yet the yield per acre is about average, and sugar content is higher than last year.

On Monday, about 1,500 acres of the 125,000 acres of sugar beets contracted for this year in Mini-Cassia were still in the ground.

In Mini-Cassia, farmers harvested an average of 24.3 tons of sugar beets per acre, down from



James Frost dumps beets into a semi-tractor trailer at a Mini-Cassia sugar beet dump Monday. Beet dump operators are loading frozen beets first, to get them processed before they rot.

25 tons per acre last year, Schorr said.

The sugar content in beets this year is running slightly above 17 percent, which is good, Schorr said. Last year, local beets had an average sugar content of 16.5 percent.

The market for sugar beets is good, Schorr said. He expects the Paul plant to contract for about the same number of acres next year.

With practiced motion, James

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Police arrest ex-candidate after standoff

NEW PLYMOUTH (AP) - Falled Libertarian candidate for governor Daniel Adams was arrested Sunday afternoon after a six-hour standoff with police.

"We made the decision to hit him with the taser, but he used the sword to cut the wire, then he lunged toward the officer," Cordes said.

Adams, 31, earned 2 percent of vote in his unsuccessful campaign against Governor Dirk Kempthorne.

Indian doctor: Tribes should take charge of own health care

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Swiftly spreading diabetes among American Indians shows vividly that tribes need to take the initiative for their own health care rather than count on government programs or other outside help, an Indian doctor said Monday.

Congress has established a \$400 million program to combat diabetes among Indians, launching 350 new programs, many of which focus on prevention.

Patricia Cochran, executive director of the Alaska Native Science Commission, said the approach makes patients feel more at home at the Alaska Native Health Center in Anchorage.

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TWIN FALLS



Robert Allen Smith 'Grouchy'

A kind and thoughtful man who will be deeply missed by his family, friends and fellow riders left this earth to ride his Harley in the sky Thursday, November 7, 2002.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Doris Baker in 1972.

WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.

George Kenneth Lemke

George Kenneth Lemke, 78, San Francisco Bay Area Investment Broker for over 45 years, died November 9th, 2002, at Walnut Creek, California.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Beulah Pekkala Shaw, Astoria, Oregon, and father, Anthony Lemke, New York, N.Y.

He had been awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with the three bronze stars in recognition of his service in the United States Army during World War II.

WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.

George Kenneth Lemke

Oral was a true cowboy. His rodeo horses were Cracker, Senator, Keno and McClood. He herded cattle on cattle-ranches from Sandy Centers, Nevada to south of Hanson, Idaho.

Oral is survived by his wife of 54 years, Margaret Lemke, nee Evans, of Twin Falls, son, Evan Lemke of San Francisco, CA and daughter, Tina Lemke, New York, NY.

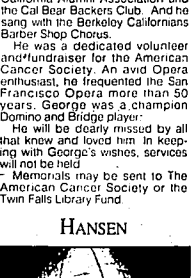
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Robert Alvin 'Bob' Hoagland

Robert Alvin "Bob" Hoagland, 70, a Gooding resident and former of Wendell, died Sunday, November 10, 2002, at his residence.

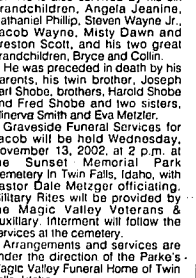
HANSEN



Jacob Oral Shobe

Jacob Oral Shobe died peacefully at his home, Saturday, November 9, 2002, after an illness.

TWIN FALLS



Elinor 'Nell' Jewel Wood

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DEATH NOTICES

Braydon Nelson Andrew BURLLEY - Braydon Nelson Andrew, 11-year-old son of Annalee Wolfe Andrew and Richard Andrew of Burley, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002.

Mary H. Clark GLENN'S FERRY - Mary H. Clark, 91, of Glenn's Ferry, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at the Elmore Medical Center Nursing Home.

Irma Daffin Havens TWIN FALLS - Irma Daffin Havens, 90, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002 at her home.

Melvin Shaw Jones WENDELL - Melvin Shaw Jones, 86, of Wendell, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, at his home.

will follow in the Wendell Cemetery. Friends may sign the register book from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Demary's Wendell Chapel and from 10 a.m. until the time of the service Thursday at the church.

Thelma Shawner JEROME - Thelma Shawner, 89, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2002. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Edward Joe Brainard KETCHUM - Edward Joe Brainard, 73, of Ketchum died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, at his home.

Steven Dewey Higgins of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Walter 'Hugo' Bailey HAILEY - Walter 'Hugo' Bailey, 64, of Hailey died Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, at Blaine, Manor in Hailey.

Clarence Elwood Cox Jr. JEROME - Clarence Elwood Cox Jr., 68, of Jerome died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, at the VA Hospital in Seattle, Wash. Arrangements are pending and will be announced.

Joe Onelda of Shoshone, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Baptist Church, 205 E. Fifth, Shoshone, rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

SERVICES

Helene B. Scheer of Jerome, Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church; interment will follow at the Jerome Cemetery (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome).

Letha Mae Jones Hall of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls LDS Church on Eastland Avenue; entombment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Thelma Nan Moon of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Hailey.

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# Twin Falls hospice agency seeks volunteers

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - November 11 National Home Health and Hospice Month, and agencies like Idaho Home Health and Hospice are trying to get the word out about the vital services they provide.

"They're also looking for volunteers to help serve terminally ill people in their homes."

"Hospice is not a place, but a concept of care."  
"The care we provide in the home allows families to be together when they need it most," said Gloria Mischak, hospice director for Idaho Home Health and Hospice. "Often we hear families say, 'I wish we would have had your hospice staff come in sooner. We waited too long and tried to do it all our-

## Hospice volunteers needed

Idaho Home Health and Hospice is looking for hospice volunteers this week and next week for people who would like to become hospice volunteers.

- **Where they're needed:** Volunteers are sought in Twin Falls and Rupert. What they do: Volunteers work with people at the ends of their lives and with their families. Volunteers help with physical care, errands and chores. Most importantly, hospice volunteers provide emotional support.

Here's some information about this week's training sessions, which are being held in the Idaho Home Health

and we became stressed and over-burdened." Our hospice

and Hospice conference room at 826 Eastland Drive. Dates and times for next week's training sessions are still in the process of being scheduled.

• **Tonight, 5:30 to 7 - Evelyn Malton,** a certified social worker, will talk about family dynamics and role playing.

• **Thursday, 2:30 to 5 p.m. - Rhea Lanting,** a family service and consumer science educator, will discuss stress management. For more information on becoming a hospice volunteer, call Volunteer Coordinator Susan Harris at 734-4081 or 1-800-540-4081.

staff helps relieve the burdens that are associated with caring

for a terminally ill individual."

Mischak said even though hospice patients are battling diseases or degenerative old age, they still deserve dignity and respect. That's where hospice volunteers come in.

"Kindness, caring, dignity, respect, compassion, a listening ear. These things are most important when helping a hospice patient," Mischak said.

A person is eligible to receive hospice care when his physician has determined that the patient has six months or less to live. Many patients live beyond six months and receive hospice care until their deaths, or, in some cases, when they recover.

Hospice services are covered by private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, workers compensation and veterans' benefits.

# Family Literacy Week offers many activities

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - What kind of pajamas does Burley mayor... The community might find out during Idaho Family Reading Week activities at the Burley Public Library. One of the activities is an evening story time with stories read by Burley Mayor Jon Anderson. Everyone is invited to wear pajamas to story hour.

The special story time begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the library. Other activities are planned, and refreshments will be provided. At DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert, the public is invited to an open house Thursday from 5 until 7 p.m. Library worker Sharon Kimber said mini-tours of the library will be offered, along

with a demonstration of story time. Refreshments will be available.

Idaho Family Reading Week is designed to increase the amount of time families spend reading together, an element which officials say ensures students' success in school and life.

"It's also a time to raise public awareness of local libraries. Kimber thinks many city residents don't realize a library card is free. People who live outside the city limits in either Burley or Rupert must pay to obtain library cards."

DeMary Memorial Library employees plan to conduct basic computer courses for community members, Kimber said. The library book club recently ended, but it was so well received there is interest in a monthly book discussion group.

# Stories of service: Students hear from veterans

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - A group of 20 students was gathered around one table near the edge of the lunchroom.

"In the middle of the group were six local veterans eating lunch and talking with students at East Minico Middle School. "What branch of the service were you in?" the students asked. "Did you fight in a war? Where did you serve? Did you see enemy soldiers?"

The veterans were happy to oblige and tell stories about their time in the military. Lloyd Gillespie talked about surviving enemy fire in Germany during World War II, and also serving a stint during the war in Florida surviving a hurricane.

The day he was supposed to see combat was the day the Germans gave up, Gillespie said. His main job during war-time was cooking.

Bill Rickett pointed out there were 11 support people, such as cooks, for every combat soldier. Seventh-grader Casey Cole was interested in the "blood and guts" of war. He might want to join the military when he is older and he's not scared.

Another seventh-grader Tyson Lowder took the opportunity to talk with the veterans about life in the armed forces. He wants to join the Air Force or the Army. "Danielle Rodriguez, a seventh-

grader, was excited to talk to veterans. She has seven family members serving in the armed forces. Serving in a war, isn't easy; soldiers had to stay a long time," Rodriguez said.

"I'm just really proud they served in the war," Rodriguez said.

Some students haven't heard stories about those who have served the country. John Cameron said. But being a part of the military makes a person a better citizen and a more full person.

"It's important to serve your country," John Cameron said.

The students want to know what it is like to serve in the armed forces, especially in a time of war. Rob Cameron said. World War II ended more than 50 years ago, and students don't know a lot about it any more, so veterans play an important role in helping young people learn about the conflict.

"I certainly think this is one thing we can do," Bob Cameron said.

Students at East Minico created a memory "wall of fame" with the names of students' parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters who have served or are serving in the armed forces.

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George Schwindemann talks with students from East Minico Middle School about serving in the military. He and other veterans were at the school for Veterans Day activities.

## Principal

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relief the court orders. In addition to the school district, other parties being sued are Superintendent Nick Hallett, board members Rande Martin, Greer Copeland, George MacDonald, Doyle Price and Curtis Janssen, former school district maintenance supervisor Kurt Catmull, school district custodian Kim Christensen, special education private contract worker Jerrod Catmull, and community residents Gail Palomarez, Amy Despain and Zena Thompson.

Nancy Kuna was a school nurse in Minidoka County from August 1987 until August 2000, when she became principal at Heyburn Elementary School.

In the lawsuit, Fasset and Worst began a timeline on Dec. 5, 2001, when they claim Nancy Kuna made a verbal report to Minidoka County School District Curriculum Director John Fennell that Kurt Catmull was verbally abusing one of his employees. That verbal report was not allowed to be written.

For the next three months, Nancy Kuna complained to Hallett that Jerrod Catmull was overcharging the school district for his services, the complaint states.

At Hallett's request, on Jan. 4 Nancy Kuna submitted a written report to Hallett about Kurt Catmull's behavior which included inappropriate treatment of an employee, violation of school board policy and state law concerning competitive bids and irregularities regarding contracts, quotes and conflicts of interest. The lawsuit states, Fennell was reportedly directed to investigate those complaints, Fasset and Worst wrote.

On Jan. 9 meeting among Nancy Kuna, Hallett and Kurt Catmull to discuss Kuna's complaints, Kurt Catmull accused Nancy Kuna of beating students at the Heyburn school, and Hallett stated that the accusation be put in writing, according to the complaint.

A short time later, Hallett told Nancy Kuna that Kurt Catmull was sworn in by Twin Falls County development agreements. One is between the city and Locust Grove Development LLC, at the northwest corner of the intersection of Locust Street North and Falls Avenue East. The other is between the city and Twin Springs LLC, at the southwest corner of the intersection of Madrona Street and Fourth Avenue East.

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# Ketchum City Council will consider Town Center plans

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KETCHUM - The City Council

will hold a special meeting to consider the Town Center at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Ketchum City

Hall. The site has been banded around as the site for city offices, as well as affordable housing.

The council will also meet at 8 that morning to consider police chief recruitment and selection.

## Bickel

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near Bickel Elementary, the city of Twin Falls and the school district are working together to improve before- and after-school traffic. At 5 p.m. today in its regular meeting, the City Council will consider improvements that the city staff and the school district are recommending. The meeting takes place in the City Hall council chambers.

Details of the plan of the city and the school district include the following suggestions:

- Widening the area on the southwestern side of Third Avenue East.
- Installing a continuous concrete bumper block along Third Avenue East.
- Painting diagonal parking stripes along the southwestern side of Third Avenue East.
- Removal and replacement of

the sidewalks on Third Avenue East near the school.

Schroeder said the issue of possibly having to remove trees on the north side of the street had some residents resisting the plan.

"Half are for it and say 'No problem,' and others say, 'No, don't take my trees down,'" Schroeder said.

A member of the Twin Falls Tree Commission, David Mead, has said the city has the final say about what happens to trees between the sidewalk and the street, because that area falls under the city's jurisdiction. But the preliminary plans for Third Avenue East call for no tree removal on the north side of the street where the trees are.

Staff and volunteers who work at Bickel are forced to park blocks away from the school, Schroeder said. The diagonal

parking allowed by the street widening should alleviate some of the traffic congestion that occurs on Third Avenue East as well as streets up to three and four blocks away from the school. Because diagonal parking near the school would allow about 10 cars to park in the same space that four would fit into with parallel parking, those who are planning the new configuration hope diagonal parking will make more space for people to park legally who are coming to pick up their children.

But Schroeder figures it will take more than changing where people park to improve school zone safety.

"I don't know that diagonal parking will take care of the problem," she said. "We need for parents to practice safe driving." The school district has already

set aside \$15,000 for the project, said Operations Director Wiley Dobbs. In addition, Lance Bates, assistant city engineer, said all people who live on Third Avenue East near the school have been invited to offer comments at today's meeting.

Also today, the City Council will consider two planned utility development agreements. One is between the city and Locust Grove Development LLC, at the northwest corner of the intersection of Locust Street North and Falls Avenue East. The other is between the city and Twin Springs LLC, at the southwest corner of the intersection of Madrona Street and Fourth Avenue East.

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## Hospital

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emergency department.

Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services had the highest patient satisfaction numbers, scoring in the 95th percentile, while the same-day surgery department had the lowest patient satisfaction numbers, scoring in the 38th percentile.

Also Monday, Chief Executive Officer John Kee gave the special Board an update on the hospital's strategic initiatives.

Recruiting physicians continuing to be a challenge. "We're now starting to find quality candidates in internal medicine," Kee said.

man of family practice, and Dr. Lucy DiMaggio is the chairwoman of medicine. One of the committee's projects will be to make the physician credentialing process more efficient and effective, Kee said.

On the employee relations front, employee turnover is at 18 percent, lower than it has been in years, Kee said. Employee morale was at 62 percent, down from 69 percent a year ago. Kee attributed the dip to the purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, which brought more employees and an additional facility.

"The merger made communication a little more challenging," Kee said.

When it comes to long-term facility planning, the hospital has received eight proposals from

design-build firms to help review facility needs and assist with long-term planning.

"One thing the hospital learned in the process is that there's a good chance the hospital could effectively remodel and reconstruct on its current property and that it would cost significantly less than building a new hospital, Kee said.

Other Hospital Board business included:

- **Appointment - Janice Draney,** the hospital's vice president of patient services, is one of 19 health care professionals across the state appointed to a State Board of Education committee that will work to improve and develop educational systems to ensure an ongoing supply of skilled health care professionals. Human Resources Director

Samantha Lopez has been appointed to a work force issue subcommittee.

• **Oath of office - New Hospital Board member Jerry Beck** was sworn in by Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman.

• **Foundation rep - The Hospital Board welcomed long-time local pediatrician Ben Katz,** now retired from private practice, who will represent the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation at Hospital Board meetings. Hospital Board member Cindy Collins will represent the Hospital Board at foundation meetings. It's all part of an effort to improve communication between the two entities.

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## Beets

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Frost rained his loader into the bed of a beet pile south-west of Burley, wheeled the machine around and emptied the bucket into a truck.

He was working on a pile of partially frozen beets, trying to move them before the weather thaw and rot. His success or failure will depend on the weather, Frost said.

When beets freeze, it is also harder to remove beet tops, Schorr said. Workers must spend extra time cutting off leaves before the beets enter the factory. During the harvest, factories run day and night, racing against frost.

Mini-Cassia has produced enough beets to keep workers busy harvesting 1,400 pounds of beets every second.

Although the fall harvest is winding down, trucks will not move the last beets from the dumps to the processing plant until March 1, Schorr said.

On May 9, temperatures dropped to the 20s, and 55,000 acres of beets froze in Minicassia.

Another freeze killed 4,500 acres of beets earlier in May. Beet farmers in the Raft River area lost part of their crop to high winds last spring. Farmers replanted their fields and were able to provide a good harvest despite the shortened growing season.

