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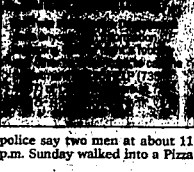
Make me a MILLIONAIRE

Police hunt for robbery suspects

Law officers don't know if heist is related to other T.F. incidents

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They might have done it again. In the latest of a spate of armed robberies in Twin Falls, police say two men at about 11 p.m. Sunday walked into a Pizza Hut, threatened employees with a handgun and made off with about \$100 in coins and an undisclosed amount of cash.



Twin Falls police Sgt. Dan McAtee and detective Scott Smith said they couldn't speculate if the heist was related to other robberies in Twin Falls last week - although the suspects in each of the three incidents were described as two white men. "The descriptions are certainly within the realm of possibility that they're somewhat similar," Smith said.

Two employees were in Pizza Hut, at 1099 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., when the robbers walked in through an open back door late Sunday, McAtee said. One of the employees told police when he first saw the men, he laughed, but one of the men said, "This isn't funny, this is real," McAtee said.

According to reports, the man forced one employee into a walk-in food cooler and then made the other open a back-room safe for them, McAtee said. They then put the second employee in the cooler, shut the door and left. The employees waited for a few minutes, then managed to get the cooler door open and call for help, McAtee said.

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Feeding the need

Meth results in theft, tighter rules on allergy pills

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It's difficult to draw a clear connection between methamphetamine use and theft, some law enforcement officials say.

But there's a preponderance of circumstantial evidence.

When officers serve search warrants for meth and other drugs, it's not uncommon for them to find stacks of car stereos, video cameras and other electronic goods in suspects' homes, said Sgt. Brian Pike, who commands the Twin Falls Police Department's narcotics squad.

What meth can do

Monday

- Innocent victims
- The drug pipeline

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Proving where the goods came from is another matter, Pike said.

That's because the simple fact is, most people don't record the serial numbers for their car stereos, VCRs and other commonly swiped items, he said. And without the serial numbers to trace the products' points of origin, it's nearly impossible to prove they were stolen, Pike said.

Meth users and dealers aren't apt to admit to police that they've supported their habits by stealing.

Some of the booty might make its way into local pawn shops, but vigilant shop owners and local pawing regulations make that tough, McAtee said.

Instead, meth users might be able to sell or trade the goods piecemeal for small amounts of the drug, he said.

"When you see somebody with a \$160-a-day habit, and they really aren't working, it's not hard to guess what's going on," he said.

It's also a logical conclusion to draw from the expensive meth habits of youngsters from homes of modest means, said Judge John Verin, a Juvenile Court judge.

Charles Legg was a heavy meth user for about three years. Kurt Fairchild said he used and sold the drug. Both said they clearly recall seeing tools, electronics and all manner of other goods being traded for meth.

"They would take just about anything they could carry off," Fairchild said.

There's no question that theft is a growing problem in and around Twin Falls, and car stereos tend to be a favorite target, said Twin Falls police Sgt. Dan McAtee.

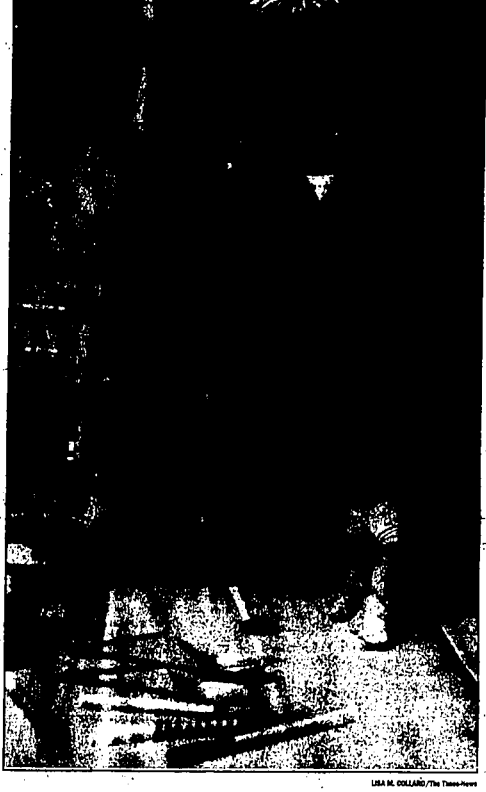
But there's no evidence of organized burglary rings or professional "fences" to warehouse and move stolen goods, said Pike and McAtee.

A dealer who has hoarded a stash of stolen property might try to move it in bulk to other cities or simply sell it off as opportunistic present themselves, Pike said.

Chris McFarlane, who works as a manager in the Rex-TV and Appliance store in Twin Falls, said he has seen two sides of the meth theft equation.

A fair number of disgruntled people come into a store looking to replace items they said were stolen.

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Wendy Walter, an evidence technician and crime scene investigator with the Twin Falls police, holds a small vial of methamphetamine and looks over some drug paraphernalia recently seized from crime scenes.

Bush signs homeland security measure

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Monday named close friend Tom Ridge to head the new Department of Homeland Security, but said even the biggest government shakeup in more than a half century can "neither predict nor prevent every conceivable attack."

"We're doing everything we can to protect America," Bush said as he signed a bill creating the department. "In a free and open society, no department of government can completely guarantee our safety against ruthless killers who move and plot in shadows."

With that sobering assessment from an East Room stage, Bush asked the Senate to confirm his nomination of Ridge and named two high-powered deputies: Navy Secretary Gordon England and Drug Enforcement Administration Director Asa Hutchinson.

A large portion of the department will take shape March 1, when the Secret Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service and a few other agencies transfer their employees and budgets to the new entity, officials said. The final pieces will be put in place Sept. 30, 2003 - more than two years after the attacks that prompted the overhaul.

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U.N. inspector warns Iraq on weapons

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said Monday he warned Iraq that it must provide convincing evidence if it maintains - as it did last week - that it has no illegal weapons programs.

Iraqi officials said they intend to cooperate fully with U.N. inspectors who will resume work on Wednesday after nearly four years. Blix told the U.N. Security Council.

But on the critical issue of access, Iraqi officials remarked during talks last week in Baghdad "that the entry into a presidential site or a ministry was not exactly the same thing as entry into a factory," Blix said, according to his briefing notes.

The resolution allows inspectors to go anywhere at anytime, including presidential sites, and Blix said he stressed this point to the Iraqis and told them his teams would exercise this right.

"We said we would inspect all sites on an equal basis," he told a news conference afterwards.

Blix said he would have 100 inspectors on the ground by Christmas and that logistics were being rapidly strengthened. He also wants to open a field office in the northern city of Mosul "without delay."

What meth can do

Serves in a variety of functions, some of which include goal-seeking, judgment, idea generation, motivation and emotion control.

Serves as a link between emotions and reactions to them - also reportedly part of the brain's "pleasure center."

Hippocampus: Involved in short-term memory formation and spatial orientation.

- Cell death
- Cell death and damage to dopamine nerve terminals

Methamphetamine-induced damage to nerve terminals of dopamine-producing cells occurs primarily in a brain region called the striatum. Methamphetamine killed different types of nerve cells in the frontal cortex, the hippocampus and the striatum in mice.

The long road to normal

Experts: Meth addiction is particularly hard to beat

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Why do it? What draws people to a drug that tunneled into America's filthy underbelly through the violent society of outlaw motorcycle gangs? Why use a drug that carries a stigma of frantic addiction and desperate poverty?

"I think I got bored with my life," said Charles Legg, who was in his mid-

30s and making six figures through a legitimate business when he first tried meth.

"Just to get away from myself and escape reality - he somebody I wasn't," said Kurt Fairchild, who started using meth in 1980 after abusing several other drugs.

For meth addicts, the road back to normalcy is tortuous and slippery.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly sunny skies, breezy and colder than normal. Highs in the upper 30s.

Tonight: Mostly clear and dry. Lows in the upper teens.

Tomorrow: Bristle winds at times with mostly sunny skies and highs in the upper 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Chilly temperatures, mostly sunny skies and light winds. Highs in the middle 30s.

Tonight: Mostly clear and cold. Lows in the middle teens.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, breezy and brisk. Highs in the upper 30s; lows in the upper teens.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Yesterday's Weather
Breezy and mostly clear	Mostly clear and cold	Partly cloudy/skies, dry and breezy	Sunny and cool	A little warmer and breezy	Sunny, cool and dry	
High 38	Low 18	37 / 20	40 / 19	45 / 24	41 / 23	

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Lower elevations will be dry for the next couple of days but mountain snow showers are possible on Wednesday and Thursday. Daytime temperatures will be brisk and overnight lows will be down right cold.

Today Highs 20 to 35. Tonight's Lows 4 to 8.