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# Montana asks court to hear tax case

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Montana has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a ruling that an American Indian-owned business on the Fort Peck Reservation cannot be taxed by the state.

The state contends the Montana Supreme Court was wrong earlier this year in concluding the corporation shares its owners' immunity from state taxation.

But lawyers for Flat Center Farms Inc. maintained the state court was right in its prohibition of the wholly Indian-owned business operating solely on the reservation.

The nation's high court has not yet decided whether to hear the appeal. The case raises questions of tribal sovereignty, how far the arm of state taxation can reach onto reservations and whether other court rulings on the issue apply in this case.

The farming operation at the center of the case is owned by Kim Murray, a member of the Fort Peck tribes, and wife Denise Murray, a member of North Dakota's Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, which has land within the Fort Peck Reservation.

Flat Center was incorporated under state law in 1993 and under tribal law three years later.

The State Tax Appeal Board ruled the state's assessment of \$2,500 in corporate license taxes for 1994, but that decision was overturned by a district judge.

The Montana Supreme Court in June supported the judge, concluding that the "exercise of state jurisdiction over activities occurring entirely on Indian lands is an infringement on inherent tribal authority and is contrary to principles of self-government and tribal sovereignty."

In its appeal, the Department of Revenue acknowledged that the Murrys, as Indians, cannot pay their income taxes. But that protection does not extend to their business, which "is neither a native American nor an enrolled member of any Indian tribe," the agency's attorneys said.



The bow of the broken freighter New Carissa sits nose up on the beach near Coos Bay, Ore., Feb. 17, 1999. The state of Oregon hopes to win a lawsuit that would remove what's left of the wreck.

# Suit over beached shipwreck may go to the jury this week

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — What's left of the wreck of the New Carissa could finally be removed from the Oregon coast if the state wins a lawsuit expected to go to jury this week.

The state has accused the ship's owners of trespass. It wants \$20 million to cover the cost of removing the 1,500-ton stern and an unspecified amount to cover damage to the beach caused by the 1999 wreck during a winter storm.

Lawyers for both sides are scheduled to deliver their summations Tuesday in a Coquille courtroom before Circuit Judge Richard Barron.

"This is going to make the dif-

ference between whether the stern stays on the beach or is removed from the beach," said Kevin Neely, a spokesman for state Attorney General Hardy Myers. "If the state prevails, the wreck is gone."

But the complex lawsuit could also have larger ramifications. The state has argued that the owners of the New Carissa were negligent in allowing the ship to run aground. A ruling favoring the state could influence the outcome of the federal government's effort to collect compensation from the New Carissa's owners for environmental damage.

The state's lawsuit also could affect the outcome of a federal

lawsuit the ship's owners have filed, claiming that navigation charts were defective.

The owners are seeking \$97 million.

Representatives of the ship's owners argue that the stern should be left in place. It poses no risk to the environment, they say, and because of its location in the surf zone would be dangerous to remove.

And many in the Coos Bay area, including Mayor Joe Bonetti, share that view. "It should be left where it is now," Bonetti said Friday. Building roads and structures to remove the stern would damage the coastal environment, he said.

# Annual river festival seeks bailout by Boise

BOISE (AP) — One of the state's signature summertime festivals is planning to ask the City Council for more than \$200,000 in cash and debt relief.

Already in the hole from the 2001, that the organization had amassed \$475,000 in debt by earlier this year, Boise River Festival President Beth Knox said.

The council voted last year to forgive about \$50,000 owed for police and parks services. At the time, council members cautioned it would only be a one-time deal.

The debt grew with this year's festival, and Knox is looking for another city contribution.

Meanwhile, her aggressive plan to sell assets to cover most of the debt is off to a slow start. Knox still needs to find a title sponsor willing to kick in more than \$100,000 to put its name on

the festival. The festival was a house, two pavilion-style tents and 10 show floats are still up for sale.

City council members said Knox and Tom Deng, chairman of the festival's board of directors and president of Boise's Trout Jolt company, asked them if they would be willing to forgive another \$50,000 in debt from the 2002 festival and to chip in \$150,000 to become a 2003 festival title sponsor.

"I don't think either of them are very likely," council member Paula Forney said.

The council's five other members and the mayor voted that the budget is especially tight this year and they doubt money for the festival is available.

Regardless of the current budget shortfall, Knox said the 2003 festival will go on as planned.

# Conservationists study ways to help save fish

LEMHI (AP) — Changes in attitudes and water laws are making it possible to take water out of irrigation ditches and put it back into rivers for fish, say irrigators, biologists and conservationists.

Encouraged by successful leasing programs in Montana and Idaho's Lemhi Valley, groups including Trout Unlimited and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition believe they soon may be able to change arid water law so that it is no longer impossible to rent water rights to save fish.

"We're fast approaching the day where trout will become as valuable as potatoes," said Scott Boss of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. "The future of the economy in many places is becoming the quality of life. We have to acknowledge that and use water with that in mind."

RJ Smith, chairman of the Lemhi Irrigation District, which represents 250 irrigators in the Lemhi Valley, said landowners are increasingly willing to help as long as the right incentives are considered.

"Some fellows are looking to retire and back away with a little bit of income," he said.

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# California saves \$1.4 billion in energy deal

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California has reached its first settlement with an energy producer it accused of overcharging the state last year, trimming \$1.4 billion from a \$4.3 billion long-term contract with an Oklahoma energy producer and reaping about \$400 million more in refunds.

The state's deal with Tulsa-based Williams Cos., however, does not immediately translate into lower monthly bills for ratepayers nor ease the state's budget deficit.

Aides to Attorney General Bill Luckey, announcing the settlement Monday, declined to discuss negotiations with several other energy companies but said more settlements may be off in the way Williams admitted no wrongdoing as part of the agreement, which Gov. Gray Davis called "a victory for ratepayers. The new contract provides us more reliable power when we need it at much more favorable terms."

In May 2001, California Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante and state legislators sued Williams and four other power generators, alleging they conspired to drive up electricity prices.

Bustamante sued on behalf of California taxpayers to recover the generators' excess profits on power sales to the state since Jan. 17, 2001, when the state started buying power for three struggling utilities.

The generators were Duke Energy, Dynegy Inc., Mirant Corp., Reliant Resources Inc. and Williams.

The suit charges that the five companies gained control of the state's power market and used unlawful trading practices to manipulate prices.

Despite the settlement, Williams stock dropped 19 percent Monday, as investors reacted to a federal grand jury subpoena of its California energy trading records.

The Williams' refunds include \$180 million in contract price reductions, \$90 million worth of power plant turbines to be given to the cities of San Francisco and San Diego for energy production and \$150 million in cash to be divided among numerous public entities across the state. Some of the money will be used to retrofit schools across California to produce their own solar energy.

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# Cuba, U.S. group collaborate on preserving Hemingway manuscripts

HAVANA (AP) — Ernest Hemingway's rejected royalties for "For Whom the Bell Tolls," a 1941 letter from Ingrid Bergman and more than 20 letters from the 49-year-old Italian Countess Bava in love with the author are among thousands of the author's documents Cuba is making available to outside scholars.

President Fidel Castro and an American group led by U.S. Rep. James McGovern, a Massachusetts Democrat, signed an agreement Monday to collaborate on the restoration and preservation of 5,000 letters, 5,000 personal photographs and some draft treatments of novels and stories that were kept in the hands of Hemingway's favorite reading chair, the estate includes the home where Hemingway lived from 1938-1960.



Cuban President Fidel Castro greets American writer Ernest Hemingway's granddaughter Hillary Hemingway Monday in San Francisco de Paula near Havana, Cuba.

"I personally have much for which to thank Hemingway," said the gray-bearded Castro, who wore his olive fatigues during the ceremony at Finca de Vigia. "The honor that he gave us by choosing our country in which to live and write some of his best work."

Also at the ceremony were Hemingway's grandson Sean, his niece Hillary and daughter-in-law Angela.

Founded by the Rockefeller Foundation, the NEH effort by the New York-based Social Science Research Council and the Cuban National Council of Patrimony will produce microfilm copies of the material, restore some documents damaged by the Caribbean climate, and help conserve the library, including a 9,000-volume museum at Finca de Vigia, long a source of pride for Cuba.

Hemingway's fourth and last wife, Mary Welsh Hemingway, donated the estate to the Cuban government in 1961. Just after the author committed suicide in his Ketchum, Idaho, home. Cuban curators preserved the home exactly how the Hemingways left it, looking like the driveway to picking his cigar.

said Jenny Phillips, granddaughter of Maxwell Perkins, Hemingway's editor. Phillips in January 2001 visit to the finca set in motion the events that led to the project.

Visitors can see the writer's collection of mementos lined up against a wall, reading "Bottle of Liquor" on the table next to Hemingway's favorite reading chair. The estate includes the graves of four of Hemingway's dogs.

Curators prohibit visitors from entering the house — tourists peer through windows — a decision U.S. scholars and researchers say has protected the collection from deterioration and pilfering.

But the Americans will provide badly needed funds and equipment to help restore the collection from disintegration in the Caribbean climate. Much material already has been damaged from sunlight and heat.

After negotiations brokered by McGovern, Phillips returned to Finca de Vigia with Hemingway scholars Sandra Spanier and Scott Berg. Amid stuffed game heads and rifles, they found letters and manuscripts revealing intimate details of the Hemingways' daily life.

There are written instructions

to servants on preparation of favorite foods and requests that Hemingway not be bothered while writing. Letters to Mary and notes to himself illuminate their marriage's troubles. On a copy of "Wuthering Heights," Hemingway routinely recorded his weight, blood pressure and pulse.

Handwritten and typewritten drafts offer a glimpse into the writing process of an author known to have rewritten the ending of "A Farewell to Arms" 39 times, said Spanier.

"This is material that forms the missing piece of a puzzle that makes up the life and creative mind Ernest Hemingway," said Spanier, professor of English at Pennsylvania State University and editor of the Hemingway Letters Project. "As a scholar I'm interested in what the letters and manuscripts that may be here reveal about his creative process."

She said researchers were unlikely to find new fiction by Hemingway. "Islands in the Stream" and "A Moveable Feast" were among material Mary Welsh Hemingway retrieved during a hurried trip to Havana in 1961, she said. The two works were published posthumously.

# Taxes, education top tour agenda

ATHOL (AP) — Education funding and the looming possibility of tax increases are dominating discussions among veteran and freshman lawmakers taking the traditional northern Idaho legislative tour.

The biannual North Idaho Chamber of Commerce tour started in 1964 to give the Legislature — dominated by southern Idaho lawmakers — a connection to their northern neighbors.

About 100 lawmakers are using the time to talk with each other about upcoming issues.

This year, the gap between projected tax revenues and state spending could range from \$100 million to \$200 million, depending

on whether the economy improves or declines.

New legislators who will be sworn into service next month already are feeling out potential tax targets, saying they probably will have to do something unpleasant to keep the budget balanced and government funded.

Fiscal "budget hawks," such as Republican Rep. Mike Moyle of Star are swearing to fight against any tax increases.

"We'll see what happens," said Moyle, a member of the House tax committee who believes he can muster a majority to defeat any tax increase. Rep.-elect Gary Bauer, a Nampa Republican who will be a House freshman, said more state

budget cuts are in order. But he would be willing to vote for a temporary sales tax increase.

A one-cent sales tax increase would generate about \$130 million a year. But some lawmakers are nervous about calling a sales tax increase temporary, knowing that the Legislature has a history of letting temporary increases become permanent.

The option is unpopular among Democrats, such as freshman Sen.-elect Marri Calabretta of Osburn. Calabretta said she's not interested in a sales tax increase — particularly if the current tax exemptions are left in place — because they tend to hit lower-income families and individuals the hardest.

# Green Party finds home in N. Idaho

SANDPOINT (AP) — The Green Party, one of the fastest-growing political parties in the nation, is taking root in northern Idaho.

The Green Party is chiefly concerned with championing environmental causes. In recent years, voters with strong environmental leanings have drifted to the Greens from the mainstream Democratic party.

"They care about the things going on in our society," said Sandpoint bicycle mechanic Larry Baggett of the Greens. "They haven't sold out to anybody along the way."

Statewide, the party has yet to attain ballot status. In 2000, Green Party members collected 5,000 signatures to get consumer advocate Ralph Nader on the ballot, but not all were registered voters.

In other states, he only got 2 percent even being on the ballot," McGuire said.

After the 2000 election, Nader supporters in Idaho launched a statewide party. So far, it has about 220 members and a mailing list of 1,700 people. Local chapters are actively meeting in four counties: Ada, Gem, Elmore and Bonner, McGuire said.

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# Biologists hope to reintroduce more lynx into Colorado wilds

DENVER (AP) — State biologists are hoping to introduce 150 more Canada lynx to Colorado in an effort to get the endangered cat to reproduce.

The state released 96 Canadian lynx in 1999 and 2000 to re-establish the long-haired, tuft-eared cat in Colorado.

Trapping, poisoning and development had wiped out the state's lynx population, with the last confirmed sighting before reintroduction coming in 1973 near Vail.

At most, 53 of the lynx are alive today, and the cats are spread widely across 10,000 square miles. There's no evidence that they're reproducing, biologists said.

"Maybe we missed something,

or they mated later than we anticipated," said Tanya Shenk, the Division of Wildlife biologist in charge of the lynx project.

But wildlife trackers found no kittens this summer, and aerial flights confirmed that the animals were moving around as normal; they would stay put for awhile if they had kittens, Shenk said.

She believes it will take about 150 more lynx to bring the species' density on-line with Canada and Alaska.

"The point was, let's give this experiment everything we can to make it a success," she said. If the animals still don't reproduce, biologists will re-evaluate whether Colorado can support a viable population.

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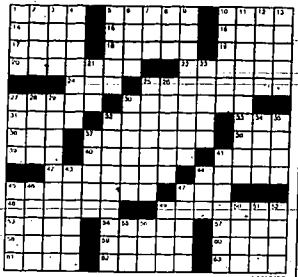
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Loveless marriage is not part of God's plan

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I strongly feel that in a marriage made by God, two people become one. From your description of your marriage, it is clear that it was never sanctioned by God; therefore you are released from any pledge that you made. The Bible tells us that God is present everywhere. This includes you. His spirit is within you. God's love and wants love to fill our lives. God does not want anyone to live in a situation such as you have described. There is no spiritual law that demands you stay in your loveless marriage. Learn to forgive yourself for this "mistake" as Jesus forgave "the woman at the well" who had five husbands and the one she was liv-

ing with was not her husband. Listen to the Holy Spirit within you and you will be free to go your way. -THE REV. NORMAN L. CONAWAY, EUSTIS, FLA.

DEAR REV. CONAWAY: You are obviously a caring and compassionate man of God. I hope "Sick at Heart" sees your letter, and that it gives her the courage to do what she must for her own mental, physical and spiritual health. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: As a female ordained minister and spiritual counselor, I would like to comment on the letter from "Sick at Heart."

living with a spiritually and emotionally abusive man. Adultery comes in many forms. Being neglectful, inconsiderate and emotionally absent is a form of adultery. Such negligence is also abusive and not acceptable. Being of God condones the continuation of a marriage where either adultery or abuse or both exist. She is not only doing a grave disservice to herself, but also to her husband, because she is unable to love him. She is far better off leaving him, so they both can be free to find mates who will truly love them in the way God desires for them both.

It is never God's will for any of us to sick, especially in our hearts. Medication cannot and will not cure such deep heartache as this woman is experiencing. The God in whom she believes is more than happy to grant her a new beginning. God desires to set her free. -THE REV. DR. KATTI L. CESANA, ALEJO VTEJO (LAGUNA BEACH), CALIF.

DEAR DR. CESANA: Bless you for writing, because your message is an important one. We cannot

love another person until we first learn to love ourselves - and we cannot love another person if we are not happy unless there is happiness within us.

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You'll never see 'spic' without 'span'

Let words show up only with connotation words. You never see "spic" without "span" for example. Or "shrift" without "short."

cars didn't turn independently but were fixed to the axles, and only turned when the axles turned. Far fewer know that now.

makes them blush, it's said; it's telling them they're blushing. The risk of dying of cancer today is different than it was 70 years ago, says one researcher.

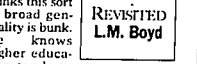
None other than Sigmund Freud discovered that not only women - as previously believed - but both men and women could become hysterical.

Women with high IQs are Or "akimbo" without "arms." Women with high IQs are sexier than women of average intelligence. Or so concludes a Syracuse clinical psychologist. Our Love and War man thinks this sort of broad generality is bunk. He knows higher education tends to increase self-confidence, so lets a person be more sexually aggressive and less sexually inhibited. Where he hangs up is on the notion that uninhibited aggressiveness is sexy.