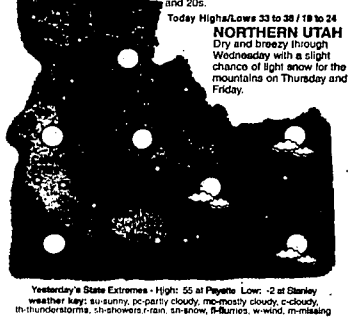
Beautiful sunshine will exist for today and tomorrow, but it will do little to warm up temperatures. Highs will be staying in the 30s and overnight lows will fall into the upper teens and 20s.

Today High/Lows 33 to 38 / 19 to 24

NORTHERN UTAH

Dry and breezy through Wednesday with a slight chance of light snow for the mountains on Thursday and Friday.

Today High/Lows 35 to 40 / 20 to 28



Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 55 at Puyallup, WA; Low: -2 at Stanley, Wyo. Wind: S, gusty; Partly cloudy, mostly cloudy; Snow: 0.50; Rain: 0.00; Sleet: 0.00; Fog: 0.00; Ice: 0.00; Thunderstorms: 0.00; Snow: 0.00; Wind: S, gusty; Partly cloudy, mostly cloudy; Snow: 0.00; Rain: 0.00; Sleet: 0.00; Fog: 0.00; Ice: 0.00; Thunderstorms: 0.00.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature: Yesterday's High 40, Low 23. Normal High/Low 43/28. Record High 83 in 1990. Record Low -3 in 1983.

Precipitation: Yesterday's 0.00". Monthly to Date 0.58". Avg. Month to Date 0.86". Avg. Winter Year to Date 1.84".

Humidity: Yesterday's 65%. Monthly to Date 65%. Today's Forecast High/Low 65%. Today's Forecast Low 65%.

Barometric Pressure: Yesterday's 30.1". Monthly to Date 30.1".

Sunrise and Sunset: Today 7:45 AM, 5:05 PM. Tomorrow 7:46 AM, 5:06 PM.

Moon Phases: Today 1st Quarter, Tomorrow Full Moon.

Moons and Moonset: Today 1:18 PM, Tomorrow 1:48 PM.

Snowpack: 0.00".

U.V. INDEX: 97%.

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	35-45	36-47	42-48
Idaho Falls	32-42	33-43	39-45
Burley	36-46	37-47	41-49
Challis	37-47	38-48	42-50
Coeur d'Alene	34-44	35-45	39-45
Elgin, NV	48-26	50-31	41-10
Gooding	40-10	36-20	40-10
Granic	33-11	33-12	41-20
Hagerman	41-17	38-10	41-17
Halley	37-10	37-12	41-20
Idaho Falls	32-11	33-12	34-13
Kalispell, MT	35-15	38-17	37-18
Jerome	37-12	37-18	43-21
Lawton	37-19	40-31	43-23
Malad City	37-12	37-11	43-21
Mesa	33-19	40-15	43-23
Midvale	37-12	37-11	43-21
Moscow, MT	4-17	36-18	36-23
Pocatello	36-16	36-16	36-15
Portland, OR	52-33	52-37	51-38
Rupert	36-16	40-18	42-21
Richburg	37-12	37-11	43-21
Richardson, WA	31-28	30-28	35-30
Roseburg	31-28	30-28	35-30
Salmon	29-14	28-11	30-20
Salt Lake City, UT	38-19	37-32	38-24
Spokane, WA	38-14	35-29	37-14
Stanley	25-1	28-15	30-9
Spokane, WA	25-1	28-15	30-9
Yellowstone, MT	22-1	25-6	30-9

Randy Hansen Chevrolet Cadillac
Poleline At Blue Lakes North

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	39-17	41-26
Edmonton	34-16	39-19
Kamloops	43-21	46-37
Langford	18-18	24-17
Regina	23-10	28-12

Robbery

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The suspects were described as both being white, he said. One was described as about 6 feet tall, with a slender build and short, blonde hair. The other was said to be about 5-foot-10, stocky with long, curly black hair. Both were wearing baseball caps and had bandannas over their faces, McEtee said.

Two robberies in Twin Falls last week also were the work of two white men, according to reports.

Burglars strike in Burley - C1

At 11:16 p.m. Nov. 19, two white men wearing black ski masks and wielding knives entered Papa John's Pizza, a policy press release said.

They challenged the clerk, demanding money, and then fled on foot.

Then at 11:50 p.m. at the

Kimberly Road 7-Eleven store, two men were caught on video wearing ski masks in a robbery, McEtee said. One man stood watch at the door with a knife, while the other walked toward the clerk brandishing a knife and demanding money from the cash register.

As of Monday, there had been no arrests made in connection with those robberies, or a robbery earlier that day at the Bank of America branch on Eleventh Avenue East and Shoshone Street.

There was also no arrest stemming from a case in which Twin Falls police officer Tom Fleming exchanged gunfire with a burglary suspect late Thursday at Standard Plumbing and Supply at 231 Eastland Drive.

Reports indicate the suspect immediately opened fire with a handgun after Fleming spotted him and ordered him to stop, McEtee said, so Fleming fired back.

Some cartridge casings had been recovered from the scene, but there was no word on how many shots had been fired, Smith said.

Fleming was still on paid leave Monday, Smith said. It is standard procedure to pull an officer off duty for an evaluation and interview after he is involved in a shooting.

Meth

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McFarlane said more than \$3,000 in electronic goods was recently stolen from his own home. He said he has a pretty good idea who stole from him and suspects they are meth users, even though the case hasn't been solved.

"I have a 110-pound dog," he said. "Nobody he doesn't know would have been able to come into my house."

The Sudafed connection

Law enforcement agencies and other experts have long known that the key active ingredient in Pseudoed and similar medicines has been a staple for meth manufacturers or "cookers."

Ephedrine - the chemical which gives meth its kick - used to be readily available in bulk from chemical stores in many countries, said Debbie Podkova, the crime lab coordinator for the Drug Enforcement Agency's Seattle Field Division.

But as it became regulated in the 1980s, meth cooks began to switch to the pseudoephedrine found in over-the-counter medicines, she said.

Agencies and retailers began to clamp down, Podkova said. Many stores quit stocking pseudoephedrine-based medicines on open shelves or limiting the amount sold to customers, she said.

That in turn has created a black market for the medicines here or led to organized smug-

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gling into the U.S. from other countries, she said. Most recently, Canada seemed to be the main source, and busts were made in which tens of thousands of medicine tablets were seized from inside trucks trying to cross the border.

But with Canada on the verge of passing strict regulations on pseudoephedrine, that source will probably soon dry up, Podkova said.

Even so, it's unlikely that will slow meth cooking for long, she said. There's evidently still a hefty domestic black market for the medicines, and the owners of some American stores have been caught trying to secretly sell them in bulk, Podkova said.

WinCo pulled those cold and allergy medicines from its open shelves because they were being shoplifted at an alarming rate, said Mike Reed, a spokesman for the grocery store chain. WinCo officials can't say for sure the cause in the theft of those particular products was connected to meth, but there doesn't seem to be any other logical explanation for it.

In any case, WinCo has followed suit with other big stores in keeping the medicines behind customer service counters or other restricted areas and limiting the amount any one person can buy.

"I think the limits are generous enough that anybody with an honest-to-goodness congestion problem can get what they need for treatment," he said.

Breves Simmons, a nurse practitioner at the Asthma and Allergy

THE OLDEST TRADE

There's little or no evidence of organized prostitution connected with meth, but there's no question some people trade sex for it, authorities said.

Varin said he knows of one statutory rape case involving teenage girls exchanging sexual favors for drugs.

Fike said he and the officers on his squad often hear rumors of women labeled as "brog whores" for their habit of trading themselves for meth.

Sam Gibbs, a narcotics detective with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, said she also hears similar tales.

"I've got one gal who tells me she's never had to pay for meth, because that's how she feeds."

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Recovery

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addiction specialists and recovery addicts say. But at the beginning, meth is addictive.

"Some of them want that extra energy, to hold down a second job and help make ends meet," said Steve Gibbs, a narcotics detective with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department. Gibbs said he has arrested meth users from all social and economic classes.

"After having my kids, I went from about 135 to 200 pounds," said Jennifer Legg. "I wanted to lose weight and feel good about myself."

Juvenile Court Judge John Varin agreed that many girls and young women get involved with meth because of issues of physical appearance and self-esteem.

"This makes them super-physical. Everything that they wanted to be—in their own imaginations."

Casual use?

For some people, casual use of just about any substance is possible. But with meth, casual use is all but implausible, said Dr. Alex Stalcup, a San Francisco-based addiction specialist who last year visited Twin Falls to lecture on the user's meth problem.

"You might, might, get away with just snorting it," he said. "But that's part of the seduction."

"Occasional snorters don't believe they're becoming addicted."

"That's what I told myself when I thought I was a casual meth user," Fairchild said.

Charles Legg likewise started snorting meth occasionally. But his use became frequent before he knew what was happening.

"There's lots of people out there who like to think they are casual meth users," he said.

Legg said he turned a sharp corner for the worse when he went from snorting to smoking the drug. Stalcup said that's usually a critical step in meth addiction.

"There is no such thing as recreational meth smoking," he said. "It rips your head off."

The final level is "slamming" meth — injecting it through a syringe.

Fairchild and Kenny Cordier said they'd both reached the slamming stage before resolving to get clean.

Brain drain

What makes meth so insidious is the way it goes to work on the brain, Stalcup said.

By mimicking and eventually replacing adrenaline, endorphins and other chemicals associated with alertness or pleasure, meth can literally reprogram the brain, he said.

Eventually, the brain will lose its ability to help people enjoy anything but being high on meth, he said. That's because the logic, fast-action and pleasure centers have turned off. So other activities that once brought the

Recovering addicts speak

For these stories *The Times-News* interviewed four Twin Falls residents who are recovering methamphetamine addicts. They are:

Bessie Legg, 30. She used for about seven months and has been clean for about two and a half years. She was arrested and charged in 2000 with possession of meth in Twin Falls and underwent formal court-ordered treatment. She was also sentenced to probation and community service.

Charles Legg, 43. Also clean for about seven months and he used meth for about five years after being in a long-time heavy drinker. He said he quit cold turkey and never sought formal treatment. He was never arrested or charged in connection with meth.

Kurt Fairchild, 39. Clean for about three months. He used meth for more than 20 years as part of a nearly lifelong pattern of substance abuse. He said he sold meth and got to the point of "slamming," or injecting, the drug. Has had numerous criminal charges connected with meth. Currently on probation for a Jerome County possession charge. Fairchild says he has undergone inpatient addiction treatment and is a member of a 12-step recovery program.

Kenny Cordier, 42. Clean for just under a year. Also said he was a lifelong substance abuser who used meth for several years. He said his recovery has involved inpatient treatment and he is a member of the same 12-step group as Fairchild. Also has meth-related criminal record and is on probation for a Jerome County possession charge.

person excitement and pleasure will begin to feel dull and meaningless.

The chemicals in meth will bring back the good feelings the brain's chemicals used to be responsible for. So, to feel anything but one-dimensional, the addict must continue using, Stalcup said.

Long-term, heavy meth use has been shown to also attack the areas of the brain associated with judgment, logic, learning and reason, Stalcup said.

"They get hit in the areas that make a person's human. In my terms, heavy methamphetamine use makes you dumb," he said.

Combine those effects with the unbearable cravings meth addicts get and the addiction is unlike any other, Stalcup said.

Cordier said his meth addiction kept pulling him back, even after he got in trouble with the law.

"I would be out on parole, and I'd go and start using and selling again," he said. "I just didn't see my life."

"I kept watching pieces of my career being taken away," Fairchild said. "My marriage, my children, my job, my house."

Fighting back

Long-term meth use causes irreparable damage to higher brain function. But studies show most other brain damage can heal, Stalcup said.

"Time is the key, he said. A traditional 28-day "clamping" program that might work for other addicts won't even faze a meth addict, he said. Instead, the latest data indicate it might take a treatment program of a year or more to get a meth addict out of danger.

Simply put, until the brain has time to heal, efforts to quit will be in vain, he said.

Charles Legg said he quit cold turkey, never underwent formal treatment and has been clean for more than two years.

But he said he had to isolate himself to pull it off.

"I didn't leave the house after dark for 11 months. I had to stay away from anything and anybody that would tempt me."

Stalcup agreed that a safe, clean, controlled environment is a must to recover from meth, because nobody has the will-power to resist those initial cravings.

Inpatient treatment programs—such as the Walker Center and Port of Hope in Twin Falls—are a good first step, Stalcup said. But even better are "halfway" house programs, which can keep recovering addicts from temptation as they move back into open society, he said.

He had high praise for the Oxford House program, which started this year in Twin Falls. Based in a group-home setting, Oxford House demands that all prospective residents must complete inpatient treatment programs before moving in and will be kicked out if they relapse even once.

"That's a state-of-the-art program," Stalcup said.

Crime and punishment

Simply slapping people with criminal charges and putting them in jail won't solve the meth problem, Stalcup said, because it does nothing to solve the problem of addiction.

Varin said organized treatment programs must be part of the picture. If authorities hope to get a handle on the meth program. Otherwise the system is doing little more than warehousing addicts until they can get out and use again.

Gibbs said she has seen many people who would not be criminals but for their meth addiction.

"The people don't mean to be bad."

Even so, having swift, sure enforcement and punishment is a key part of the equation, Gibbs said.

The recovering addicts agreed.

"I'm thankful that I got caught, very much so," Jennifer Legg said.

"If I hadn't been arrested, I'd still be using," Cordier said. "I was going to keep going until I was dead or in handcuffs," Fairchild said.

"I knew if I didn't quit, I was going to get arrested and end up in prison," Charles Legg said. "There is no help for somebody on methamphetamine until something strikes them right here in the brain and says, 'You're done, you've got to quit now.'"

The reward

Kicking the habit is a trial worth enduring, the ex-users said.

Fairchild said he still has to take only one day at a time, but he is starting to see some tangible returns.

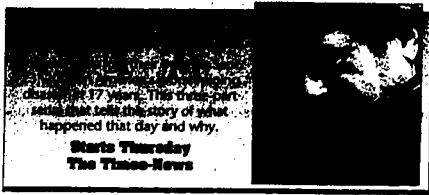
"I can see my daughter smile now. And she can sit in my lap when we're watching TV together. Just little things like that."

"I can do other things and have fun now," Cordier said. "I don't have to come to in the morning and wonder, 'What did I do?'"

Charles and Jennifer Legg both decided to clean up in April 2000. They met a short while later. Now they are married and run a business together.

"My life is back to normal," Charles Legg said.

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Despite tech woes, it's gadgets galore at Comdex

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - From tablet computers that were unthinkable a few years ago to a wristwatch that would make Dick Tracy envious, hundreds of new gadgets were on display at this year's Comdex high-tech show.

And while it might not change the world, this crop of silicon-embedded wares could offer just enough to jump-start sales.

As at other recent trade shows, mobile and wireless offerings dominated. Increasingly powerful and less expensive chips are being jammed into smaller devices that often feature cordless connectivity to other computers, business networks and the Internet.

A handful of companies - including Hewlett-Packard, Fujitsu and Acer - demonstrated at Comdex last week wireless-targeted Tablet PCs that are fully functional mobile computers whose screens can be written on with a pen-like stylus. Prices start at \$1,700.

NEC unveiled a prototype of the lightest tablet yet - a 2.1-pound (950-gram) device that's less than an inch (2.5 centimeters) thick. The NEC Versa LitePad is expected to be available next year.

For home users, Microsoft and ViewSonic showed a screen that works like a monitor when docked to a personal computer. When detached, it becomes a tablet that can be carried throughout the house and written on much like a Tablet PC.

Unlike business-centric tablets, such mobile monitors still rely on a host computer for resources.

ViewSonic's Airpanel Smart Displays start at \$999 for a 10-inch (25-centimeter) screen and \$1,299 for a 15-inch model - several hundred dollars more than similarly sized flat panel displays. Both will be available early next year, and other companies are expected to release their own models.

Blurring the line between tablet and palm-size computers, National Semiconductor Corp. demonstrated a conceptual device called the Geode Extended Office. About the size of a 5-inch-by-7-inch (12.5-centimeter-by-17.5-centimeter) framed photograph, it is a fully functional Windows XP computer with wireless capabilities and a 6-inch (15-centimeter), pen-sensitive screen.

It weighs just over 1 1/2 pounds (about 700 grams).

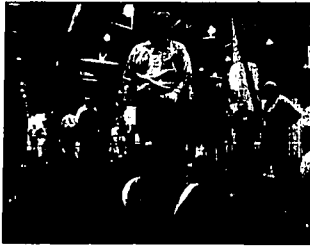
Amid the tablet hype, handheld computers were unveiled with advanced features and lower prices.

Dell Computer Corp. jumped into the business with its Axim X5, which starts at \$199 after a rebate and is among the least expensive to run Microsoft's Pocket PC operating system.

Hewlett-Packard released two iPaq handhelds: a \$299 entry-level model and a \$699 high-end unit that has built-in wireless networking and a fingerprint reader for data security. Both run Microsoft's Pocket PC.

Palm, which still dominates the handheld market, did not release new models at Comdex. In October, it unveiled the entry-level \$99 Zire and the high-end \$499 Tungsten T.

But Palm's soon-to-be spun off software subsidiary, PalmSource, announced at the show that it had struck a deal with watchmaker Fossil to add its operating system to a watch that will be available early next year.



George Muller, president of Segway, LLC, demonstrates the company's 1187 Wednesday at the Comdex convention at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas.



The Nokia 3650 Phone is shown last week at Comdex in Las Vegas. The phone's buttons are laid out like an old-style rotary phone. The blast from the past ends there - it's got a built-in color camera that can take still pictures and video.

stamp-sized screen, a thick face and a battery that lasts only about four days before recharge. Prices are expected to start at \$199.