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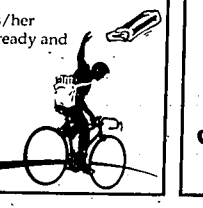
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# COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

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## Market caters to techies

### Electronics from Japan look new to U.S.

**Knight Ridder News Service**

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Michael Korman was flying to San Jose when he pulled out a Fujitsu Life-T, the smallest laptop with built-in DVD drive that his secretary Marc Benloff had ever seen. Benloff, chief executive of Sforce.com, was ordering his own subnotebook from a little-known online retailer that provides English-language software and tech support for computers and gadgets from Japan.

"We are both pretty fanatical about minimizing the travel weight of the electronics we use," said Korman, CEO of Liberate Technologies. "The stuff you can get from Japan frequently isn't been seen in the U.S., and it's smaller and cooler than what you see here."

Even in an economic downturn, a growing niche market is catering to tech junkies who want to own the latest gadgets, be they internet traveler and impress other technology buffs with cutting-edge gear that's hard to find, even in Silicon Valley.

"The reality is there's a tremendous amount of technology that's emerging that Silicon Valley does not have," says Benloff. "We get lost in our little minds thinking we're the greatest and coolest at technology, but that's not so."

So who's selling this stuff? There are online niche retailers such as Dynamism.com and



Even in an economic downturn, many stores still see a number of tech junkies wanting the latest gadgets, such as this Sony hand-held computer.

Japan-Direct.com, and specialty stores such as Los Angeles-based User's Side, which targets Japanese consumers living in the United States and early-adopter techies. There's also Mercantile of Osaka (www.mcljapan.com), which sells hard-to-get Japanese laptops with English-language software to U.S. distributors. One of the newest of the bunch is a combination art gallery-tech store run by Japanese expatriates in New York's East Village.

Billed as an "idea laboratory," TKNY (www.tkny.com) sells international high-tech gadgets, including a computer mouse-like

device that turns any flat surface into a speaker. Their only-in-Japan products include a fold-up electric bicycle from Honda and a sleek, ultrathin Sharp Mebius laptop with a retractable keyboard, which they will outfit with an English-language operating system.

"When people say it's too early," says TKNY co-owner Kiko Shin, "I can't wait." Sue Johnson, a documentary new media producer who lives in the neighborhood, says TKNY is an island of unique items in an ocean of mass merchandise available everywhere.

"Everything is so global these days," she said. "Nothing's exciting and new anymore and you can get anything here, except there's all this stuff we don't know about. It makes you think this is the tip of the iceberg."

Douglas Krone, CEO of privately held Dynamism.com, now makes six trips a year to Japan instead of two to cope with increased demand and shorter product cycles.

Krone has expanded his warehouse space and though he won't reveal his revenues, he says sales have grown 100 percent every year since he started the company in Chicago in 1997.

"Somebody buys a notebook from us and they go into a board of directors meeting and the next day three other people in that meeting call us up to buy that same notebook," said Krone, who deliberately stocks hard-to-get gear and Jetsons models after they are introduced in the United States, like the Loox-T.

## Group finds kids meet cyber-strangers

**Knight Ridder News Service**

AKRON, Ohio — Eight students at Roswell Kent Middle School recently raised their hands when asked if they had ever met someone on the Internet and then met that person face to face.

One student met a "cyber pal" in a hotel.

The mystery friends all turned out to be kids, too, but they just as easily could have been adult predators posing as kids to gain trust, get close and do harm.

That's what Suzanne Stanford impressed upon computer lab students in an Internet safety presentation. She is with a national nonprofit organization called iSafe America, which selected Roswell Kent as the first school in Ohio to receive training.

She spoke to 166 middle schoolers in computer classes. Her informal survey and two-page questionnaire revealed statistics they should worry parents:

- Eight children have met a stranger in person with whom they had corresponded online; five children refused such meetings.

- Out of 15 kids asked to send an Internet stranger their photograph, 11 did so and received photographs in return.
- Several students believed it was safe to go meet a stranger as long as they took a friend with them.

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## Application achieves virtual sense of touch

**Knight Ridder News Service**

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The world got a little smaller Tuesday as scientists reached around the globe via the Internet and touched.

Or rather, the scientists — in London, Boston, and Los Angeles — touched a virtual cube on a computer screen at the same time and pushed it around. The scientists, holding robotic arms, could feel the force being exerted by the others as well as the texture of the cube.

"Though computers have been able to transmit such sensations in close quarters for several years, the distance between the scientists was a new milestone that they hope will eventually lead to new collaborative applications in telemedicine, education and art."

"I think the most important applications are the ones we don't know yet," said Mandayam Sivasan, director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Touch Lab and a member of the MIT team that developed the technology. "When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone, he didn't see all the possibilities."

The breakthrough actually occurred in May and was detailed in a paper presented Oct. 9 in Portugal at the conference called INTERNET 2002: The 5th Annual International Workshop on Internet. Tuesday marked the first public demonstration.

By adding a sense of touch, researchers hope to improve the experience of various virtual envi-

ronments, which are usually limited to sight and sound. The field of research involving touch is referred to as "haptics."

There were three demonstrations on Tuesday. The first occurred between labs at MIT and the University College London. Later, links were established between the University of Southern California with MIT and with the London school. Each team's computer had a robotic arm with a stylus at the end. On the computer screen was a blue box. A researcher wrapped a fin-

ger around the stylus to move a cursor on the screen. When the cursor hit the box, which is programmed to "feel" like hard rubber, the software transmits signals through the arm that vary the amount of tension felt.

When the cursor controlled by the second team touches the box, it changes the level of tension felt by the first team. As each team experienced different levels of resistance, participants moved the cursors around the box and together lifted it up and moved it across the screen.

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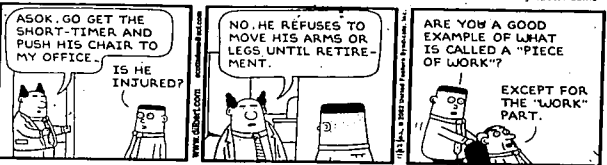
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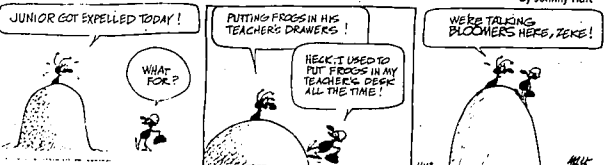
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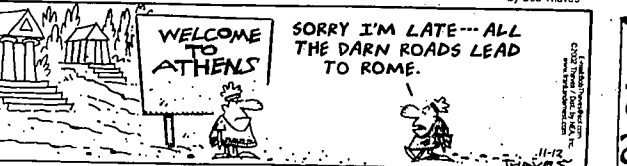
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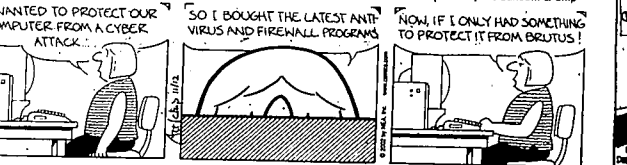
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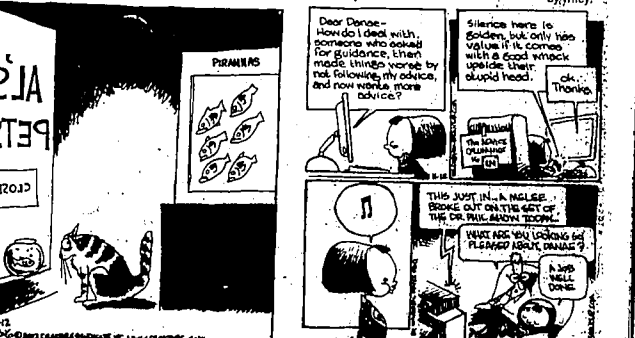


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



## Cancer info center receives gift

By Susan Hart  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** - An American Cancer Society information center is off to a good start. Staff member Vicki Cole said she's grateful for the way things are working out, and it's all due to the generosity of community residents.

The new information center is funded entirely by donations. The Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center also donated the use of four rooms, said Cole, who is now training new volunteers.

Gail Gallegos, co-chairman of the Iron Range for Life, the cancer society's annual fund and awareness-raiser, said she wrote a grant application about 18 months ago that provided \$5,000 in seed money for the center.

"We used it for a phone hookup, computer, a television, a VCR, a desk," Gallegos said. They were the furnishings for the information center. But we didn't know how we were going to pay the phone bill and Internet service. That's when the Does came to the rescue.

The gift of \$350 couldn't have been timed better. "Now we're okay for several months," Gallegos said.

Neva Albert, treasurer of the Does Drive 205, a female arm of the Elks, said she was a part of the committee that selected the new cancer information center as the recipient of their donation.

"They were opening their new facility, and I know Tracy Haskins whose daughter is a survivor. Also, I'm a survivor. I just talked to the girls in the Drive and they wanted to do it," Albert said.

Albert has been cancer free since 1999.

"We helped the American Cancer Society two years ago, as well as the diabetes fund and the dogs for the deaf," Albert said of their other contributions.

Cole said she is hoping that further donations will arrive to assure the future of the center, but for now the bills are paid. The center sees about a dozen cancer patients each month, and she expects that number to go up as more people learn about it.



Vicki Cole works at her desk at the American Cancer Society's new information center. Cole is the only paid staff member, but had worked as a volunteer for five years. She has a daughter who is a cancer survivor. Cole is available to guide cancer patients through the labyrinth of medical situations and locate resources for them.

### Looking for a way to help?

The American Cancer Society's new information center welcomes volunteers and cash donations to help keep the office running.

The center provides free wigs, information and supplies for cancer patients. It has been able to secure air travel and medications for those in need.

The center is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center is located at 2303 Park Ave. in Burley. It is inside the Park View facility, toward the back. For information, call 878-5238.

Cole invites people to visit the information center and learn about what the Cancer Society has to offer.

## STORK REPORT

### St. Benedicts Family Medical Center

Shyenne Rayn Bruhn, daughter of Sam and Tracey Lee Bruhn of Wendell, was born Monday, Oct. 28, 2002.

Abigail Marie Quintana, daughter of John and Misti Quintana of Buhl, was born Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002.

Jonathan Able Blunt, son of Melissa Rose Blunt of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002.

### Cassia Regional Medical Center

Dallas Gwen Sutton, daughter of Andl and Eric Sutton of Rexburg, was born Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002.

To announce a birth Send a copy of the birth certificate to: Melissa Morgan The Times-News P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83303 Or fax to: 734-6538. Deadline: noon Tuesday for Sunday's paper; and noon Friday for Tuesday's paper. More information? Call Melissa at 735-3278.

Oct. 30, 2002  
Paxton Jace Thompson, son of Amy and Todd Thompson of Burley, was born Friday, Nov. 1, 2002.  
Sydni Ruth Teeter, daughter of Danyel and Jeremy Teeter of

Burley, was born Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002.  
Kadence Spaulding, daughter of Amy and Jake Spaulding of Burley, was born Monday, Nov. 4, 2002.  
Kenel Jo Edgar, daughter of Christin and Kyle Edgar of Burley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002.  
Jordan LaVan Roth, son of Haley Heather and Jamie David Roth of Burley, was born Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002.  
Dixon Erik Fehliman, son of Janet Marie and Tyrk Fehliman of Burley, was born Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002.  
Jacobi Theron Todd, son of Kelli and Daggar Todd of Burley, was born Monday, Nov. 4, 2002.

## Library honors Woody Guthrie

**HAILEY** - With his music, Woody Guthrie captured the face of the Great Depression.

"Woody Guthrie and the Grapes of Wrath" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Hailey Public Library meeting room. This is the second program in the Steinbeck Centennial Celebration at the library. Admission is free.

The Nov. 21 program will begin with the screening of "Woody Guthrie: Hard Travelin'," and move into a discussion of Guthrie's portrayal of the Dust Bowl refugees.

Land," the library reports. Guthrie got his first recording deal at Victor Records for a two-album set called "Dust Bowl Ballads." Wanting to capitalize on the huge ticket sales of the movie, "The Grapes of Wrath," Victor Records asked him to write a song based on the movie. According to Joe Klein's biography, Guthrie sat down to compose on a borrowed typewriter with a half gallon of wine. The resulting song, "Tom Joad," summarizes the entire movie in 17 verses, ending with Tom's now famous words to Ma: "Wherever little children are hungry and cry, wherever people ain't free, wherever men are fightin' for their rights, that's where I'm

The evening will end with Hailey guitarist Michael White's mini-concert of Guthrie's dust bowl ballads.

Woody Guthrie wrote songs that recorded the Dust Bowl refugees' dispossession and migration, like "I Ain't Got No Home," "So Long, It's Been Good To Know You" and his folk anthem, "This Land is Your

gonna be, ma, that's where I'm gonna be." Guthrie lived what he wrote, hopping in a freighter around the country.

"I got so interested in the art and science of migratin' that I majored in it, in a school so big you can't get out of it," he told relatives.

Michael White graduated from the Lionel Hampton School of Music and taught music in schools in British Columbia and Idaho before settling in Hailey to perform, teach privately and operate a piano tuning service.

"The discussion of 'In Dubious Battle,' another Steinbeck labor novel, will be held Dec. 5. For more information, call the library at 788-2035.

## MUSEUM CELEBRATION



The children of Suzanne Kaminson enjoy a pile of leaves at a Harvest Festival held recently at the Twin Falls County Historical Museum. The celebration, which was the last day of the Twin Falls Farmers' Market was open for the season, featured produce, pumpkin carving, Dutch-oven cooking, hot cider and museum tours. Kaminson of Filer sold gourmet jellies.



Another vendor was Marie Smith, an Eden artist. She started painting at age 14, sold her first painting at age 17, and has been painting for 46 years, she said. She is self-taught. Her work includes portraits, landscapes, wildlife, still life, flowers and figurative work. The portrait next to her is of Barney Ecker of Kimberly, who happened to have a table of his wares next to Marie.

## Filer hosts annual antique show, sale

By Lorraine Carver  
Times-News correspondent

**FILER** - The sale of glass ornaments honoring area pioneers will help improve their historic home.

Ornaments with pictures and brief bios of Herman and Lucy Stricker will be sold at this year's Antique and Collectible Show and sale. Money from the ornaments, which sell for \$15 each or \$25 per set, will be used to help preserve the Stricker Homestead, said Curtis Johnson, president of Friends of Stricker, a nonprofit group that maintains and preserves the site.

"We want to restore the parlor to its original condition," said Johnson, who is the great-great-grandson of the Strickers.

The parlor project is one of many refurbishing tasks Friends of Stricker is undertaking, he said. "The store at Rock Creek Station, where the Stricker Homestead is located, is probably the oldest building in Twin Falls County, Johnson said.

### What about antiques?

The annual Antique and Collectible Show and Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer. Admission is \$2 with return privileges. Preschool age children are free.

from Salt Lake City to Walla Walla, Wash., according to history from the Friends of Stricker. Holladay's agents built lava-rock stations along the route, including at Rock Creek, where drivers and attendants lived and passengers could buy a meal or a night's lodging.

James Bascom and John Corder built the store in 1865; the first trading post between Boise and Fort Hall. It closed in 1897 and later served as a home and a bunkhouse.

In 1876, German emigrants Herman Stricker and John Bozet bought the store. Stricker became the Rock Creek postmaster in 1877 and served for the next 22 years. Bozet sold out to Stricker in 1894.

Lucy Walgamott arrived in 1879 to visit her sister, Irene, whose husband, Charles Trotter, operated the stage station. Lucy and Herman were married in 1882 and homesteaded 960 acres.

Minidoka Health Care Foundation president John Coverton and board member Lorraine Origen prepare for the annual Caring and Sharing Tree Festival by displaying a quilt that will be raffled at the event. The quilt was designed and pieced by Cynthia Mickelson and quilted by The Gathering Place in Rupert.

### Caring and Sharing 2002 will include a sweet and craft shoppe sponsored by the Minidoka Memorial Auxiliary and on-going entertainment by area residents.

available for community members to decorate with donations of food, new toys and blankets.

Caring and Sharing 2002 committee members are seeking donations of trees, wreaths and other items to sell.

Anyone who would like to participate in Caring and Sharing 2002 by donating an item to sell, providing entertainment or volunteering as a host, hostess or committee member, should call the Minidoka Health Care Foundation office at 436-0481, Ext. 255.

# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

## BUHL STUDENT OFFICERS



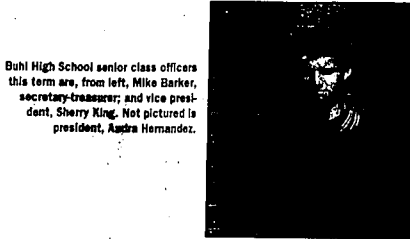
Buhl High School officers for the freshmen class this school term are, from left, vice president, Jeremy Thomas; secretary-treasurer, Morgan Peterson; and president, Luke Alexander.



Buhl High School sophomore class officers are, from left, president, Liz Woods; vice president, Karly Hedrick; and secretary-treasurer, Janel Herley.