Cell phones also were unveiled with more features and new styles.

Nokia unveiled its 6200 handset, which can be used on several networks, surfs the Web twice as fast as today's top models and sports a color screen, voice recorder and even a stereo FM radio.

The company also said it had developed a technology that allows simple text messages to be sent between users on different cellular networks.

Nokia also showed off a cell phone that brings back memories of grandma's house. The Nokia 3650's buttons are laid out like an old-style rotary phone. The blast from the past ends there - it's got a built-in color camera that can take still pictures and video.

The time pieces, unlike previous watches with scaled-down software, are full-powered Palm. There are drawbacks, including a

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Wireless access frustrates Comdex attendees

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Everyone from Microsoft Corp.'s Bill Gates to booth pitchmen are hyping the joys of wireless networking at this week's Comdex trade show, but an attempt to make the technology useful to conference attendees has been less than perfect.

Many users who tried to connect their wireless-enabled laptops and handheld computers to the local wireless network were greeted with error messages

sputtered back by their Web browsers.

The problem, conference organizers say, was that demand for the free wireless service was far greater than anticipated.

"It's an unprecedented amount of usage," said Geoff Horne, a network engineer for Key3Media Group Inc., the conference's organizer.

Horne said organizers wanted to ensure a positive experience for users and thus limited the number of connections to about 300 users. Anyone who tried to

connect after the 300 connections were taken were unable to do so until someone dropped out. About 125,000 people were expected to attend the weeklong show.

Organizers were working to expand the network's capacity, though the additional users slots were taken as quickly as they were made available, he said.

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NATION

FEC: Candidates can collect pay

WASHINGTON - For the first time in its quarter century history, the Federal Election Commission on Monday agreed to let candidates for federal office pay themselves salaries from the political donations they gather.

By a 5-1 vote, the commission that regulates election laws approved the proposal that will allow candidates to pay themselves at a rate equal to the salary of the job they held when they decided to run, or the salary for the federal office they are running for, whichever is less.

Commissioner Michael Toner, who sponsored the idea, said it would help scale back some of the advantages of incumbents and wealthy candidates and, perhaps, encourage average Americans who otherwise couldn't afford to give up their jobs to run for office.

Nation in brief

FBI: Hate crimes targeting Muslims surge in 2001

WASHINGTON - Muslims and people who are or appear to be of Middle Eastern descent were reported as victims of hate crimes more often last year than ever before, a consequence of the fear and suspicion that followed the Sept. 11 terror attacks, the FBI said Monday.

Although the number of incidents has tapered off, many Muslims remain worried about a new backlash if the United States goes to war with Iraq or is hit with another major terror attack mounted by Islamic extremists.

The FBI said that incidents targeting people, institutions and businesses identified with Islam

increased from 28 in 2000 to 481 in 2001 - a jump of 1,500 percent. Muslims had been among the least-targeted religious groups.

VA chief: Budget delay could threaten progress on claims

WASHINGTON - Progress the Department of Veterans Affairs has made in erasing a backlog of benefit requests could be threatened if Congress fails to approve a budget by February, VA Secretary Anthony Principi said.

Principi said he increased the agency's compensation and pension work force over the past year by 1,200 people and they helped cut the backlog of claims from 600,000 in March. He had planned to hire 150 more, including some registered nurses whose training would help them navigate the complex disability claim system.

- compiled from wire reports

Saudis bristle at complaints they are soft on terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's spokesman praised Saudi Arabia on Monday as a "good partner in the war on terrorism," despite accusations that the wife of the Saudi U.S. ambassador might have finan-

cially supported Sept. 11 terrorists.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer refused to discuss the merits of an FBI investigation into the financial doings of Princess Halifa al-Faisal, wife of

Ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan. Saudi officials, stung by the criticism, said they are checking records to see how money from the princess might have eventually gone to supporters of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Homeland

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The officials spoke on condition of anonymity.

Ridge, 57, is a Vietnam hero, a former congressman and long-time political ally of the Bush family who nearly 14 months ago left his position as Pennsylvania governor to serve in the White House. No one else was seriously considered for the job, Bush aides said.

As the president's homeland security adviser, Ridge has won praise for improving communication between Washington and local governments. His most visible creation - the color-coded national warning system - became an instant but of jokes but has helped Americans understand the ebbs and flows in terrorism threats, even if they're still unsure what, if anything, to do about the dangers.

Bush initially opposed creation of a homeland security department. But facing criticism from Democrats, he embraced the concept in June and used it as a political issue in the midterm election campaign.

"The continuing threat of terrorism, the threat of mass murder on our own soil, will be met with a unified, effective response," Bush told an overflowing White House crowd.

He has given Ridge a daunting assignment to combine nearly two dozen agencies, \$40 billion in budgets and 170,000 employees spread across a broad swath of federal bureaucracy and well-protected turf.


It is the biggest federal reorganization since the Defense Department's birth in 1947, and critics warn that problems are sure to crop up.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said it will take more than a year to get the agency fully up and running. But the administration's transition plan, devised in secret meetings under the White House for months, sets a more ambitious goal of Sept. 30, 2003, officials said.

Agencies can begin moving to the new department 90 days after the plan is submitted to Congress. Bush plans to submit it almost immediately.

The first wave of agencies folding into the department March 1 include the Secret Service, Coast Guard, Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Transportation Safety Administration and the General Service Administration's federal protective services, officials said.

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Award-winning band plays on Burley band takes up baton for ailing leader

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Burley High School's music director Steve Floyd suffered from back pain for years, and was allergic to most pain medications. By last summer, he realized that he had to find help or take a medical disability. He has been a music director for 30 years, 23 of them at Burley.

"I had surgery scheduled for September in Boise," Floyd said. "They called and said they'd had an opening come up in August, if I wanted it."

He decided to take it to put an end to the pain. Several graduated students agreed to come and lead sessions of the 90-member band. Section leaders and parents also got into the act. He warned them that he would not be able to help much.

He remained bedridden during the homecoming parade, so the band marched past his house in a salute to their director.

During the Cassia County Fair, Floyd had recovered enough to ride in a golf cart alongside his band. Two days later, intense pain in his legs signaled a blood clot. He spent another week in the hospital.

"What shocked me was that I had no strength, even to talk," Floyd said. "I've never been so weak."

Gooding Grange and members, Wilma Gribble left, and Joe DeLashmunt, right, were honored recently. Fred Locke, center, was delegate to the Idaho State Grange Session.



Photo courtesy of Gooding Grange

Gooding Grange receives honors

GOODING - The Gooding Grange and its members have received several honors.

At the Gooding Grange November meeting, Master Fred Locke gave his report as a delegate to the Idaho State Grange Session held in October in Nampa.

Locke served as chairman of the state labor judiciary legislation and taxation committee, and election committee. Outstanding speakers at the session included Angel Ramos, superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding; Mindy Jenkins, state reporter for the FFA; and Bruce Crumcher, national Grange executive committee member, Locke reported.

The Gooding Grange received the Silver award for being an Honor Grange program for being an

exemplary grange. The Idaho State Grange sponsored the program.

Gooding Grange Lecturer Wilma Gribble received the State Grange Lecturer of the Year award.

Community service chairman Joe DeLashmunt earned a state certificate of merit, and the deaf awareness committee received a state certificate of appreciation for a special program and financial support for ISDB.

Also at the November meeting, the Gooding Grange heard speeches by Boy Scouts Michael Arkoosh and Scott Zarate. Arkoosh spoke about football and Zarate explained the game of soccer. They both met requirements by given a speech and introducing a speaker for the communications merit badge.

When they march, they win

The Burley High School marching band won awards at two out of four competitions this fall. On Oct. 19, they garnered first place in Division B of the Mountain West Marching Competition.

At Roy, Utah Oct. 29, they received a third place award, a Superior rating for music performance, and were 1.75 points out of 1,000 from second.

School started with a substitute teacher in his place while the blood clot was dissolved. Students began to take over. Senior drum major Tyler Atkins, 17, assumed the role of band director.

"That's what I'm supposed to do," Atkins said. "Basically, be the teacher if our teacher isn't there."

He worked with Floyd, selecting the music for a competition in Pocatello, and took the computer-generated formations that Floyd had created and made them reality. Under Atkins' direction, the marching band learned half-time routines and music.

"In a way, that doubled the coolness of it," Atkins said. "It was our show rather than Steve's show."

Due to a couple of flukes, they didn't score very high at



CORREN HART/The Times-News

When Burley Bobcat Band director Steve Floyd suffered an illness, band members took over the baton to lead the musicians.

Pocatello, but Floyd said that wasn't anyone's fault, and he was amazingly proud of his band.

For the next three competitions, their scores climbed up, and up and up. A phenomenon was happening - a "yes, we can" spirit.

Megann Nelson, 15, a sophomore drum major, called it exhilarating.

"We had fun together as a band," Nelson said. "We had a



Above, the Burley Bobcat Band marches at the Ketchum Wagon Days Parade in August.



Left, the band competes at the Mountain West Marching Competition in Pocatello on Oct. 19.

Photo courtesy of STEVE FLOYD

good bond."

Floyd returned to work half days on Nov. 12. Healing from the type of spinal fusion he received takes at least a year, and it can be painful. But for some football games and the last two competitions, he was back.

"I would be up for five minutes

and then go lay in the van for 15 or 20 minutes," he said. "I consider this a fantastically successful season. You're doing something right when the kids can take over. I was incredibly proud of the kids that they kept it going."

He said seniors were strongly motivated.

"It's their senior year and they had no intention of letting their senior year be no good," Floyd said.

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Jonathan Allen Winder, son of Heather and Reuben Winder of Burley, was born Friday, Nov. 15, 2002.

Melissa Hardy, daughter of Jill and Ben Hardy of Oakley, was born Monday, Nov. 18, 2002.

Connor Grant Hitt, son of Lisa and Andrew Hitt, was born Monday, Nov. 18, 2002.

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Spencer Lyndon Winder, son of Jessica and Wayne Winder of Burley, was born Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002.

Monique Aisha Gurman, daughter of Judy and Jesse Gurman of Burley, was born Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002.

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Rosa Quinn Closser, daughter of Roberta Covian and Robert Closser of Halley, was born Friday, Nov. 1, 2002.

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Elizabeth Jane Baledge, daughter of Kristen and Michael Baledge, was born Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002.

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SPUD FEED



JONA CRAMER/STAFF/The Times-News

Jona Cramer and Ada Carter serve food at the recent Jerome Senior Center Potato Feed. On the menu were baked potatoes with all the trimmings that included chili, broccoli and cheese and hamburger. About 60 people showed for the event. Director Donna Lockley said she hopes to make this an annual event for the Jerome Senior Center.

Traveling group entertains family, seniors

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - An Alaska family not only stays together, but plays together.

Grandma's Hope Notes entertained senior citizens from around the area at the Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center Nov. 7.

The group consists of the 14 biological grandchildren of Anita and the late William "Bill" Jacobsen of Anchor Point, Ala. They range in age from 11 to 26 years old.

The group says it has performed 141 free concerts in the past six years, playing at senior centers, nursing homes, retirement homes, veteran centers, conventions, fairs, music festivals, schools and fund-raisers.

"Our music is for seniors," says "Grandma" Anita Jacobsen, who conducts the orchestra.

The group also has ties to

About Grandma's Hope Notes

The group raises money by selling their CD, a coloring book and children's book. You can find out more on its Web site at www.grandmas-hopenotes.com or by writing to: Grandma's Hope Notes, P.O. Box 1355, Anchor Point, Ala. 99556. Or by calling (907) 235-1494, fax: (907) 235-1619.

Idaho and the Magic Valley. Jacobsen's mother, Carol Weiss resides in Boise. Weiss says the band members have relatives in Twin Falls.

Members all sing and play a number of musical instruments, including acoustic and bass guitar, keyboard, violin, accordion, mandolin, steel guitar, flute and ukulele.

A variety of music is performed, including classic country,



Grandma's Hope Notes entertains area senior citizens.

polkas, big band, classical, folk, bluegrass, spiritual, patriotic and original songs.

"We like to do a little bit of everything," Jacobsen says. Their first CD is entitled, "You

Never Let Me Down." They say all their performances are dedicated to the "beautiful, honorable and dignified memory" of their "Papa," who died in 1997.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

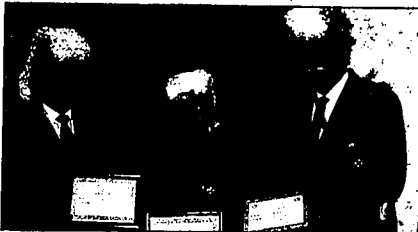
Twin Falls men earn organization recognition



Above, 4-year-old Adam Jones holds a green pepper from the children's garden at the CSI Child Care Center, which will sponsor the USDA Child and Adult Food Program. Right, a group of care center children show the vegetables they grew this summer. They are, from left to right: Kendra Pothler, Zaiannah Taylor, Garrett Schroeder, Mackenzie Greer, Angelica Hernandez, Andres Hernandez, Alina Wilson and Daniel Pothler, all from Twin Falls.



Photo courtesy of CSI



Eminent Grand Captain General Steve Hill and Sir Knight Donald Thoen, commander of the Twin Falls Commandery No. 10, present 50-year membership certificates to Sir Knight Harold Wiseman, center. Below, Wiseman is congratulated by Lori Bentzler, executive director of Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls, where he resides.

Photo courtesy of ARTURIE SALLEY

CSI center sponsors food program

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Child Care Center has announced sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Food Program.

Under the program, meals will be made available to enrolled children at no separate charge and without regard to race, color, disability, age, gender, religion or national origin.

The meals will be served at the center, which is located at 315 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Families' monthly income determines the amount of money the USDA will reimburse the sponsoring organization to provide the meals.

For more information about the USDA program or the child care center at the college, call the center at 732-6645.

TWIN FALLS - Three men have been recognized for 50-year membership in the Royal Arch, Cryptic Masons and Knights Templar of Idaho.

Certificates and pins were given to Sir Knights Howard Wiseman and Harry Merrick, both of Twin Falls, and Kenneth Naylor of Moscow. Merrick and Naylor were unable to attend the local ceremony.

Wiseman, 92, is past commander of Twin Falls Commandery

no. 10. He has one son residing in Vernal, Utah; a daughter in Portland, Ore. and one in Twin Falls.

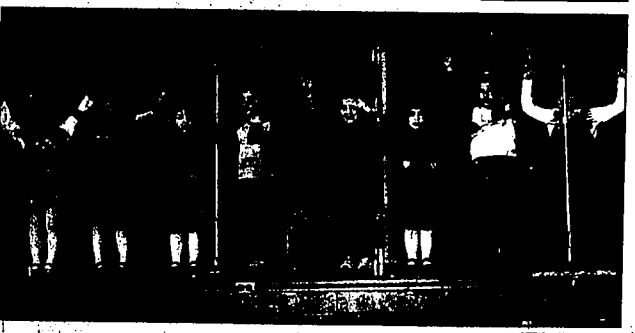
He was in the Navy during World War II as a pharmacist mate.

He also played the trumpet with John Phillip Souza's band when it toured the Magic Valley in 1929, and played with the El Kora band for 30 years. Road Runners band in Yuma Ariz., Senior Sereaders dance band in

Twin Falls and the Twin Falls City Municipal band, said Arthur Enslay, the recorder/treasurer of Twin Falls Commandery No. 10.

Wiseman's wife of 65 years died in 1998.

FOR THE GRANDPARENTS



The pre-school children at Clover Trinity Lutheran School south of Filer perform a skit during 'Grandparent's Day.'

Local mothers supply quilts

TWIN FALLS - Some 700 quilts, the local American Mothers quilt project, begun in 1995, continues full force, Smith said. Distribution to local helping agencies is nearing 2,000 quilts.

"The need is always there, and different groups and individuals are good to keep on donating quilts," Smith said.

Recently, women at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls donated 27 quilts, many of them full size, which are needed more than crib size, Smith said. All have been distributed.

"It's a continual in and out pro-

ject," Smith said. "Faithful volunteers keep bringing quilts, others donate material. We just received 40 new quilt tops. Now the need is for batting or wool blankets for lining."

Among recent recipients of quilts were Denise Foster, who works with parents of foster children in Twin Falls. She gives each child a quilt when they go to a foster home. Quilts also go to the Idaho Migrant Council and Salvation Army.

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Rupert Chapter 39 hosts visit

RUPERT - Rupert Chapter 39 Order of the Eastern Star hosted the official visit of Worthy Grand Matron Mary Stowell, Valerie Chapter 76, McCall, accompanied by Worthy Grand Patron Arthur Shoemaker, Rob Morris Chapter 63, Kuna.

A school of instructions was held at the afternoon session where the officers exemplified their work, followed by a no-host dinner.

Peggy Hess, worthy matron, and Joe Merkey, worthy patron, presided at the evening session, which was attended by several grand officers and guests from other chapters, reported Melba Merkey of Rupert.

Visiting worthy matrons and worthy patrons were Ann Ridgely, Twin Falls 29; and Jane Joosten, E-dah-ho 77. Worthy Patrons were Walt Culbertson, Radient 61; Phil Durfee, Silver Star 83, Hometown; and Larry

Allen, Boise 65, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Chapter of Idaho.

Grand escorts attending were Dieder Ross, Ruth 3, Pocatello, and Lucille Whistler, E-dah-ho 77, escorts to Grand Conductress Nancy Ross and Edith Gist, Loraine 20, escort to Grand Chaplain Kent Gist.