Buhl High School junior class officers are, from left, Monica Rowett, vice president; and Stormy Hession, president. Not pictured is secretary-treasurer, Kay Welch.



Buhl High School senior class officers this term are, from left, Mike Barker, secretary-treasurer; and vice president, Sherry King. Not pictured is president, Astra Hernandez.



Heading up the Buhl High School student council for the 2002-2003 school term are, from left, Stephanie Fry, vice president; Jessica Seal, president; Tracie Elliott, secretary-treasurer; and Anthony Avalar, sergeant-at-arms.

## A SIZEABLE CHECK

The Herrett Center for Arts and Science expansion project has received a \$1,000 donation from the CSI student body. The money comes from discretionary funds used by the Student Senate to operate various campus programs and bring speakers and entertainers to campus. Student Body President Nick Homberg, right, presents a check to Herrett Center Director Jim Woods. The Herrett expansion project will include the Rick Allen Great Room, more archives and exhibits storage and a new Herrett Observatory that will feature the largest research grade telescope in Idaho.

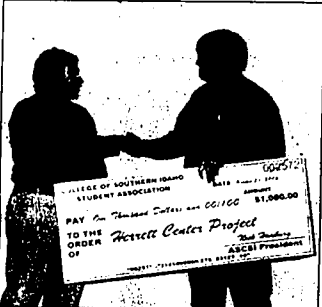


Photo courtesy of CSI

## THINGS TO DO

**Music**  
Snake River Fair Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 123 K St., Rupert. Men of all ages invited, call 436-6747.

**Dance**  
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome; call Vera at 744-4647 or Tom at 324-6483. Couples welcome.

**Bingo**  
Sisters and Gold Senior Center - 7:30-9:30 p.m. at 203 Wilson, Eden. Doors and snack bar opens at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 825-2662.

Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Hall St., W. Shoshone; Must be over 18, call 886-2369.

Agnew Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays on Main Street in Kimberly. Agnew over age 18 is welcome, call 423-3338.

Golden Heritage Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays in 2421 Overland Avenue, Berkeley, 18 and older, call 878-6465.

Minidoka County Senior Center - 7 p.m. Fridays, 202 11th St. in Rupert, age 18 and over, call 436-3107.

American Legion Hall in Twin Falls: 7:15 p.m. Fridays, 447 Seatonway St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18. Call 736-1726.

Jerome Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome, snack bar opens at 6 p.m., early bird at 4:45 p.m., regular bingo at 7 p.m. Must be over age 18, call 324-5642.

American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 610 W. Main. Doors and snack bar open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 336-6642.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 7 p.m. Saturdays. Call Alice at 679-9601.

Snake River Elks 2807 - 7:15 p.m. Mondays at bridge 412 East 200 South, call 324-6200.

To add a listing, please send a notice with: Name of the organization or club; Time, day and place of the activity; Telephone number of a contact person.

Send to: Pat Marcantonio, TheTimesNews, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Or fax to 734-5538. Or e-mail to pat@mogmag.com. For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 735-3258.

West End Senior Center - at 2:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday at the center in Buhl.  
Barley Ella Lodge - 7 p.m. Mondays at lodge, 1340 O'Fallon Ave. in Burley.  
Singles  
Christian Singles Group - 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 and every other Monday, Christian

Foursquare Center, 181 Morrison St., Twin Falls, 733-6252.  
Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singers - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spenauer's Barn for dancing. For other activities, call 735-9044.

**Cards**  
Piochle - 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Minidoka County Senior Center, 702 11th St. in Rupert, call 436-9107.  
Bridges - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 733-8696. Newcomers welcome.  
Magic Valley Piochle Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.

Valley Vista Retirement Center Piochle Club - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the community center at 653 Rose St. W. in Twin Falls, 733-5531.

Piochle club - 1 p.m. Tuesdays Community Club House, 1773 Addison Ave. E. across highway, call 735-9956.  
Other  
Magic Valley Elks Club - meets for luncheon

and meeting, Call Glenda at 733-0040 or Vicki at 733-8338. New members welcome.

Writers of the Week, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 734-8115.  
Pioneer Barbers Club - 6:30 p.m. last Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library, call Marilyn at 423-5522.  
Magic Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Saturday in Front room at Herrett Center on CSI campus, call 736-2442.  
Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club (indoor) - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 283 5th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 25 rifle, moderate priced caliber, call Stu at 324-5960 or Larry at 733-4213.

Snake River Canyon Men's Club of Idaho - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday at upstairs meeting room at CSI Taylor building, call Debra at 736-9118.

Twin Falls Herpetology Society - 7 p.m. third Tuesday at Herrett Center, call Nick Powers at 733-8554, Ext. 2071.  
Widows' Night Fellowship - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 653 Rose St. W. Meet at Valley Vista Village in Twin Falls, call Doree at 416-2899.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club names winners

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

Oct. 31: first, Renee Bulcher and Bobette Plankey; second, Steve Hale and Susan Morris; third, Harold Bulcher and Betty Grant; and fourth, Matt and Dot Smith.

Nov. 2: first, Nathan and Kay Higer; second, Renee Bulcher and Peggy Hackley; tied for third, Herb and Ada Burgess with Marilyn Botkin and Max Thompson; and fourth, Harold Bulcher and Sandy Sexton.

Nov. 4: first, Betty Sabo and Dorothy Young; second, Evan Kohz and Dorothy Nenzel; third, Sidonia DiCostanzo and Doris Finney; fourth, Beverly Reed and Sam Smutny; and flight C, Miles and Janet Wirth.

Nov. 5: first, Jessie Lingnaw and Sue Skinner; second, Bonnie Aspiarte and Madeline Savaya; third, Betty Grant and Sam Smutny; fourth, Joye Astorquia and Betty Frantz; and fifth, Carmen Kevan and Norma Prestidge. Flight B: first, Doris Finney and Joyce Johnston; and second, Emma Lou Andrews and Vecta Roberts.

Nov. 6 for north/south: first, Riley Burton and Bobette Plankey; second, Peggy Hackley and Kay Higer; third, Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; and flight B, Linda Fix and Edna Pierson. East/West: first, Harold Bulcher and Herb Burgess; second, Joye Astorquia and Jessie Lingnaw; and third, Marilyn Botkin and Ise Hyton.

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

For a partner, call 324-2000.

### Community Watch Group meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Community Watch Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the third floor conference room of the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Deb Kelly, Twin Falls City information officer, will speak. Kelly has been a part of the Community Watch group since its inception.

The purpose of the club is to keep abreast of local court proceedings and issues of interest in the community.

For more information, call Barb Powers at 734-4014 or at Action Collections at 733-8150.

### Bell choir will perform at senior center

GOODING - The Liberty Christian Academy Bell Choir will perform after lunch Thursday at the Gooding County Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave.

The seniors play bingo at 6:30 p.m. every Friday at the center. For more information, call 934-5504.

### Team roping benefits Flier Rodeo Team

TWIN FALLS - Team roping will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Sundance Arena.

The cost is three for \$7. Proceeds will go towards the Flier Rodeo Team.

For more information, call Kyle VanBlizen at 326-4993.

### Kimberly Nurseries offers free seminar on mulching

TWIN FALLS - Kimberly Nurseries will offer a free seminar on mulching at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Garden Cafe at Kimberly Nurseries.

Pre-registration is required either in person or by calling Kimberly Nurseries at 733-2717.

### Twin Falls Senior Center holds dance Sunday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Senior Center will hold a dance with live music from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the center, 616 England Drive.

The cost is \$3.

### Elvis the Elk performs at senior center in Buhl

BUHL - Elvis the Elk will perform at 11 a.m. Nov. 19 at the West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St. in Buhl.

For more information, call the center at 543-4577.

### Head Start requests help for Adopt-A-Family program

JEROME - The Northside Head Start is in need of help for its Adopt-A-Family program.

The Adopt-A-Family program gives holiday meals, gifts and clothing to needy families.

For more information, call the Head Start at 324-2385.

### Gooding County Hospital holds diabetes health fair

GOODING - The Gooding County Memorial Hospital Diabetes Education Program will hold its fourth annual diabetes health fair from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Thousand Springs Specialty Clinic, 1120 Montana St. in Gooding.

The event will include free foot exams, HbA1c update lab for \$20, information hand-outs, speakers every hour, product samples and a refreshment table.

For a foot exam appointment or more information, call Gene or Sue at 934-4129.

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# Winona no lone rider: Store theft has been on rise for years

The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

Winona was not a lone rider. Winona's Ryder's conviction is the tip of an iceberg in a nationwide store theft epidemic that has been on a rampage for years.

The department store put its name in the spotlight, but it is not alone. It has been a national trend, and it is still going strong. The department store is not alone in its struggles. It is part of a larger trend that has been on a rampage for years.

Stores invest heavily in surveillance cameras, electronic tags and other devices to thwart shoplifting, but the thieves continue to attempt to beat the system, such as the scissors Ryder allegedly brought to the store to snip off the electronic tags.

Others are more creative, such

as the four men charged in June with stealing \$10,000 in merchandise from a CVS drug store in Ramsey, N.J. When arrested, they were found with shopping bags lined with the foil to beat anti-theft devices, police said.

That arrest featured something that is of increasing concern for store owners: organized rings of thieves.

"They move in a very methodical way with those foil-lined bags and other well-thought-out schemes," said Todd Andrews, a spokesman for Woonsocket, R.I.-based CVS.

"It's something we work very hard to combat every single day, including being aggressive in catching and prosecuting them."

A high-profile case like Ryder's helps because it "illustrates that retailers are really adopting a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to shoplifting," Butler said. "Retailers want to get the message across that shoplifting - by anyone, at any time - will not be tolerated."

Ryder, a two-time Academy Award nominee, was found

guilty of felony grand theft and vandalism, but was acquitted of burglary after a shoplifting spree last year at a Saks Fifth Avenue store. The actress could receive up to three years in prison, but the prosecutor said she would seek probation, community service, and restitution when Ryder is sentenced next month.

As the nation's economy has been sinking, shoplifting by employees and outsiders has been increasing dramatically over the last two years, costing retailers and the buying public an estimated \$10.23 billion last year.

That is an increase of more than 21 percent from the \$8.45 billion in 2000, and this year's figures could be even higher because shoplifting historically increases whenever there is a "tight economy," Butler said.

It's a "very big problem," said Richard Santoro, an assistant vice president of the New Jersey Retail Merchants Association. Shoplifting figures "never go down in a poor economy."

Losses hit the stores' bottom line, but "consumers pay the price," Butler said. Not only will they be forced to pay higher prices to cover the losses, but they will also find less service in stores forced to devote more resources to loss prevention, he said.

In addition, shoppers end up paying for the increasingly sophisticated devices used to prevent thefts and for the legal costs to prosecute offenders, Santoro said.

Shoplifting is a major concern at stores of all types, from the biggest discount chains to the smallest mom-and-pop shops, Butler said. Even supermarkets are feeling the effects, with executives of Pathmark and A&P recently telling analysts that "shrinkage" - the industry term for losses, including theft and spoilage - was a factor in lower earnings this year.

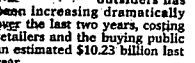
Supermarkets operate on a small profit margin, so shrinkage directly affects your bottom line," said Rich Savner, a spokesman for Carteret, N.J.-based Pathmark Stores Inc.

The arrest of the wealthy Ryder highlights the fact that there is no single profile of a shoplifter, Butler said.

"It's important to remember there are different motivating factors," he said. "Some steal to support a drug habit, some are in difficult financial straits, and other people may have mental issues that are causing them to steal."

Some thefts are by employees, and those can be costlier than when an outsider is involved, because they can do more damage quicker if they find ways to defeat your systems," he said. On the other hand, stores often uncover inside pilferage because thieves

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## Youth wins prize with 'chip chompin' recipe

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) - It sounds like only Elvis could love a peanut butter sandwich with chocolate chips, crispy rice cereal, powdered sugar and dried cherries.

But the Chip Chompin' Cherry Nutter" won 7 years old Emily McComas the grand prize in a "Got Milk" recipe contest.

"This was a very creative and very tasty sandwich - it was my hands down," said Jeff Manning, executive director of the California Milk Processor Board.

Emily and her family won a trip to New York City. The sandwich was unveiled at Peanut Butter and Co., a Greenwich Village deli that specializes in peanut butter sandwiches.

Emily's recipe received more than 100 other entries, including one by her brother. Among the contenders were "Rainbow in the Clouds," which included marshmallows, bananas and M&M's, and "Caribbean Nut Butter Sandwich," made with bananas, shredded coconut and pineapple.

But Emily took the Daily News of Los Angeles that her creation "wasn't her favorite way to eat peanut butter."

"My dad is the one that really liked the sandwich," she said. "Everyone is talking about my sandwich, and I'm kind of getting bored with it."

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In our effort to make our classified section free of any errors, please check your ad for any mistakes that it runs. After that time The Times-News will not be responsible for any mistakes.

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### LOST Female cat

LOST Female cat, brown w red/white, tufted ears. Spang fur, answers to Lexi, Polk St. Burley. 733-2319 or 212-8008.

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LOST male neutered Border Collie cross, black w/white, brown on face, into over weight. 308-1811.

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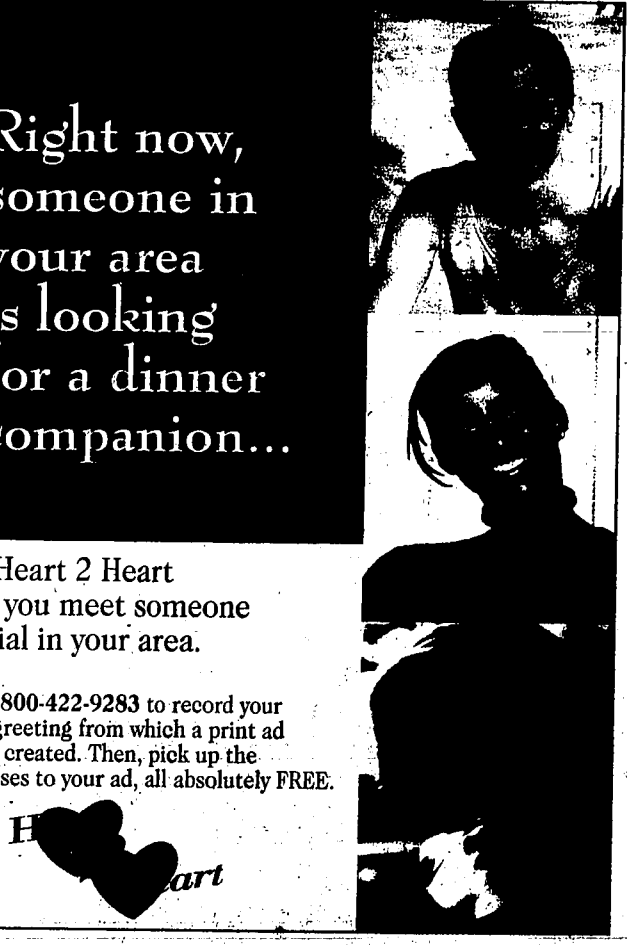
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Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002

THE ACES OF BRIDGE® Bobby Wolf

Brightness falls from the air, Queens have died young and fair.

— Thomas Nash

One of the trickiest things to do as a defender is know when to duck and when to win a trick. Generally speaking, average players win too many tricks too soon. This deal is a good example of what can be achieved by not rushing to take your defensive tricks. If you look at all four hands, you can see that the defenders appear to have two aces and the spade queen. They can no doubt set up another winner somewhere — but a fifth winner seems some way away.

Well, in three no-trumps, declarer won the opening lead and played a spade to dummy's 10, which held. He followed by running the nine of hearts, which also won the trick and playing a second heart to his 10, which also scored. Happy with the way things were progressing, and with what looked a sure nine tricks, declarer now played the club king from his hand. East won with the ace and returned a diamond. Declarer took this and misguessed a club by playing his low club to dummy's jack. East won with the queen and returned his last diamond.

When declarer won and took the "sure" spade finesse, East won the queen and cashed the heart ace before playing a club to his partner's 10. West also had the diamond 10 to cash; two down.

Note that if East takes the first spade trick, declarer will surely bring home nine tricks one way or another. It is a case of "Duck or no dinner."

Bridge score table with columns for NORTH, SOUTH, WEST, EAST and various card counts.

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Diamond Jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ A K J 10 ♥ 9 5 ♦ 10 9 8 7 6 5 ♣ 9 5 7 6 2

South West North East 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass 3NT All pass

ANSWER: Pass Two spades. Partner typically has a balanced 12-14 points; your side may not even have an eight-card trump. The three-level is not safe, and unless Partner has the perfect club holding, game chances cannot be great.

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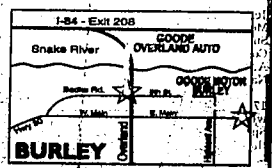
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**SPORTSQUOTE**

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—Mikaela Byrds guard Sam Cassel, after committing three fouls in 43 seconds against the New York Knicks.

**TRIVIA**

**QUESTION:**  
In what statistical category did former UCLA halfback Jackie Robinson lead the NCAA in 1939 and 1940?

...answer below

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**

**High school girls basketball**

Gooding jamboree  
Gooding vs. Dietrich, 6 p.m.  
Dietrich vs. Jerome, IV, 7 p.m.  
Gooding vs. Jerome IV, 8 p.m.  
Oakley jamboree  
Oakley vs. Hagerman, 6 p.m.  
Hagerman vs. Raft River, 7 p.m.  
Oakley vs. Raft River, 8 p.m.

**IN BRIEF**

**Gooding hosts girls hoops jamboree**

**GOODING** — A three-team high school girls basketball jamboree will be held tonight starting at 6 p.m. at Gooding High School.

Gooding, Dietrich and the Jerome junior varsity will play each other in two, 8-minute quarters with the host Senators opening with Dietrich. Dietrich then squares off with Jerome with Gooding and Jerome to close.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students.

**Minico girls hold fund-raiser dinner**

**RUPERT** — The Minico girls basketball team will hold a fund-raising steak dinner from 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13 in the high school gym. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from any player or coach.

For more information, call Connie Martin at 438-8580.

**Area runners qualify for NAIA nationals**

**LEWISTON** — Wendell's Lauren Wright and Gooding's Chris Patterson will represent Lewis-Clark State College cross country at the NAIA national meet Nov. 23 in Kenosha, Wis. Patterson, a junior, received the school's first-ever at-large invitation for a male athlete to the national meet, said Warriors Coach Dr. Michael Collins. Wright, a senior, runs for the No. 8-ranked LSCC women's team that finished second in the recent regional meet.

**Nampa drag racer reaches Pomona semis**

**POMONA, Calif.** — Former Jerome resident Dick Vander Meer in his dragster lost in the Super Comp semifinals to David Connelly of Elyria, Ohio at the AAA Auto Club NHRA Nationals at Pomona, Calif. Vander Meer ran an 8.91 at 173 mph to 8.93 of Connelly who won the hole shot. All Sportsman classes were delayed through Monday.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

**TRIVIA ANSWER:**

Robinson led the NCAA in punt-return average, with averages of 20.0 yards in 1939 and 21.0 in 1940.

# To have and have not

**Dietrich dominates area 1A girls hoops**

By Kevin Hall  
Times-News writer

It's a season of haves and have-nots in the Class 1A girls basketball ranks.

Dietrich returns four starters off a 21-7 team that finished second at state and should have won its second state title since 1998-99.

The Blue Devils led by 13 with six minutes left in their season only to see the lead slip away in the final seconds.

Head coach Gene Shaw said he's not letting the team forget. "Experience is a big factor in every sport," said Shaw, who enters his 13th season. "We were really that close and they know it. I think it's driving them again this year."

Carey should contend for the Northside title with size and athleticism up front in 5-10 returning starters Ginger Bingham and Jesse Molyneux. But second-year coach Greg Carlson likes his youthful players as well, especially his 6-0 junior post Sarah Lynn Shaffer.

"She's going to be scary next year," said Camas County coach Matt McLain.

Shoshone coach Tim Chapman enters his 12th season and first in four years without 6-foot-3 center Monica Uhrig in the middle. Uhrig has moved on to play basketball at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., leaving Chapman one returning starter, junior Sarah Hubsmit.

With Uhrig, the Indians amassed an impressive array of streaks, including 40 regular season wins over the past two seasons and going more than 700 days without losing a home game.

It's doubtful those streaks will continue but Chapman will do his best to keep the feeling, one of the elite 1A programs in the state.

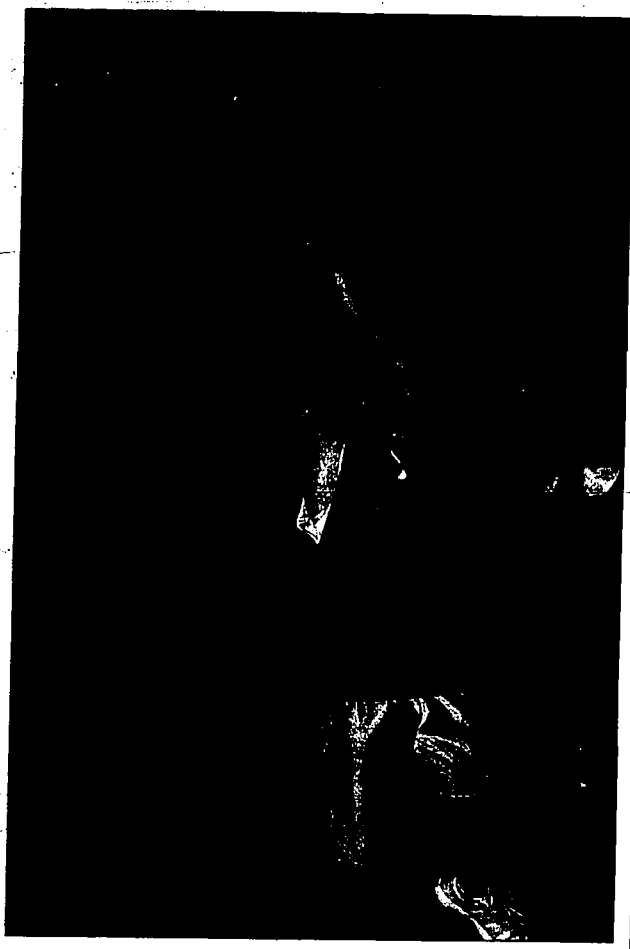
"We're going to prove to people there is life after Monica," he said.

Whether there is life after the Stimpapp sisters, Alicia and Dacia, at Hansen is anybody's guess. The twins, along with a host of role players helped lead Hansen to an unbeaten 12-0 conference record and a fourth-place showing at state.

The Huskies return arguably the best player in the district in Bonnie Freestone and have a capable crew around her.

"We've not as much depth as we've had in the past, but we've got 11 kids who we can put in varsity uniform," Hansen coach Rick Abel said.

Another "have" in the Southside has to be Oakley. The Hornets are big, averaging 5-9



The Dietrich girls basketball team practices in their gym on Monday. The Blue Devils took second-place at the state tournament last year and hope to reach the final game again this year.

across the frontcourt, experienced, with three varsity starters back, and athletic with leading scorer Mandi Critchfield and leading rebounder Kristin

Careia back. And don't forget Murtaugh, with the four Perkins girls (Tanny, Lacey, Jenilyn and Katelyn) in the fold and who

knocked-off-previously undefeated Dietrich for the district volleyball championship this past season.

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## Bonds wins fifth MVP

By Ronald Blum  
Associated Press writer

**NEW YORK** — Barry Bonds is winning Most Valuable Player awards so fast and so often, he doesn't know what to do with them.

"All my trophies are in storage. I don't have a house big enough," Bonds said Monday after winning the National League MVP for a record fifth time.

"I happen to have a little house in San Francisco. I've been living out of storage for the last eight, nine years now."

Bonds, the only baseball player with more than three MVP awards, won it unanimously for the first time.

The San Francisco Giants outfielder received all 32 first-place votes and 48 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"I'd rather win the World Series, but this is great. I'm very happy about it, very excited," Bonds said Tuesday in Japan, where he is on the major league all-star tour.

"I'm trying to figure out why a 38-year-old player is still playing like this."

"Forget the historical part about MVPs. I'm overjoyed, very happy, very pleased, especially because off the 73-hour-a-week, to be able to pretty much stay consistent," he said.

Bonds hit .370 to win his first NL

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### Most valuable, most often

Barry Bonds became the first player to win the Most Valuable Player Award five times, taking National League honors Monday for the second straight season. Bonds was a unanimous winner, followed by Albert Pujols and Lance Berkman.

**2002 NL MVP voting**

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Bonds	32	46	110	448
Pujols	26	4	276	
Berkman	1	7	181	

**Bonds' MVP seasons**

	Avg.	HR	RBI	Walks
2002	.370	46	110	198
2001	.328	73	137	177
1993	.338	46	123	126
1992	.311	34	103	127
1990	.301	33	114	93

*Major League Baseball record*



SOURCE: Major League Baseball AP

## Clijsters stuns Serena Williams

### Snaps 18-match winning streak

By Beth Harris  
Associated Press writer

**LOS ANGELES** — Kim Clijsters couldn't believe what she'd just done.

Clijsters stunned top-seeded Serena Williams 7-5, 6-3 to win the season-ending WTA Championships on Monday night, handing Williams only her

fifth loss of the year.

Williams' 18-match winning streak was snapped largely because of 44 unforced errors, especially on the backhand side.

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### She finished with a 56-5 record and ended the year as the world's top-ranked player.

"Kim played really well. She earned the win," Williams said.

Clijsters, a 19-year-old Belgian who rose to No. 4 in the rankings, only managed six winners to 19 by Williams, but she converted five of 10 break chances in the nearly 1.5-hour match at Staples Center in front of 10,232.

"It's been an incredible week for me," said Clijsters, who defeated No. 2 Venus Williams

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## Raiders break records and Broncos

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press writer

**DENVER** — The Oakland Raiders turned Monday Night Football's anniversary celebration into a record-setting show for their old folks.

With 36-year-old Rich Gannon completing 21 straight passes and 40-year-old Jerry Rice becoming the first player to score 200 career touchdowns, the Raiders broke a four-game losing streak by beating the Denver Broncos 34-10.

Rod Woodson, 37, extended his own career record of interception returns for touchdowns with a 98-yarder in the first quarter that sent the Raiders on their way.

The win on ABC's celebration of its 500th Monday night tele-

cast brought Oakland (5-4) within a game of the Broncos (6-3) in the AFC West.

Along with scoring two touchdowns for a total of 201, Rice broke Walter Payton's record for total yardage.

Gannon, who had struggled as the Raiders dropped to 4-4 after starting 4-0, completed 29 of his first 30 passes.

His 21 straight completions set a record for one game, breaking the mark of 20 by Ken Anderson of Cincinnati set on Jan. 2, 1983.

The overall record of 22 was set by Joe Montana for San Francisco in two games in 1987.

Gannon had TD passes of 6 and 34 yards to Rice and 22 to Jerry Porter. On a 96-yard, third-quarter scoring drive, Gannon was 9-

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Oakland receiver Jerry Rice hauls in his 200th career touchdown catch as Denver's Tyrone Polly defends Monday in Denver.

## Winter Sports previews

Today: 1A girls basketball  
Wednesday: 3A, 2A girls basketball  
Thursday: 5A, 4A girls basketball  
Coming next month: boys basketball, wrestling

## It's a boys' club

There's been no female member at the home of the Masters

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press writer

**AUGUSTA, Ga.** — A green jacket was draped over Flootic Johnson's broad shoulders and the hint of a smile played above his square jaw as he spoke. The chairman of Augusta National hardly looked like someone who felt threatened, even at the point of a bayonet.

As controversy over the all-male membership at the home of the Masters swirled well beyond its green gates, the 71-year-old Johnson was as defiant as ever.

The Masters will be played the second week in April, no matter what, he said.

—and there is no chance a woman will be a club member by then.

"We have no timetable on the woman member," Johnson said during an hour-long interview Nov. 4. "Our club has enjoyed a camaraderie and a closeness that's served us well for so long, that it makes it difficult for us to consider change."

"A woman may be a member of this club one day, but that is out in the future."

Johnson's comments were the first on the subject since he fueled the debate with a three-page statement that defended the club's right to privacy, and

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SPORTS

Ohio State tops BCS standings

The Associated Press

Miami might be No. 1 in two polls, but Ohio State's atop the latest Bowl Championship Series standings.

The Buckeyes (11-0) have 3.41 points to lead Monday's chart, while Miami (9-0) is No. 2 with 4.10 points.

Ohio State and Miami — the only unbeaten teams remaining — will play for the national championship.

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said, "We have won a number of tough football games. This week, we have another very difficult challenge at Illinois. That is where our focus is."

Miami, the defending national champion, temporarily lost the top spot in the AP media poll last week but is now a unanimous No. 1 following a 26-3 win over Tennessee.

The Hurricanes, also No. 1 in the coaches' poll, face a school-record 31 straight games.

The Buckeyes are ahead of Miami for one big reason — quality win points. Ohio State has a 4.10 composite total, compared with Miami's 4.10.

Ohio State's deduction went from 0.6 points last week to 0.8 points this week because the Cougars jumped two spots to No. 3 in the new BCS standings.

Washington State (9-1) has 8.77 points, followed by Oklahoma (8-1) with 10.05 points, and Texas (9-1) with 11.50 points.

Miami has a more difficult schedule ahead than Ohio State. The Hurricanes are off this week, then play at home against No. 18 Pittsburgh (8-2) on Nov. 21.

Ohio State, meanwhile, plays at home on Saturday and ends the season at home against No. 12 Michigan (8-2) on Nov. 23.

The BCS formula uses the AP

Who's going to the Fiesta? The Bowl Championship Series standings

Weekly standings which will determine the teams that will play in the BCS National Championship Game at the Fiesta Bowl.

(Ranks through Nov. 9)

Table with 7 columns: Rank, Team, Poll avg., Computer avg., Schedule rank, Losses, Quality win, Total. Lists teams from Ohio State to Penn State.

Poll average: Average of The Associated Press media poll and USA Today/ESPN coaches poll. Computer average: The computer component will be determined by averaging six of the seven rankings.

Schedule rank: Rank of schedule strength compared to other Division I-A teams played divided by 25. This component is calculated by determining the cumulative win/loss records of the team's opponents (66.6 percent) and the cumulative win/loss records of the team's opponents' opponents (33.3 percent).

Quality win component: The quality win component will reward to varying degrees teams that defeat opponents ranked among the top 10 in the weekly standings.

Losses: One point for each loss below the season.

Note: Teams on NCAA probation (i.e. not eligible for postseason competition) are not listed in the BCS Standings. Teams with victories over teams on probation will receive appropriate quality win points.

SOURCE: The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Inc. AP

BOSTON (AP) — Brian Rolston scored two goals to lead the Boston Bruins to a 6-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Monday.

The Bruins won for the fourth time in five games and improved to 9-1-2 over their last 13 games.

Glen Murray, Rob Zamuner, Ryan Berrard and Jonathan Girard also scored for Boston.

The Bruins scored two power-play goals in the third period, and have now scored six man-advantage goals in their last two games.

Edmonton lost for the third time in four games and has allowed 18 goals in its last four games.

Murray gave Boston a 1-0 lead when his shot deflected off Oilers defenseman Janne Niinman and past Jussi Markkanen at 14:31 of the first.

Murray added two assists and has 15 points in his last 12 games.

Rolston gave Boston a 2-0 lead at 42 seconds into the second period, taking a turnover by Anson Carter and scoring between the legs of Markkanen.

After Moreau cut the Bruins' lead to 3-1, Rolston scored his second goal on a slap shot from the point with 3:17 remaining in the period.

Thrashers 2, Flames 1. ATLANTA — Pasi Nurminen topped the Atlanta Thrashers beat Calgary 2-1 Monday and extended the

Flames' franchise-record scoring drought.

Nurminen's bid for his first career shutout ended when Chris Clark scored with 4:48 left. The Flames had gone 152 minutes, 42 seconds without a goal over four games — that topped their 171:01 span from last season.

Kaberle scored for the Thrashers, who are 3-1-1 since their 0-8-0 start. Nurminen has started each of the past five games after wrestling the No. 1 spot from Milan Hladick.

Atlanta took a 1-0 lead after one period on Stefan's fifth goal of the season. The 1999 No. 1 overall pick, who is on pace for the best season of his four-year career, had just seven all of last season.

After a scoreless second period, defenseman Kaberle put Atlanta up 2-0 on a power play at 3:28 of the third.

Clark knocked in a rebound of Jarome Iginla's shot to make it a one-goal game at 15:12 of the third period. Iginla, who led the league in scoring last year, has scored only one goal in the last 11 games and has two assists in the last five.

Lightning 4, Coyotes 2

TAMPA, Fla. — Dave Andreychuk scored his 249th career power-play goal to tie Phil Esposito's NHL record, and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Phoenix Coyotes 4-2 Monday night.

Andreychuk redirected a pass from Brad Richards 17 seconds into the second period to give the Lightning a 4-0 lead. The Tampa Bay captain has 598 goals

overall, two short of becoming the 14th player to reach 600.

Fredrik Modin, Andre Roy and Stan Neckar scored three period goals for Tampa Bay. Coyotes goalie Brian Boucher was pulled early in the second after allowing four goals on 13 shots.

Tony Amonte and Daniel Briere had the Phoenix goals. Modin and Roy scored 46 seconds apart in the first. Modin scored on a slap shot from the slot at 4:28, and Roy made it 2-0 from the top of the left circle at 5:14.