The worthy grand matron and worthy grand patron have chosen the 50-year member "Golden Stars" as their-honor group this year. They were presented with a "Lighthouse Pin" as a symbol of their faithful years of service. Receiving the honor were Olga Fisher, Martha Klink, Zola McFarland, Veda Shufeldt and Joe and Melba Merkey.

Introduced from other Masonic organizations were Pamela Day, guardian, Bethel 18 Burley-Rupert Jobs Daughters; and Keith Brooks, worshipful master, Burley 68 A. F. & A. M., high priest Royal Arch Masons Chapter 22 and district deputy

grand master of District 4 A.F. & A.M.

A special project of the worthy grand matron is to raise funds for the Scottish Rite Learning Centers of Idaho. The worthy grand patron has chosen the St. Luke Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Boise. They also requested each chapter support their local grade schools with donations of school supplies. Members of Rupert chapter have donated to this project, and a committee will contact the local schools to see what supplies are most needed, and make the purchases, Melba Merkey reported.

A salad buffet was served. Elaine Gordon was chairman of the decorating.

Peggy Hess' theme is patriotism. Favors of red, white and blue fans were presented to each guest.

Martha Kienzle, Melba Merkey, Pamela Day and Ruth Ross assisted with arrangements.

THINGS TO DO

- Music**
- Snake River Flats Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 122 E. St., Rupert. Men of all ages invited, call 436-0947
- Dance**
- Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 211 S. Mountain St. Call Vera at 734-4547 or Tom at 324-6440. Couples welcome.
- Bingo**
- Silver 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 835-5662
 - Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Bell St. W. Seniors. Must be over 18, call 866-2393
 - Agape Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 45 Main Street in Kimberly. Anyone over age 18 is welcome, call 423-4338
 - Silver and Gold Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays at 2421 Overland Ave. in Burley. Age 18 and older, call 878-6646
 - Missulda County Senior Center - 7 p.m. Fridays, 702 11th St. in Rupert, age 18 and over, call 436-7107
 - American Legion Hall in Twin Falls 7:15 p.m. Fridays 447 Seaton St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 736-1720
 - Jerome Senior Center - 6:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays, 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome, snack bar opens at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 536-6642
 - Twin Falls Senior Center - 1:30 p.m. the second and fourth Saturday, call 734-5064

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, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Or fax to 734-6538. Or e-mail to patmag@magvalley.com

For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 733-3288.

- Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 733-8699. Newcomers welcome
- Magic Valley Pinocle Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Disabled American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoppe Avenue, Twin Falls
- Pinocle club - 1 p.m. Tuesdays Community Club House, 1729 Addison Ave. E. anyone invited, call Erica at 733-4993
- Other**
- Magic Valley Arts Club - meets for luncheon and meeting. Call Glenda at 733-0040 or Vicki at 733-8838. New members welcome.
 - Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturday at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Carolyn Lewis at 234-6115
 - Pioneer Button Club - 6:30 p.m. first Friday of the month at Kimberly Public Library. Call Marjorie at 423-5525
 - Magic Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Friday of the month at upstairs meeting room at CSI center, call 736-2447
 - Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club indoor range - 6:50 p.m. Wednesdays at 323 5th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to 22 rifle, moderate pistol licenses, call Stu at 324-5960 or Larry at 733-4131
 - Snake River Canyon Kennel Club of Idaho - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday at upstairs meeting room at CSI Taylor building, call Debbie at 734-2313
 - Twin Falls Herpetology Society - 7 p.m. third Tuesday at Herrick Center, call Nick Percec at 733-9554, Ext. 2071
 - Widows' Night Fellowship - 2 p.m. Wednesdays at 653 Rose St. N., No. 36 at Valley Vista Village in Twin Falls, call Doris at 410-2899
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Burley - 1st and 2nd Fridays, Monday, Christian Snake River Elks 2807 - 7:15 p.m. Mondays at 200 South, call 324-0200
- West End Senior Center - at 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at the center in Buhl
- Burley Elks Lodge - 7 p.m. Mondays at lodge, 1340 Oakley Ave. in Burley
- Singles**
- Christian Singles Group - 7 p.m. on Oct. 11 and evenings after Monday, Christian Fellowship Center, 181 Morrison St. in Twin Falls, 733-6265
 - Southern Idaho Twin Falls Singles - 8 p.m. Saturdays at Spunbauer's Barn for dancing; for other activities, call Pat Marcantonio
- Cards**
- Pinocle - 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Missulda County Senior Center, 702 11th St. in Rupert, call 436-7107
 - Twin Falls Senior Center pinocle - 1 p.m. Thursdays, call 734-5064
 - Bridge - 1 p.m. Mondays at Magic Valley

Community Ed offers 'Santa face' class

BURL - The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association announced the following upcoming classes:

A manicure class will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday at Nancy's Hair Adventure, 116 Broadway Ave. S. in Buhl. The cost is \$5 and the class is limited to six students.

"Santa Face" will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Dec. 3 at Langdon's, 1476 E. 4400 N. in Buhl. Participants will make a antique-looking metal Santa. The cost is \$7 plus \$5 for materials.

A pedicure class will be held from 7-9 p.m. Dec. 9 at Nancy's Hair Adventure, 116 Broadway Ave. S. in Buhl. The cost is \$5 and the class is limited to six students.

For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

Thanksgiving dinner is served at Community Oasis

RUPERT - Thanksgiving dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Day on Thursday at Community Oasis Outreach Mission, 102 2nd St. in Rupert.

Association holds fifth reunion dance Saturday

EDEN - The Magic Valley Square and Round Dance Association will hold its fifth reunion dance Saturday at Anderson Camp.

The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 7 p.m., with dancing following until 10 p.m. All those who have danced with any of the Magic Valley Square Dance Clubs in the past are invited.

The group will also be kicking off their fund-raising for our Relay for Life Team at the dance with an introduction to the cool

er/picnic table they will be raffling off in the spring.

Group performs at churches

HAGERMAN - John Nilson and Friends will perform at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Hagerman United Methodist Church and at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell United Methodist Church.

Nursery hosts Christmas in the Nighttime Sky event

TWIN FALLS - The 12th Annual Christmas in the Nighttime Sky event will be held Friday at Kimberly Nurseries, 2862 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

A free chili and Idaho potato dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m.

The event will include a visit from Santa, live Nativity scene; entertainment by The

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lighthouse Praise Band and a fireworks display choreographed with Christmas music on 8:30-10:30 p.m. at Kool Oldies 65.5 FM 95.7 and Kool Oldies 65.5 FM 95.7 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Parking is available at the K-Mart/Grocery Outlet parking lots with free shuttle buses available.

Admission is a new, unwrapped toy with proceeds to benefit needy children of the Magic Valley through the KVMV Christmas For Kids Program.

For more information, call Sherry Wright at Kimberly Nurseries at 733-2717 or e-mail her at sherry@kimberlynurseries.com.

Boy Scouts serve Thanksgiving breakfast

JEROME - Boy Scout Troop 139 will sponsor a pancake breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day at the Jerome United Methodist Church, 211 S.

Buchanan St. in Jerome.

The cost is \$4 per person and \$12 per family.

DIV Auxiliary sponsors dance Friday at hall

TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoppe Ave. in Twin Falls.

Archie Turner will provide the music.

T.F. Parks Department offers Family Fun Night

TWIN FALLS - The city of Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department will offer a two-week Family Fun Night program from Dec. 2-18 at the Boys and Girls Club on Frontier Road.

Participants ages 5-16 will meet from 6:45-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Activities will include pool, air hockey, arcade

games, movies and board and card games. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost is \$10 per child for all four nights. Registration must be completed by Wednesday at 1:36 Maxwell Ave. in Twin Falls.

For more information, call 736-2265.

Scarecrows turn pilgrims Wednesday in Community.



EDITORIAL

Political criticism doesn't equal a call to violence

Two weeks after the election that cost him his job as Senate majority leader, Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., went looking for a reason. Not surprisingly, he found Rush Limbaugh.

Daschle blamed the conservative radio host for increased threats against Daschle and his family. "What happens when Rush Limbaugh attacks those of us in public life is that people aren't satisfied just to listen," Daschle said. "They want to act because they get emotionally invested."

No one can blame Daschle for the frustration or anxiety he feels. After all, this is the same leader who had anthrax mailed to him in his Senate offices a year ago.

But his rant against Limbaugh and "all the Rush Limbaugh wannabes" for making radio talk an invitation to violence is far-fetched.

If Daschle thinks politics and entertainment should be separated, then he's missing the point. Many Americans are drawn into politics simply because it is fodder for comedy, drama, and yes, action.

That goes for parties on both sides of the political debate. Both liberals and conservatives have let loose with comments that aren't exactly warm and fuzzy. And like Daschle, some Republicans have had threats lodged against them.

Emotionally charged debate has stirred this nation since its

infancy. American colonists took action against the king with the hot blood of revolution coursing through their veins, due largely to the written and spoken words that moved them. The Civil War was no different.