Neckar gave Tampa Bay a 3-0 lead at 13:12 with his first goal in 84 games.

Blackhawks 2, Panthers 2

SUNRISE, Fla. — Ray Butteer scored his first NHL goal midway through the third period to give the Florida Panthers a 2-2 tie with the Chicago Blackhawks on Monday night.

Olli Jokinen also scored and Jan Hurne made 32 saves for the Panthers, who snapped a six-game losing streak against Chicago.

Jocelyn Thibault stopped 30 shots, including two in overtime, as the Blackhawks extended their unbeaten string to four games (3-0-1).

Igor Korolev and Steve Sullivan had the goals for Chicago. The Blackhawks had a goal disallowed 1:15 into overtime when Kyle Calder collided with Hurne in the crease just as Phil Housley's shot from the point went into the net. Referee Paul Stewart waived off the goal.

Celtics defeat turnover-prone Jazz

BOSTON (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 35 points and the Boston Celtics used the 3-point shot to overcome a halftime deficit and beat the Utah Jazz 112-95 Monday night.

The Jazz gave Boston plenty of help, committing 29 turnovers. It was the fifth straight time the Celtics have won for the first time in six games.

Pierce started with the fourth in a row on the road. The Jazz led 45-41 at halftime as Pierce made just one of 11-12 shots from beyond the arc. But the Celtics hit five 3-pointers in the third quarter and four in the fourth.

Pierce scored 27 points in the second half after missing just 2-6 shots in the first. Antoine Walker added 27 points and Tony Delk had 13.

The Jazz were led by Karl Malone with 20 and Matt Barnes with 19. Pierce had 15 points, Harpring and Scott Padgett with 15 each.

Trailing 58-52 with 7:14 left in the third quarter, the Celtics went ahead to stay with an 11-0 run. Pierce started with a jumper, Delk sank two 3-pointers and Vin Baker made a three-point play for a 63-58 lead.

Boston's last three baskets of the quarter were 3-pointers, by Pierce, Delk and Shammond Williams.

Mavericks 82, Trail Blazers 73. DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points and had a season-high 17 rebounds as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Portland Trail Blazers 82-73 Tuesday.

Nowitzki, who before the game was named the Western Conference's top player for last week, started 21-13 run with consecutive 3-pointers.

Michael Finley capped it with a fadeaway jumper at the buzzer that he punctuated by running and jumping his way back to the bench, arms flailing. He finished with 21 points.

The comeback was the first Dallas has needed all season. The Mavericks had to trail by more than three points and were behind at halftime for the first time.

Nowitzki also set a career-high with six steals and Finley had eight rebounds.

Warriors 108, Grizzlies 101. MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Antawn Jamison had 37 points and 11 rebounds as the Golden State Warriors beat the winless Memphis Grizzlies 108-101 Monday night.

Erick Dampier had 18 points and 16 rebounds, while Troy Murphy added 18 points for the Warriors.

The Grizzlies (0-8), the only team in the NBA without a victory, were led by Pau Gasol's 24 points.

Gordan Gierick had 21, Lorenzen Wright added 18 and Wesley Person 15.

After struggling most of the game, particularly on defense, Memphis began to put on some pressure late in the fourth quarter.

Trailing 100-84 with 3:08 to play, Wright hit a short jumper to begin a 10-point run. The Grizzlies cut it to 104-101 on Jason Williams' layup with 21 seconds left.

But Dean Oliver made two free throws to put Golden State up five, and Troy Murphy hit two more to seal it.

Spurs 91, Timberwolves 75. SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored 20 points and Steve Kerr connected on five 3-pointers Monday night to lead the San Antonio to a 91-75 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The Spurs never trailed, sprinting out to a 23-point lead in the second quarter. The Timberwolves made a few charges in the second half, but San Antonio kept their edge in double digits.

Kerr finished with 17 points in 23 minutes, while David Robinson added 13 points and Tony Parker 10.

Robinson also had 19 rebounds for his fifth double-double in seven games, and Parker set a new personal best with 12 assists.

Rasho Nesterovic paced Minnesota with 16 points, and Kevin Garnett scored 14 points and collected 14 rebounds. Troy Hudson had 10 points for the Timberwolves, who shot only 36 percent from the floor.

WFA

Continued from D1 in the semifinals after Williams' relief with an injured leg. Clijsters became the first player to beat the Williams sisters in the same tournament since Martina Hingis in the 2001 Australian Open. She also tied the record for fewest games (4) lost en route to the title. She earned \$765,000 from the \$3 million purse.

NFL

Continued from D1 of 9 for 94 yards. Gannon finished 34-of-38 for 352 yards as the Raiders, who had averaged 40.5 points in their four wins and 16 points in their four losses, returned to their September form.

MVP

Continued from D1 batting title, and set records with 198 walks, 68 intentional walks and a 582 on-base percentage. He had a 799 slugging percentage, down from a record .863 last year but still good enough to lead the major leagues.

media and coaches' polls, computer polls, strength of schedule, win-loss record and a bonus-point system.

Ohio State has 3.41 points — 2 for poll average, 1.33 for computer average, 0.88 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and a 0.8 deduction for that victory over Washington State.

Rice, who holds every major career receiving record got his 200th TD late in the first half on a 6-yard pass from Gannon.

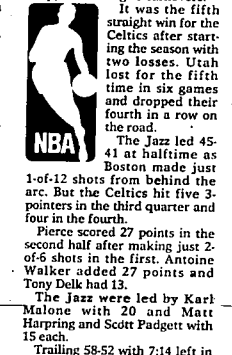
five seasons. No other player has won an MVP award more than three times, and only 10 others have won it in consecutive seasons.

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Washington State has 8.77 points — 3.5 for poll average, 3.67 for computer poll average, 0.80 for strength of schedule, one for losses and a 0.2 deduction for victory over Southern California.

early in the second quarter made it 13-0 before Denver scored, going 68 yards on 13 plays to score on Fortis' 13-yard run.

amous winner, and just the fifth in the NFL, joining Orlando Cepeda (1967), Mike Schmidt (1980), Jeff Bagwell (1994) and Ken Caminiti (1996).



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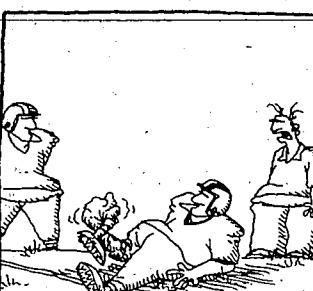
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SPORTS LETTER

BASEBALL

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IN THE BLEACHERS



"Walk it off. It's just a cramp."

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Football: Miami (Ohio) at Marshall, ESPN, 6 p.m.
Basketball: Exhibition, Harlem Globetrotters at Mayland, ESPN2, 5 p.m.
Hockey: Blue Jackets at Avalanche, FSPT, 7 p.m.

Father of Hagerman football player crossed the line

I recently had the misfortune of witnessing the worst sportsmanship at any high school athletic contest.
At the football game between Rimrock and Hagerman...

Also, running back Marshall Faulk probably will miss the Rams' next game with a right foot injury.

Faulk left the day after the fourth quarter of Sunday's 28-24 victory over the Arizona Diablos Chargers with a strained right hamstring...

FOOTBALL

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MAVERICKS & TRAIL BLAZERS '02

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WOMEN'S NHL SUMS

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Idaho middle holds flag football tournament

BOISE - The Idaho division of the American Flag & Touch Football League is holding its state championships Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in Boise.

GMs discuss bat boy agreement

TUCSON, Ariz. - Even if Dusty Baker ends up managing the Chicago Cubs next season, his little bat boy won't be allowed in the Wrigley Field dugout with him.

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Montreal Alouettes will tighten security

MONTREAL - The CFL's Montreal Alouettes plan to tighten security for their next playoff game against the Edmonton Eskimos.

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Cartier stays in hospital with kidney problem

DAVIE, Fla. - Miami Dolphins receiver Chris Carter is improving but he is in the hospital and won't play this week while doctors determine what caused his kidneys to malfunction.

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Maverick's Van Exel goes on injured list

DALLAS - Mavericks guard Nick Van Exel had arthroscopic knee surgery Monday and is expected to be out three-to-six weeks.

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Packers running backs are expected to play

GREEN BAY, Wis. - The Green Bay Packers expect running backs Ahmadi Green and Najeh Davenport to play against Minnesota this weekend.

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**SPORTS**

# Team-by-team capsules of Class 1A girls basketball

## Northside Conference

### Bliss Bears

Coach: Lane Durtschi, fifth year  
 2001-02 record: 8-14  
 Key returners: 5-6 sr. F Sundi Brizendine; 5-7 jr. P Mariah Burk  
 Others to watch: 5-8 jr. F Malorie Kasi; 5-3 fr. G Hallee Kast  
 Outlook: "There is a lack of experience and depth for the Bears this season. But Durtschi expects improved court awareness and ball-handling this season. Brizendine, the only senior, is a multifaceted, talented player who should provide good leadership. Coach says: "We improved in athleticism this year."

### Camas County Lady Musershers

Coach: Mike McLam, fourth year  
 2001-02 record: 10-15, went 1-2 at state  
 Key returners: 5-9 sr. G Chelsi Bennett; 5-3 sr. G Brandi Gill; 5-8 sr. F Britni McLam  
 Others to watch: 5-11 sr. P Gloria Chui; 5-2 soph. G Kristin Wetherly; soph. G Tonya Seig; fr. G Beth McLam; fr. G Rose Schwarzbach  
 Outlook: Lady Musershers hope to return to state for only second time in school history, but will have to do it with a young team that doesn't boast a lot of size. McLam gets the most out of his team, however, and fans should expect the same this year. Returning seniors Chelsi Bennett and Brandi Gill lead Camas County, which also lost four players to moves and four others who failed to turn out.  
 Coach says: "It's anybody's guess."

### Carey Panthers

Coach: Greg Carlson, second year  
 2001-02 record: 4-14  
 Key Returners: 5-10 sr. F/P Ginger Bingham; 5-10 sr. F/P Jesse Molyneux  
 Others to watch: 5-7 sr. F/G Laren Peterson; 5-7 sr. F Pamela Rey; 6-0 jr. P Sarah Lynn Schaffer; 5-7 sr. F Nicki McAfee; 5-0 sr. G Jouana Alvarez; 5-2 jr. G Cheyanne Bingham; 5-6 sr. F Katrina Harmon; 5-3 sr. G. Lindsey Fiscus  
 Outlook: Carey could be the team to beat in the Northside if it wasn't for state runner-up Dietrich returning three seniors. But this year's Panthers squad boasts depth, experience and

good size. Consensus all-Northside pick, Ginger Bingham, provides good leadership, scoring and rebounding along with teammate Molyneux. Carey's experience comes in eight seniors and two juniors on the team.  
 Coach says: "We lack a good center outside shooter, but we have good speed in our guards and forwards."

### Dietrich Blue Devils

Coach: Gene Shaw, 14th year  
 2001-02 Record: 21-7, state runner-up  
 Key Returners: 5-9 sr. G Raysa Parker; 5-10 sr. P Shenna Bingham; 5-4 sr. G Bryoni Southwick; 5-4 jr. G Ayleen Sorenson  
 Others to watch: 5-7 sr. G/F Jessica Helsey; 5-5 sr. G Kelly Towne; 5-10 jr. G Michelle Anderson; 5-7 jr. G Nikki Towne; 5-3 soph. G Lindsey Shaw  
 Outlook: State runners-up a year ago, the Blue Devils remember well how they blew a late lead and lost the state championship. With four returning starters back in Parker, Bingham, Southwick and Sorenson, the Blue Devils return a solid nucleus and another run at the title. This is the team to beat, despite solid conference rivals in Carey and Shoshone. They have quickness and depth on the bench. But one question mark is at point guard. Parker averaged 15 points and nine rebounds per game last season.  
 Coach says: "We need to work on defense. They blew a late lead and lost the state championship. Injuries are always a concern."

### Richfield Tigers

Coach: Steve Kent, second year  
 2001-02 record: 5-15  
 Key returners: 5-8 sr. P Candace Farnworth; 5-0 jr. G Janet Ellis; 5-8 sr. F Shannon Meyer  
 Others to watch: 5-10 jr. P Michelle Schmidt; 5-6 soph. P Brooke Norman; 5-4 fr. G Breanna McAllister  
 Outlook: Scrappy Tigers need more production out of Meyer, who led the team in scoring last year with 8.5 points per game. Farnworth is a question mark with a knee injury. Ellis is a relentless defender and ball handler but play off the bench will go long in how Richfield plays this season. A lack of experience with only two seniors is another concern.  
 Coach says: "We have better shooters and rebounding this year. Our sophomores and freshmen will need to develop to provide depth."

### Shoshone Indians

Coach: Tim Chapman, 12th year  
 2001-02 record: 22-5, 0-2 at state.  
 Key returners: 5-7 jr. W Sarah Hubsch  
 Others to watch: 5-5 sr. G Courtney Sorenson; 5-3 soph. G Meghan Sorenson; 5-8 soph. G Amanda Gulliford; 5-6 fr. W Katie Strunk; 5-7 sr. P Rebecca Tarango; 5-3 G Kelsey Mantion  
 Outlook: This is a rebuilding year for Shoshone, with junior Sarah Hubsch the only returning starter back. Indians graduated talented class, including 6-3 Gonzaga freshman Monica Uhrig (17.0 ppg, 9.0 rpg) and point guard Jaz Harris (11.0 ppg). This year's tallest player is 5-6. No rebounding will be an issue. But after last year's successful season of only losing five games, this year the Indians will probably hang up to be a force to be reckoned with this season.  
 Coach says: "The players are hard workers and had success in volleyball. I hope that will carry over to the basketball team."

### The Community School

Information not received

## Magic Valley Conference

### Castleford Wolves

Coach: Roger Wells, first year  
 2001-02 record: 5-18  
 Key returners: 6-0 sr. F/M Malorie Graybeal; 5-10 sr. G/F Jill Brubaker  
 Others to watch: 5-8 jr. G Jessica Hill; 6-2 jr. C Linda Kissinger; 5-6 sr. G Tessa Burkhalter; 5-11 soph. F/C Echo Frey; 5-8 soph. F/C Larissa Blich; 5-11 soph. G/F Rachel Maves  
 Outlook: Young Wolves return just one starter off last year's sixth-seeded team at the conference tournament. But Castleford, like always, peaks late and that can be expected again this season. What Wolves lack in experience, they more than make up in height, with five girls standing 5-foot-10 or better. Graybeal will have to carry the bulk of the scoring with Brubaker adding steadiness inside. Team has a new coach in Roger Wells, who takes over for Gary Reynolds.  
 Coach says: "The girls work hard on and off the court. They are very smart and can adapt quickly under different game conditions. We have some good size inside and guards that can shoot well from the outside."

### Hagerman Pirates

Coach: Joe Keeney, first year  
 2001-02 record: 16-14, went 1-2 at state  
 Key returners: 5-6 sr. G Alicia Jensen  
 Others to watch: 5-8 sr. P Nicole Billard; 5-6 sr. G Amanda Vos; 5-5 soph. PG Shannon Knight; 5-10 soph. F Sara Jackson  
 Outlook: Always a competitive Pirates look to rebuild after graduating six seniors from last year's state tournament team. Hagerman will need to fill the shoes of leading scorer Teresa Owsley and strong rebounder Melissa Wise. But Jester returns to lead the team in the backcourt and Billard is a capable player who comes off a disappointing volleyball campaign that saw her and Jester leave the team because of personal issues. Team comes in with a new coach, Joe Keeney, who left Twin Falls and is known for his ability to motivate players. How the Pirates overcome the obvious issues of experience and a lack of depth will be key to a successful run and return to state.  
 Coach says: "We are athletic, competitive and quick. We should finish in the top four."

### Hansen Huskies

Coach: Rick Abel, sixth year  
 2001-02 record: 22-4, fifth place at state  
 Key returners: 5-6 jr. G/F Bonnie Freestone; 5-7 sr. G/F Jessica Ratto; 5-7 sr. G/F Brianna Stanger  
 Others to watch: 5-7 jr. G/F Krystal Kenney; 5-10 jr. F Kayla Bates; 5-9 jr. F Angela Wilson; 5-4 jr. G Holl Brookshire; 5-9 sr. P Misty Burns; 5-5 soph. G Robin Rossi; 5-4 soph. G Reha Stanger; 5-7, soph. F Bridget Rouse  
 Outlook: Hansen rebuilds after the loss of six seniors to graduation, but retains six players off last year's state tournament team from last year. Bonnie Freestone is Huskies' main scoring threat, averaging nearly 18 points a game last year. Team boasts several players off volleyball team, which made its first-ever trip to the state pool-play tourney. Huskies went 12-0 in conference, but can't expect same results this season.  
 Coach says: "New faces are a result of a successful junior high and junior varsity program. We have good athletes who are dedicated to the program. The girls are also coming off a first-ever trip to the state volleyball tournament and are very goal-oriented."