Americans alive today have witnessed debates far more divisive than anything Limbaugh can invent. Political battles over the civil rights movement, Vietnam, abortion and even today's environmental issues all have had moments of drama and violence.

High emotions can be felt locally as well. On livestock issues, debate occasionally has overheated into fiery words that could be viewed as threats. This kind of emotional speech has come from both sides of the issue.

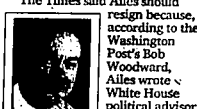
Clearly, vigorous expression of opinions can go too far. But Daschle's complaint about Limbaugh doesn't add up. This year's debate on homeland security has been emotionally charged, but liberal Democrats carry just as much responsibility for inflammatory rhetoric.

In any case, each individual is independently responsible for how he or she reacts to political conflict. There's a vast difference between a Rosa Parks and a Timothy McVeigh.

The majority of Americans know that political criticism—even in the shrill tones of talk radio—does not equate to a call for bloodshed.

Partisan rhetoric comes from both sides

War broke out last week, not between the United States and Iraq, but among four other combatants: The New York Times and Fox News Channel President Roger Ailes and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh. The Times said Ailes should

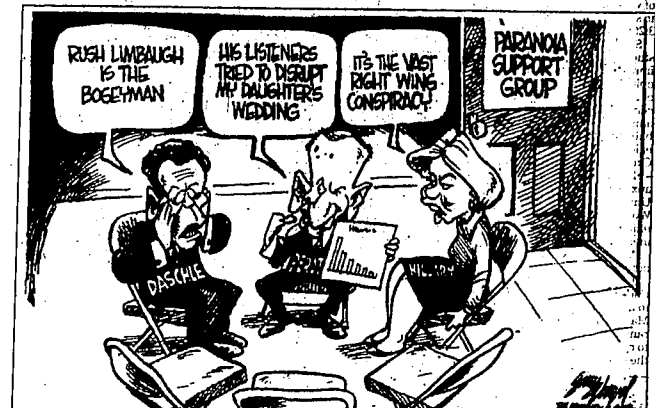


Cal Thomas

resign because, according to the Washington Post's Bob Woodward, Ailes wrote a White House political advisor Karl Rove, urging the president not to "go wobbly" after 9/11 disclosure. I frequently

appear on Fox News Channel, but would hold the same view if I didn't. However, The Times ignored much closer relationships between liberal media people and the Clinton administration. According to the Los Angeles Times' Tom Rosenstiel, Rick Kaplan, while he was executive producer for such ABC shows as "Nighline," "World News Tonight" and "PrimeTime Live," advised Bill Clinton on how to overcome reports in 1992 of his affair with Gennifer Flowers. "Clinton called Kaplan for advice," writes Rosenstiel in his book "Stranges Bedfellows." Rosenstiel quotes Kaplan as telling Clinton, "Do the toughest interview you can," advising him not to appear on the morning news programs but to do a show with a larger audience. Clinton took the advice, appearing on "60 Minutes."

Two months later when Clinton's campaign was floundering in New York, aides suggested he appear on the Don Imus radio show. CNN producer Matthew Saal recalled in the January, 1993, Washington Monthly magazine that the interview was clinched "when Rick Kaplan called the radio show host to see if he could get the pair together. The answer was yes." When he



left ABC to become president of CNN, USA Today reported that Kaplan "sees no conflict between being a friend of the President's and running the country's top-rated cable news operation." Is this a double standard? I report, you decide.

In the rhetorical war's other front, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle compared the "shrill rhetoric" of conservative talk radio for an upsurge in death threats against him and his family. Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott said he was unaware of any increase in death threats.

Daschle compared Limbaugh's show to violent Middle Eastern rhetoric, which led to the 9/11 hijackings and mass American deaths. Has Daschle forgotten the target Democrats and the media man of Newt Gingrich?

Typical of the "shrill rhetoric" practiced by many liberal Democrats was a comment by House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, who was reminded of it by the "Today" show's Bryant

Gumbel during a Jan. 4, 1995, interview: "You called Gingrich and his ilk, your words, 'trickle-down terrorists' who base their agenda on division, exclusion and fear.' Do you think middle-class Americans are in need of protection from that group?" NPR's Sunny Kravitz said on C-SPAN's Journalists Roundtable on Oct. 14, 1994, that Gingrich "is looking at a more scientific, a more civil way of lynching people." New York Times columnist Bob Herbert wrote in a Feb. 25, 1995, column of a "Republican jihad against the poor." The left did not condemn the "shrill rhetoric" of newspaper columnist Julianne Malvese, who said on the Nov. 4, 1994, PBS program, "To the Contrary": "I hope (Clarence Thomas) wife feeds him lots of eggs and butter and he dies early, like many black men do, of heart disease... He is an absolutely reprehensible person."

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr was a target of "shrill rhetoric" by many in the media

and Democratic operatives during the Clinton years. Typical was that of Clinton advisor James Carville in his book "And the Horse He Rode In: On the People v. Kenneth Starr." Carville wrote, "I don't like Ken Starr. I don't like one damn thing about him. I don't like his politics. I don't like his sanctimony. I don't like his self-pity. I don't like the people he runs with. I don't like his suck-up, spit-down view of the world, how he kisses up to the powerful and abuses the life out of regular people."

Starr tells me he received a large number of death threats following such remarks. He refused to publicly whine about them, but neither the media nor Democratic politicians condemned them. Taking potshots at Rush Limbaugh and Roger Ailes may make liberal Democrats feel better, but it is no substitute for policies and a vision.

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Islamic movements failed to promote peace

Regarding your Washington (AP) article on Page B-5 of Friday's edition (Nov. 15): The article is titled, "Bush embraces Islam as a peaceful religion." Bush voiced similar beliefs soon after the horror of 9/11; but, as usual, he was misinformed by the blindfolded advisors he has on his payroll.

Of 30 wars going on as of Sept. 11, 2001, 28 involved Muslims fighting either non-Muslims or even other Muslims (Abdul Maseeh, Pakistani writer). And had Bush listened to Salman Rushdie, he might have come to believe, as many other world leaders have, that ("Pjara)no Islam, which blames outsiders 'infidels' for the ills of Muslim societies and whose proposed remedy is the closing of those societies to the rival project of modernity is presently the fastest growing version of Islam in the world..."

In my opinion, Bush is doing nothing more than sucking up to the Muslim world in order to pursue his faltering war on terrorism and to effect his "regime change" in Iraq, and in doing so, he makes suckers out of all of us. Since Bush claims to believe that Islam is a peaceful religion, he needs to answer the following questions:
1. If real Islam is all about peace and love, how did it acquire an empire that stretched from Spain to India? By sweet reason? Hardly.
2. When is Islam going to apologize for overturning the Hellenic-Christian civilizations

of the Middle Ages, conquering Constantinople in 1453 and laying siege to Vienna in 1529?

3. If the Quran is all about peace and love, how are such verses as the following explained?
"O believers, take not Jews and Christians as friends, they are friends of each other. Those of you who make them his friends is one of them. God does not guide an unjust people."
"When you meet the unbelievers, smite their necks, then when they have made wide slaughter among them, the fast bonds..."

There will be war in the world as long as people believe in Muhammad, his example and his teaching. And though Bush and some of the press have attempted to present a sanitized, anyone version of Islam, they do a great disservice to each of us. Ibn al-Rawandi asserted, "Either Islam is true, in which case we all ought to be Muslims, or it is not true, in which case it is pernicious nonsense and if cannot be criminal to say so."

JOHN WALSH
Burlay.

Get rid of magpies, Russian olive trees

Growing up in beautiful Hagerman Valley, my father, Mutt Smith, and my grandfather, Bud Smith, made me aware at a young age of two things they, in which case we was me, in. The first one was magpies. Whenever possible, they were killed. The Fish and Game even supplied traps and paid my

brothers and me 5 cents for every left leg we gave them. And guess what? There were so many pheasants in the country that every mile or two on the road was a dead one hit by a car. Now because magpies are not controlled, you're lucky to see one on the dinner table. The Fish and Game would rather spend millions on birds of prey (something you can't eat) and totally ignore the birds we can eat.

The second thing that was not tolerated was Russian olive trees. My grandfather told me that if you didn't keep them under control that, in time, they would completely take over. Well, guess what again? Just take a drive anywhere in the Magic Valley and everywhere you look, Russian olives, Russian olives, Russian olives. Instead of Magic Valley, I think they should rename it "Magpie Russian Olive Valley." BONNIE SMITH
Bliss

Support groups help dysfunctional relations

As the election dust settles and holiday gatherings loom just around the corner, I'd like to continue discussion of the dysfunctional family (re: October editorial). To me, dysfunctionality in most families is not an issue of presence or absence but rather to what degree. And then we ask, "Is the nail suggesting the dog or the dog wagging the tail?" When how a person presents himself doesn't line up with how

that one lives out life, I believe there will be dysfunction.