### Magic Valley Christian Conquerors

Coach: Joel Pyron, second year  
 2001-02 record: 21-9  
 Key returners: 5-6 sr. G/F Delena Willis; 5-6 jr. G Rachelle Paulson; 5-4 soph. G Nicole Lee  
 Others to watch: 5-7 fr. G/F Angie Hegman; 5-4 fr. G Naomi Sullivan; 5-7 fr. F Chloe Potter  
 Outlook: Lone senior 5-6 Delena Willis leads the young and short Conquerors, who will look to improve upon a two-win season — its first as a member of the Magic Valley Conference. Depth, for now, is a crucial concern with only six players going out for basketball at the Christian-based school. Team listed eight freshman or sophomores on last year's team but only Willis, Paulson and Lee return. In his second year, Pyron has his work cut out for himself having to rely on "heart and passion" over talent and height. Willis is a spunky athlete who was the volleyball team's setter so her leadership will have to go a long way if the Conquerors are to improve over last season.  
 Coach says: "The strength of our team is that we have a lot of heart and good passing. Staying fresh may be a problem with no bench."

### Murtaugh Red Devils

Information not received

### Oakley Hornets

Coach: Brett Graham, fourth year  
 2001-02 record: 13-13  
 Key returners: 5-9 sr. G/P Kristina Carecia; 5-6 sr. G/Mandi Critchfield; 5-6 jr. G All Craney  
 Others to watch: 5-9 soph. F/F Valerie Bedko; 5-9 jr. G/F Mandi Burch; 5-6 fr. G Sarah Archibald; 5-11 jr. P Ashley Pickett; 5-9 fr. P/F Jenna Peterson  
 Outlook: Scrappy, tough-minded Hornets boast competitive size and healthy mix of experience with two starting seniors and four juniors. Leading scorer Mandi Critchfield and leading rebounder Kristina Carecia return for their senior seasons. Hornets work hard in a competitive Southside Conference headed by Murtaugh, Hagerman and Hansen. Hornets possess quickness and hustle, but need to improve on the offensive glass.  
 Coach says: "We need to work on free throws and we may buckle under defensive pressure. But we should do well in the lineup against the others in our conference."

### Raft River Trojans

Coach: Jeremy Qualls, first year  
 2001-02 record: 14-12  
 Key returners: 5-6 sr. G Jill Harper; 5-9 sr. G Summer Hansen; 5-10 sr. Jenna Rigby  
 Others to watch: 5-9 soph. P Brenda Breda; 5-8 soph. G Sierra Telford; 5-5 soph. G Jennie Hutchison; 5-4 soph. G Lisa Lee  
 Outlook: Trojans return three seniors with varsity experience but will need to work in several sophomores with Darrington already making an impact at the post. Raft River graduated five seniors including leading scorers Tami Lee and Leed Thomas. Rigby bolsters the inside play on the boards, but Harper is the team's catalyst at point. Look for Hansen to be a threat from the perimeter but first-year head coach Qualls is hoping for his sophomores to show some spark. Junior class had no players turn out. Qualls takes over for former coach Randy Spaeth, who dropped girls basketball from his schedule.  
 Coach says: "We have a good ethic and the girls hustle. Our lack of varsity experience and depth are a concern."

## Junior varsities

### Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Lady Raptors

Coach: Beth Price, seventh year  
 2001-02 record: 11-4  
 Key returners: 5-4 G Aubree Thompson; 5-1 soph. G Rita Varley; 5-2 soph. G Jessica Febus  
 Others to watch: 5-7 fr. P Becky Cole; 5-0 fr. G Cynthia Cruz; 5-5 fr. P Doreen Colman; 5-6 soph. P Chelsea Newberry; 5-2 soph. G Gloria Sanchez  
 Outlook: Thompson is a legitimate all-area consideration with her ability to shoot both from the perimeter drive through the lane. The three-year starter scored a season-high 39 points and made eight steals against Twin Falls Christian Academy girls last season. But the support around her in the Raptors. Team includes Sophomores Varela and Febus return as starters but depth isn't a concern with a sizeable freshman and sophomore turnout boding well for the Raptors. Team has quickness and solid work ethic.  
 Coach says: "We are a young team and the girls have a lot of hard work ahead of them."

### Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors

Information not received

## 1A girls

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 However it shakes out, only four teams from District Four will make the state tournament this year.

### Northside Conference

Admittedly, it's going to be a "dogfight for second" in the Northside this year. Dietrich, and its stable of returning starters (Raysa Parker, Sheena Bingham, Ayleen Sorenson and Bryoni Southwick) look to be too much to overcome for the rest of the league.  
 "Dietrich is by far the best team in the conference," Chapman said. "If they can stay healthy with their aggressive defense, they're going to be tough."  
 If there is one glaring question mark in Dietrich, it is at point guard. Projected starter Kasey Perkins is ineligible until January

and Shaw said he's not sure who will step in at that position.  
 "We're not sure who's going to play there," he said. "Ayleen is our leader and Bryoni could play. We could be a five-guard offense."  
 For teams facing the Blue Devils' notorious press, it has to feel like that.  
 "They just press and trap and scratch and bite," Chapman said with a chuckle.  
 Shaw said Dietrich has all the elements to return to the state championship.  
 "Our size is pretty good. Our experience is good," he said. "We're playing with a little vengeance too."  
 Shoshone expects to push it up the floor with a stable of athletic guards and players, led by 5-7 Hubsch, who played some BCI last season. Meghan Sorenson has some varsity time at the state tournament and freshman Katie Strunk jumps out of the gym.

Amanda Gulliford is the tallest Indian at 5-8. Chapman also expects production out of Courtney Sorenson and Rebecca Tarango.  
 "They're pretty new to the system," Chapman said. "We're looking to spread the ball, drive to the basket and try to make a living at the free-throw line."  
 Carey will look to its frontcourt — of Schaffer, and 5-10 posts Bingham and Molyneux. The Panthers are athletic, deep and hungry, said coach Greg Carlson.  
 "This year it's going to be a good year," he said.  
 Outside, the Panthers have Cheyenne Bingham and senior Laren Peterson to run the offense. But Peterson is dealing with a sore back and senior Lindsey Fiscus has torn ligaments in her knee.  
 Richfield, Camas County, Bliss and The Community School all have one or two standout players but are hampered by other issues such as injuries or low numbers.  
 Camas County is down to seven

players with Chelsi Bennett on crutches. Richfield has adequate size and talent but is a darkhorse while Bliss with Sundi Brizendine hopes to surprise. The Community School graduated a few players but could contend come tourney time.  
**Southside Conference**  
 It's a conference up for grabs between reigning champion Hansen, perennial contenders Hagerman and Murtaugh and outsiders Oakley, Raft River, Castleford and Magic Valley Christian.  
 Bonnie Freestone gives any opponent match-up headaches with her ability to post up or run the point. Whether her supporting cast of Jessica Ratto, Brianna Stanger, Kayla Bates and Krystal Kenney are up to the challenge will be Hansen's boon or shortfall, said coach Rick Abel.  
 "We have really lived by the inside and we may be more diverse this year," he said.  
 Throw in a transfer from Buhl in

Misty Burns and a deep bench and Hansen looks ready to keep its conference crown.  
 "I still think we're a darn good team and we've got a good tradition now," Abel said.  
 Neighbor Murtaugh will look to contend this season with an athletic, hard-nosed group who know how to win when it matters most. Though the Red Devils will only suit seven, team unity is never a problem with four of the seven named Perkins. Add in athletic junior Jillian Cady at the wing and guard Lana Andersen and Murtaugh will compete every night.  
 Oakley should be right in the mix for a state trip with three starters back and a tall bench that goes no smaller than 5-6. The Hornets will be quick, strong and look to press the ball often, said coach Bret Graham.  
 Carecia, Critchfield, All Craney, Valerie Bedko and Mandi Burch all bring experience to the Hornets who some coaches

feel may be the team to beat.  
 Raft River coach Jeremy Qualls, the former assistant under longtime coach Randy Spaeth, said he has a team that likes to run but hasn't figured itself out quite yet.  
 Three seniors in Jill Harper, Summer Hansen and Jenna Rigby lead the Trojans, who lost a tournament last year.  
 "We'll have decent team speed but we're not going to be world beaters," Qualls said.  
 Hagerman will look for another return to state, and if new coach Joe Keeney can get the most of talents Alicia Jester and Nicole Billard, the Pirates will be tough to beat.  
 Under new coach Roger Wells, Castleford boasts size in 6-0 Malorie Graybeal and 5-10 Jill Brubaker, but will have to make up for the loss of scoring punch in graduated Diann Cotte.  
 Magic Valley Christian completes the conference as it tries to improve upon a two-win season

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# Masters

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criticized Martha Burk and the National Council of Women's Organizations for trying to coerce change.

He said in his July 9 letter that Augusta National may some day "have a female member," but not at the point of a bygone, which has become a slogan of his resolve.

Johnson spoke from his second-floor office, whose walls bear a photo of him and former chairman Clifford Roberts and an original portrait of Bobby Jones painted by President Roosevelt.

"He was as unyielding as ever, offering the kind of assurances, usually reserved for death, taxes and whether Tiger Woods has a game to contend for a fourth Masters title."

"There will always be a Masters," he said. "We will prevail because we're right."

He was adamant in his stance that Augusta National would not cave in to the demands of Burk or anyone else who dares to challenge the constitutional rights of a private club to associate with whomever it wants.

"This woman portrays us as being discriminatory and being bigots. And we're not," Johnson said. "We're a private club. And private organizations are good. The Boy Scouts. The Girl Scouts. Junior League. Sororities. Fraternities. Are these immoral? See, we are in good company as a single-gender organization."

He sees no connection between racial and gender discrimination. "Do you know of any constitutional lawyer that's ever said they were the same? Do you know any civil rights activists that said it was the same? It's not relevant," he said. "Nobody accepts them as being the same."

Burk doesn't buy Johnson's argument, and she speculated that he spoke out because, "He must be feeling additional pressure from inside the club, PGA Tour sponsors or the players."

"I had sincerely and genuinely hoped it could be settled, and I still hope so," she said. "Hopefully, this is Hootie's last hurrah, and there still may be some pressure outside the club to make this change. That might be the case, or he wouldn't have called this interview to make points he has made in the past."

Augusta National opened in 1933, the vision of Roberts, a Wall Street investment banker, and Bobby Jones, the greatest amateur ever.

The Masters was created in 1934 and has evolved into the most famous of golf's four major championships, the only one played on the same course. Johnson, a retired banker, was 4 when he attended his first Masters in 1935. He was invited to join Augusta National in 1960, and was elected chairman 30 years later.



William W. 'Hootie' Johnson, chairman of the Augusta National Golf Club, walks through the crowd at the Augusta National Golf Club during a practice round for the 2002 Masters in Atlanta, Ga., last April.

He is said to have worked behind the scenes to get the first black admitted to the club in 1990, shortly after the all-white membership controversy at Shovel Creek in Alabama.

Augusta National allows women to play its golf course without restrictions. Women played more than 1,000 rounds last year, and Johnson invited the University of South Carolina women's golf team as his guest.

So, what's wrong with having one as a member?

"We just don't choose to do that at this time," he said.

Johnson said Burk's letter hasn't had any effect on the club's decision to invite a woman to join.

Still, the chairman clearly is annoyed by Burk's campaign. He never mentioned her by name, three times referring to her only as "this woman" or "that woman."

Asked if he had any regrets about his response to Burk — three sentences vs. three pages to the media — Johnson smiled: "I seldom have any regrets. I don't look back much."

Then he turned serious and added: "I regret that she threatened us. And I regret that she threatened our sponsors."

Johnson dismissed the only TV sponsors of the Masters — Citigroup, Coca-Cola and IBM — after Burk challenged them to live up to their own policies against sex discrimination.

That will make next year's Masters, which already gets the highest ratings among golf tournaments, the first commercial-free sporting event on network TV.

Can the Masters survive financially without sponsors for more than one year?

"We could go indefinitely," Johnson said. "But I don't think we'll have to. We'll have our sponsors back. I just believe that we're right on this issue, and that they'll be comfortable in sponsoring the Masters Tournament."

If some view this controversy as having the potential to mar the crown jewel of golf, Johnson certainly doesn't.

"The majority of Americans are with us on this issue," he said, leaning back in his leather chair. "I want you to know that."

How can he be so sure? "I just know it," Johnson said. "I know it by the response I get here."

He reached for a letter and newspaper clipping on the coffee table, a pull from the Lancaster (Pa.) Intelligencer Journal, that asked readers to call in their vote on whether Augusta should admit women. Of 624 callers, 90 percent said no.

On his desk were four files, each one bulging with letters he said supported Augusta National and its rights as a private club.

Johnson said he has read and responded to each one.

"I don't think we've been damaged," he said.

The only time Johnson's voice was tinged with agitation was when he wondered why his club should be penalized "for presenting something that's good for the game of golf?"

"Something that 150 million watch around the world? Something that's a harbinger of

spring? Something that is respected worldwide? We're going to be penalized for that?"

Burk has challenged several high-profile members of Augusta National to own up to their public stand against discrimination.

Lloyd Ward, CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee and one of only a half-dozen black members at Augusta, said he would work for change from inside the club. American Express chairman Kenneth Chenault, another black member, also said he believed there should be female members.

That violates a cardinal rule at Augusta. The club traditionally speaks with one voice — Johnson's.

"I'm not going to talk about members," he said, cutting off a question about comments from executives like Ward and Chenault. "We'll handle that internally."

Johnson did not appear to be concerned, nor did he think the debate would steal headlines from Woods going after a record third straight Masters title.

Meantime, Augusta National carries on behind the tall gates that seclude Magnolia Lane and its stately clubhouse from the rest of the world.

Several members played in a cool drizzle on this day, some of them taking along caddies dressed in the club's traditional white coveralls.

Among the items for sale in the Augusta National pro shop was a navy blue cap with "2003 Masters" stitched in white. Merchandise with a message.

# Army gets taste of reality

STEVE WILSTEIN

WEST POINT, N.Y. — This is a season, more than most, that calls for perspective, a reality check on what matters.

An 0-9 record will do that. So will the drubbeat of war. Army's seniors aren't going off to the National Football League, or even dreaming about it. A year from now, they may be dressed in desert fatigues instead of their black and gold football uniforms, studying field maps of Iraq rather than X's and O's.

It's not enough for them to practice every day, play on Saturdays and keep up with one of the most demanding academic programs in the country. They are training to be leaders in the Army, preparing to graduate as second lieutenants and begin their five-year military commitments at a dangerous time.

"Given the situation around the world, everyone knows this is our year," says Clarence Holmes, a 23-year-old senior defensive end from Decatur, Ga. "It's going to be fought mostly by us and our generation. We have to make sure we're prepared to do the job."

The thought is never far off. No one at Army uses it as an excuse for the losses this year — the worst start at West Point since the 1973 team went 0-10 — but the cadets can't help being affected by it.

"It's always on your mind, even when we take the field," Holmes says. "You wonder if the man across from you actually knows what you go through or understand that he's lining up across from somebody that's going to be protecting his way of life. You think about it, that they don't have that weight on their shoulders."

Army travels to Tulane on Saturday, then goes to Memphis before finishing up against Navy. The Black Knights are a young team, dominated by 50 sophomores, who often have made sophomore mistakes. There, too, some perspective is needed: The first semester of the sophomore year at West Point is the most difficult academically and the professors don't cut the football players any slack in the classroom.

Holmes was one of the 28 senior cadets who played their last home games this past Saturday at Michie Stadium. It was a gorgeous autumn day, the hills ablaze with yellow, orange and red foliage. A perfect day for photographs and memories that could not be spoiled even by a 49-3 loss to Air Force. The seniors exchanged knowing looks, recalled their first days together and thought about their uncertain future.

This team has felt the anxiety of possible war since Sept. 11 last year, when the smoke billowing from the World Trade Center, 50 miles to the south, could be seen through a clear sky from the top of the stadium.

"Everyone wanted to be doing

something other than going to school and playing football," recalls coach Todd Berry. "Everyone that day came to grips to why they are here. They all to moral. This is my mission. Sometimes you wonder why you're tested so strongly. These young people have a higher mission. They can't ever look past that. They have to be cadets first."

None of the cadets has shown more leadership ability than Holmes, who is just the fourth player in Army football history — and the first in more than 100 years — to be elected as a team captain twice.

He is the son of a single mother who worked two jobs and raised six children. He got his first job at 14 when his stepfather died, and has been working ever since. His mother, Sharian Gardner, is his hero.

The 6-3, 270-pound Holmes chose West Point over some 10 other schools that offered scholarships because he was captivated by the history here and saw the possibility of doing more with his life than just playing football.

"I figured there was no better place to challenge me academically, to challenge my character, my morals and give me the best education in the country," he says.

A systems engineering major with strong math and computer skills, Holmes has signed up to be a field artilleryman. His 20-year-old brother, Joshua, who ran track in high school before enlisting in the Navy, is in Okinawa, Japan.

"They've already gotten fitted for their desert uniforms," Holmes says.

Holmes hasn't talked with his mother about what might be next in his military career. He knows he'll be proud to see him graduate from West Point and doesn't want to worry her about the future.

Nor do the players talk about it all the time.

"We're just trying to enjoy this last run together as brothers," he says. "Of course we feel invincible at our young ages. You just get up with the courage to face yourself and your inner man and say, 'I may not be here a year from today.' A lot of things on the football field prepare us for that. It's all about the next person. Once you learn that it's not about you, it makes it easier to understand and accept the fact that you may not live. You accept mortality."

"Of course, it's tough. Who wants to deal with that? But it's what we've chosen to do here."

Steve Wilstein is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Idaho company lands big defense contract

**COEUR D'ALENE** - An Idaho company has landed a \$10.9-million contract from a U.S. weapons supplier.

Advanced Input Devices will make specially lighted switches for military vehicles that are sometimes driven at night without headlights to avoid detection. The contract was awarded by the Defense Supply Center of Columbus, Ohio.

"This is a positive sign of a company locally gaining a great reputation for being able to offer some unique engineering and manufacturing solutions," said Chris Newman, company vice president of sales and marketing. "We feel good about the potential of this program to lead into future work along these lines."

The deal was three years in the works.

"Recently we've been able to secure the production contract and release the product," Newman said. "We're now just moving into full volume production."

The light switches produced by the company will replace switches designed in the 1950s that are impossible to see in the dark without a flashlight.

"Our switch is backlit using special filters that prevent infrared light from escaping the switch," company President Brad Lawrence said. "This provides a critical defense feature. If you're hiding, you don't want to accidentally light up your vehicle."

Newman said the contract will help the company continue its steady growth.

"We've been fortunate not to experience the slowdown that has affected a lot of the companies here locally as well as nationally," he said.

The north Idaho company is a subsidiary of Esterline Technologies, a manufacturer of products serving aerospace and defense markets.

### Qwest reaches labor deal with QwestDex workers

Qwest's completion Friday of the first phase of its sale of QwestDex came just days after Qwest ensured labor peace for another three years with 500 QwestDex workers.

On Friday, Qwest finalized its sale of its QwestDex financial operations in seven states - including Idaho - to investors led by buyout firms The Carlyle Group, Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe.

On the labor front, Qwest - Marie Valley's predominant provider of local-phone service - struck an agreement last week with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to extend its labor contract covering 500 QwestDex salespeople to May 2006. The previous contract would have expired next May.

The Communications Workers of America, which represents 1,700 of QwestDex's 2,800 employees, is not near agreement, CWA officials said.

In other Qwest news, the company and the Minnesota Department of Commerce each submitted proposals to the state's Public Utilities Commission on Friday for resolutions to a landmark complaint against Qwest.

The Minnesota DOC alleges that Qwest cut service to sweetheart deals with some competitors to the detriment of others. The PUC agreed that Qwest broke the law is scheduled to decide on a penalty by 19.

In its proposal, Qwest recommended it pay no fine. Instead, Qwest will hire 100 more people in Minnesota, provide free privacy-protection products to Minnesota senior citizens and provide high-speed Internet service in six additional communities. Qwest also will provide competitors a 10 percent discount on services.

The Minnesota DOC suggested the PUC ask the Minnesota attorney general's office to calculate a multimillion-dollar fine. The DOC also suggested the PUC consider withholding its approval of Qwest's bid to offer long-distance service in the state and force Qwest to separate its service and operations businesses in the state.

Compiled from wire reports

# Lee Enterprises reports higher earnings

The Times-News

**DAVENPORT, Iowa** - Lee Enterprises, the Davenport-based media company that owns *The Times-News*, has posted fourth-quarter earnings of 43 cents per share, nearly doubling earnings of 22 cents per share a year ago.

Lee credited major acquisition activity earlier this year, strong operating results from both newly acquired and existing newspapers, and non-recurring items in the prior year for the growth.

"Lee had an outstanding year," Mary Junck, chairman and CEO, said Monday in a news release. "We completed the largest acquisition in our history, and, despite the slow ad environment, delivered

excellent operating results. We continued to drive revenue, increase circulation and improve our news products and online sites. At the same time, we carefully controlled our expenses. We've continued to focus on our top priorities, and it's paying off. Also, we're ahead of schedule with our acquisition of Howard Publications, as our new newspapers have already made a positive contribution to 2002 operating results."

With the acquisition of Howard's properties - including *The Times-News* - Lee moved into position as the 12th-largest U.S. newspaper company with total circulation of 1.1 million nationwide.

Adoption of new accounting rules for intangible assets increased this year's earnings by 3 cents. Losses from sales of assets,

combined with other non-recurring items, reduced prior year results by 12 cents per share. Adjusted for these factors, diluted earnings per common share from continuing operations increased 16 percent from the 2001 adjusted level of 37 cents.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, increased 23.7 percent to \$44.7 million. Revenue increased 53.8 percent to \$162.5 million, as acquisitions contributed \$59.4 million this year.

Operating expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization, increased 47.4 percent to \$117.7 million, a result of the acquisitions, offset by savings from lower newspaper prices and other cost controls. Operating income, which includes equity in

net income of associated companies, increased 75.5 percent.

For the year ended Sept. 30, 2002, diluted earnings per common share from continuing operations totaled \$1.83, compared with \$1.36 in 2001. Several factors influenced earnings in the reported periods. Adjusted for these factors, diluted earnings per common share from continuing operations this year were \$1.60, an increase of 10 percent from the 2001 adjusted level of \$1.45.

Lee Enterprises owns 38 daily newspapers and a joint interest in six others, along with associated online services. Lee also owns more than 175 weekly newspapers, shoppers and classified and specialty publications.

## COWS ON THE WEB



Montana cattle buyer Jeff Ferguson of Bozeman, Mont., sits in front of 31 new head of cattle at the Bozeman Stock Yard Wednesday.

## Online cattle auctions give ranchers option

The Associated Press

**BILLINGS, Mont.** - For Montana cattle buyer Jeff Ferguson, finding cattle to suit his clients' tastes used to mean spending entire days at a sales barn or traveling hours to far-flung ranches. In recent rancher Kevin Forgey had to haul them at least an hour away, sometimes more, with no guarantee he would get the price he wanted.

That was before the Internet and the rise of the online auction.

Forgey can sell calves over the Internet at a price he sets with out having to haul them off his ranch first.

And Ferguson can place bids and buy truckloads of cattle for

clients in seconds, without ever leaving his chair.

"I bought cattle today in 15 seconds without leaving my office, without even having to shave," he said after one recent live, online auction in which he bought cattle from a Wyoming rancher.

"The times are changing rapidly, so you just use the technology to get cattle for your customers the best that you can," Ferguson said.

A variety of Internet-based companies now provide different examples of online cattle auctions. Some allow sellers to post their cattle online and let potential buyers submit bids, some times over a period of several days.

Others essentially televise a

live cattle auction over the Internet using "streaming video," allowing potential buyers who live nowhere near the auction house to watch and take part in the bidding. Streaming video has limitations, though, especially for farmers and ranchers living in areas not served by high-speed Internet access.

Others, companies, including the California-based Stampede Cattle Co., offer another alternative, one that appeals to Ferguson and Forgey.

Stampede Cattle hosts a live auction that occurs completely in cyberspace. It blends computer animation, sound and real-time, rapid bidding.

Small photographs and brief descriptions of cattle, compiled by company representatives who work with the ranchers, fill a cat-

egories ring on the company's Web site. Bids are tracked and displayed as they come in. A sales card provides the basics of each lot of cattle up for bid, including sex, base weight and the minimum asking price.

"Buyers have a chance to peruse a catalog of available livestock before the sale begins, but the bidding on each lot lasts just 30 seconds. Sellers set the delivery date of cattle sold; buyers arrange transportation. Stampede Cattle charges a commission on sales of 1.5 percent.

"We want to replicate, not replace, the brick-and-mortar sales," said Stampede Cattle co-owner Chris Nelson. But, "we're using this as a tool to make the current business better."

In October, the first month for Please see **CATTLE**, Page D7

## Shell Oil breaks away from Kmart

The Associated Press

Kmart Corp.'s promotions designed to win customers back during its Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization may have been too aggressive for one of its suppliers.

Shell Oil Products of Houston stopped shipping its Pennzoil and Quaker State motor oil to Kmart stores on Oct. 3 in reaction to the discount retailer's "current marketing and positioning strategies for these particular brands."

"For three consecutive days, Kmart, which has a store in Twin Falls and closed one in Butte, sold Pennzoil and Quaker State motor oil brands for 99 cents a quart during a recent promotion. Kmart had been selling the product for \$1.50 to \$1.89 a quart.

Carole Lieber, a spokeswoman for Shell Oil, said her company will continue to provide Kmart with other Shell Oil products including Rotella heavy-duty motor oil and Axius automotive accessories.

A Kmart representative said that lack of Pennzoil and Quaker State motor oils should not impact Kmart's marketing strategies or affect a consumer's shopping experience.

Kmart has a new marketing program that promises to give shoppers a rain check and a comparable substitute at the same price of the out-of-stock item.

## Monitors say turnaround times are back at ports

Los Angeles Times

Turnaround times for container ships at the largest ports on the West Coast have returned to normal after a month of costly congestion and delays, according to officials Monday.

Nearly 200 of the enormous transpacific vessels were stranded outside ports from San Diego to Seattle during a 10-day employer lockout, which was ended by a federal injunction Oct. 9. At the time, industry experts estimated it would take at least six weeks to whittle down the backlog.

However, officials in the sprawling ports of Los Angeles-Long Beach and Puget Sound, which includes Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., said as of this weekend, the long lines were gone. "We're now declaring ourselves at the high end of normal," said Dick McKenna of the Los Angeles-Long Beach Marine Exchange, an industry cooperative that monitors ship movements.

"That's the good news," he said. "The bad news is it's only because our ship counts are way down. Typically the two ports receive about eight container ships a day, but in recent weeks the count has been between three and four, he said.

It is probable that the drop is temporary, and that traffic will return to normal levels in coming weeks as shipping lines resume normal rotations, McKenna said.

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## Insurer probably won't replace all siding after accident

Question: Two months ago my neighbor backed her car into my house. My home, which was built in 1981, has a type of siding on it that isn't manufactured anymore. The insurance company wants to replace the damaged siding with the closest thing they can find and call it good. I will admit that the siding they propose is a close match, but I don't believe they are making a genuine attempt to correct the problem. I am not honestly looking to take advantage of the company, but my home siding matched before they insured driver backed into it and now it doesn't. What can I do?

Answer: The question is what, exactly, you expect the insurer to do? Go into the business of manufacturing a discontinued siding, perhaps? Even if it could or

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Liz Pulliam  
Weston

would, the siding still wouldn't match, you know. It would be new, whereas your siding is 21 years old.

Perhaps you're hoping the insurer will replace all your siding. That's not much more realistic than hoping it'll go into the manufacturing business. You can always ask, but it's probably not worth pushing the issue.

Your best course is to accept the repair and get on with your life. In a few years, the new sid-

ing will start to get that comfy, worn look the rest of your siding has, and you probably won't even notice the difference.

Q: I'm looking for unbiased information about refinancing my mortgage debt. I'm getting lots of unsolicited refinancing offers in the mail, but my concern is that I've been unemployed since March and I'm not sure the offers I'm getting reflect the interest rate I'd really pay. My wife and I owe \$121,000 on our first mortgage, \$51,000 on our second and \$31,000 for a vacation condo. We'd like to get one loan to refinance all three debts. My wife makes \$40,000 as a nurse, and I get a \$12,000 pension to the military in addition to \$17,000 in unemployment benefits that will end in a year. Our

house is worth \$189,000 to \$200,000.

A: Your biggest problem isn't your unemployment, because your income probably is adequate for a \$203,000 loan. The problem is that you want to borrow more than your house probably is worth. Although some lenders do make these loans, you typically pay through the nose for them.

Even if your house is appraised for more than the loan, part of the money is going to pay for another property, which would make most lenders view this as a "cash-out" refinancing, said mortgage broker Allen Bond, president of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers' southern Los Angeles County chapter. Cash-out refinancings tend to

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# Hewlett-Packard chief resigns

## He becomes front-runner in WorldCom search

The Washington Post

Michael Capellas announced Monday he is resigning as president of Hewlett-Packard Co., stepping down just as he becomes the front-runner in WorldCom Inc.'s search for a new chief executive.

Capellas is the former chairman of Compaq Computer and has helped lead the effort to merge his company with Hewlett-Packard. Sources cautioned that while Capellas is the leading candidate of WorldCom's executive search committee, he has yet to meet three members of the board of directors that must approve hiring him. WorldCom filed for bankruptcy in July after revealing a massive accounting scandal.

The troubled telecommunications company has been searching for a new chief executive since September, when the current chief executive John Sigmore agreed to step down under pressure from the company's creditors. Five major creditors, which effectively own WorldCom as long as it is in bankruptcy, sit on the search committee that targets Capellas for the job. Sources say some creditors favored finding an executive from outside the telecommunications industry to send a signal that the nation's second-largest long distance company is taking steps to make a clean break with its tainted past.

Brad Burns, a WorldCom spokesman, declined to comment Monday morning. Hewlett-Packard issued a statement saying that Capellas is leaving the company on other opportunities. "We've reached a mutual transition point. Michael made a commitment to see the merger through, and now thanks

to the hard work of the entire team, we are meeting or exceeding all our integration targets," said Carly Fiorina, HP chairman and chief executive, in the statement.

"I am proud to have been associated with this company and believe I will have fun at the beginning - that HP is redefining the information technology landscape," Capellas said as part of the same statement. The Wall Street Journal reported Monday morning that Capellas has emerged a strong leading candidate for the chief executive job at WorldCom.

WorldCom's potential gain is Hewlett-Packard's loss. During his tenure at Compaq, Capellas was credited with restructuring a company that had been hit by a changing computer marketplace. WorldCom also has been hit hard by a changing market in the telecommunications industry that has seen increased competition and dramatic erosion in pricing.

# Cattle

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the sales, three such auctions were held; trading about 8,000 cattle from across the country. In many cases, the cattle are moved 500 miles or more, Nelson said.

During the most recent auction, bidding on 60 steers from Virginia bobbed between buyers in Kentucky and Indiana. In about an hour that day, roughly 1,600 cattle sold.

Forgey, a third-generation rancher near Casper, Wyo., was among the sellers.

"I've tried every way else I could," Forgey, 43, said. "We've

got a lot of neighbors that are pretty old-fashioned and don't seem to want to change much. But this is a really good marketing tool."

Though he has been marketing cattle online the past few years to save money on time - the nearest auction is an hour away - he had never before participated in a live Internet auction. He got more than his base price on his weakened calves and figured he would participate in future auctions.

Such electronic auctions may never replace live auctions,

where buyers can see the animals in person.

But Beth Emter, a spokeswoman for the Montana Stockgrowers Association, said the group supports options that broaden ranchers' marketing capabilities and make it easier for them to sell their animals.

"We need to take advantage of technology. This is a must. And anything we can do to save money in the long run is a good idea," said Emter. "In Montana, it's a lung way to the auction barn and simpler to just have a camera on the ranch."

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# Stocks fall on war fears, lack of good news

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Escalating concerns about a war with Iraq dominated Wall Street Monday, sending stocks sliding Monday in light Veterans Day trading.

Analysts said the declines weren't surprising given the market's strong October rally, with the better-than-expected earnings report, there is still profit taking under way. Investors also are shying away from commitments to stocks as they focus on the possibility of U.S. troops fighting with Iraq. "If you look at investor sentiment, we've switched to more conservatism. Also you now have Iraq taking center stage," said Steven Goldman, chief market strategist

at Weeden & Co. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 178.18, or 2.1 percent, to close at 8,358.05. The drop gave the blue chip index its first three-day decline in five weeks, with a loss of 44.21 points.

The broader market also finished lower. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 40.09, or 0.8 percent, to 1,319.19. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 18.85, or 1.2 percent, to 876.13. Several administration officials said President Bush has approved tentative Pentagon plans involving up to 250,000 troops invading Iraq should a new U.N. arms inspection effort fail.

That comes after the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution Friday demanding Saddam Hussein eliminate weapons of mass destruction or face sanctions by inspectors. Iraq has until Friday to accept the U.N. terms.

"Ideally, I think people would like to see Saddam and his cabinet walk away from this situation," said Steve White, portfolio manager at Avatar Associates. "Realistically, investors are wanting to see, if Iraq refuses, a quick and decisive action, one in which there is a coalition of countries that endorses the action and not the U.S. and Britain acting unilaterally to do this."

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