One analogy is that we arrive at adulthood with a toolbox, as it were, filled with specific tools for coping, relating and succeeding in life. We acquired our set of tools from childhood modeled by our parents or caregivers. Whenever a tool was missing from a parent's box, the parent coped as best he could. The tool modeled for the child, however, was a counterfeit, dependence or addiction. As children, we then had the choices to reject the counterfeit, absorb it into our system or come up with something else. The fact remained we were still missing the genuine article. These tools (or lack of) have affected every relationship we have, including how we treat ourselves. Adding mental or physical illness or learning disabilities to this equation complicates things that much more.

Twelve-step programs, support groups and counselors are available to those of us who arrived at adulthood with a partially filled toolbox. People can discover and learn to tell the truth about who they are in an atmosphere of acceptance, validation and grace. They can then learn healthier ways to cope, relate and function in their lives. For nine years, I have benefited from the Life Recovery Christian 12-Step Group, as have many others. The program and similar groups is available on the Community page of this newspaper. Recovery is liberating!
SUZANNE L. BROWNE
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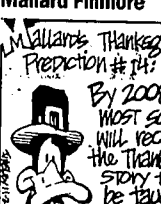
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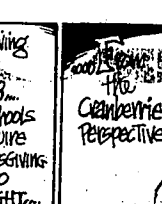
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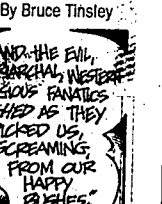
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OPINION

Campaign against Wal-Mart smacks of extortion

A group calling itself People's Campaign for Justice at Wal-Mart -- no doubt armed with lettering reams, maces and other 14th-century accoutrements of war -- is preparing to lay siege to some of the huge retailer's 3,200 stores around the country. Sounds like a group of idealistic students faulting Wal-Mart for hip-hoping clothes made in developing nations. Or perhaps a band of animal rights activists concerned the company's low-cost vitamins were tested on endangered baboons. Ales, nothing that altruistic or romantic. The People's Campaign for Justice at Wal-Mart -- aka PCJWM -- is actually an auxiliary organization of the United Food and Commercial Workers, the nation's third-largest union with nearly 1.4 million members.

And the issue, folks, is extortion not altruism. The United Food and Commercial Workers would like to double its size by adding Wal-Mart's 1.4 million employees to its rank and file. It's tried repeatedly to organize them in the past, but the overwhelming majority --

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apparently as happy as Wal-Mart's friendly greeters -- repeatedly has turned thumbs down.

So now the union -- with the AFL-CIO and a plethora of left-leaning allies such as NOW, Greenwald Sisters and "Bowling for Columbine's" Michael Moore -- has launched what amounts to a full-fledged smear campaign against Wal-Mart. Their intention: to pressure Wal-Mart's executives to force its workers to join the union against their own expressed wishes.

That's a good deal for United Food and Commercial Worker President Douglas H. Dority and the small platoon of UFCW officials who make six-figure salaries, but it's a raw deal for Wal-Mart workers and even worse for a lagging U.S. economy. Wal-Mart's workers hardly fit the UFCW's broad-brush depiction as wretches from a Charles Dickens' sweatshop in mid-19th century London. Here are a few facts you should know:

• Wal-Mart jobs offer competitive wages and benefits -- and then some. Far from \$2 to \$3 less per hour as the union charges, Wal-Mart's compensation compares favorably with unionized grocery workers with the same length of service. Its starting rate, in fact, is usually the same -- and in some cases, slightly higher -- than unionized grocery workers in the same market.

• More than 70 percent of Wal-Mart positions are full-time compared to less than 50 percent of the unionized grocery workers. That's also a far better ratio than chief rivals K-Mart, where roughly half the workforce is full time, and Target, where the ratio dips to 40 percent.

• Wal-Mart's health-care benefits -- contrary to union claims -- are among the best in American industry. More than 75 percent of its associates are eligible to join its comprehensive medical insurance plans with Wal-Mart picking up two-thirds of the tab. Coverage includes life insurance, dental, and both short-term and long-term disability, dependents and out-of-plan expenses.

• Wal-Mart's retirement benefits also are outstanding. Test-deferred annual profit-sharing and 401(k) retirement contributions are made with or without employee participation.

• And finally, Wal-Mart positions are definitely not dead-end jobs. Some two-thirds of the firm's management associates began their careers as hourly employees. And Wal-Mart provides training to constantly upgrade its employees' skills.

While none of us are ever totally happy at our jobs, Wal-Mart's associates appear to be among the most contented in the country. A Fortune Magazine survey, indeed, found that Wal-Mart's own employees rated it among the top 100 companies in terms of workplace satisfaction.

The sad truth is simply that the UFCW has singled out Wal-Mart because it is one of the most successful companies in the world -- creating more new jobs each year than any other company. This year alone, Wal-Mart has built 180 stores, discount clubs and distribution centers across the United States -- bringing new construction and retail jobs to virtually every state in the union.

In a free-market democracy like America, citizens get to cast daily ballots on their individual preferences. Customers flock to Wal-Mart because they like its wide variety of goods and services and its everyday low prices. Potential employees obviously seek jobs at Wal-Mart because they consider it a good place to work.

One has the feeling that the UFCW's shock troops are about to land on an unoccupied beachhead -- fighting a war that Wal-Mart's employees and customers -- and most other Americans -- are simply going to ignore.

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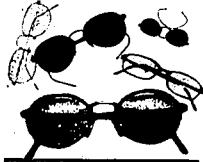
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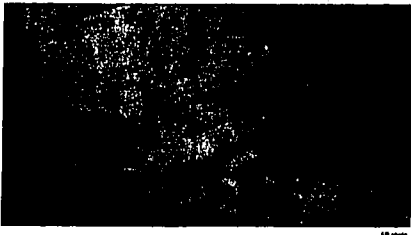
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Staffers find First Congress ledger book

WASHINGTON (AP) — A handwritten ledger book detailing Senate finances when George Washington was president has been found in an underground Capitol storage area, barely avoiding removal and destruction as work begins on a visitors' center.

The roughly 400 pages provide a window on the Senate from 1790 to 1881, beginning at a time when senators were paid \$6 for each day they attended a session of Congress. In those first years, senators also received a daily allotment of \$6 for travel to the capital, calculated at 20 cents per mile for a maximum of 20 miles.

That came to a total of \$10,655.50 for the 20 senators who made it to Philadelphia for the second session of the First Congress, according to a page



The signature of Aaron Burr is shown Monday in a Senate ledger that dates back to the early 1800s.

dated Jan. 19, 1790.

The book also bears the signatures of Vice Presidents John Adams, Aaron Burr and Thomas Jefferson. At the time, the vice president or Senate president pro tem had to sign for cash the Treasury Department sent to Congress to pay senators.

"The more we look at this book, the more we learn from it,"

Richard Baker, the Senate historian who helped verify its authenticity, said at a news conference displaying the volume.

The book was discovered last Tuesday on a shelf by Senate aides sorting through basement storage rooms under the Capitol's East Front steps, near where excavation for a new visitors' center is under way.

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Feds: ID theft ring set record for U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) - Federal authorities broke up what they called the biggest identity theft case in U.S. history and charged three men Monday with stealing credit information from more than 30,000 people, draining bank accounts and ruining credit.

U.S. Attorney James Conroy said the losses were calculated so far at \$2.7 million but would balloon to many more millions and affect consumers in every state.

He called the case "every American's worst financial nightmare multiplied tens of thousands of times."

"With a few keystrokes, these men essentially picked the pockets of tens of thousands of Americans and, in the process, took their identities, stole their money and swiped their security," the prosecutor said.

Authorities said the scheme began three years ago when

Philip Cummings, a help-desk worker at Teledata Communications, a Long Island software company, sold an unidentified person passwords and codes for downloading consumer credit reports.

Cummings was allegedly paid roughly \$30 for each report, and the information was then passed on to at least 20 other people, who then set out to make money from the stolen information, prosecutors said.

"The potential windfall was probably far greater than the content of a bank vault, and they didn't even need a getaway car. All they needed was a phone and a computer, so they thought," said FBI Assistant Director Kevin P. Donovan.

More than 15,000 credit reports were stolen from Experian, a credit history bureau, using passwords belonging to Ford Motor Credit Corp., officials said.

Putin rejects plan to trim reporting

MOSCOW (AP) - Russian President Vladimir Putin vetoed media legislation Monday that would have sharply restricted terrorism coverage, but lashed out at the country's press, television and radio for their handling of last month's hostage crisis at a Moscow theater.

The legislation, passed by both houses of parliament, would have prohibited reports seen as hindering counter-terrorist operations and banned the broadcast or publication of rebel statements or extremist "propaganda."

Putin's decision to veto the measure ahead of next year's parliamentary elections was widely seen as an attempt to burnish his image as a defender of free speech. Critics have accused him and his government of cracking down on independent television.

"No truly democratic power can exist without publicity and openness, which are provided by the mass media," Putin said.

Pipeline bombing halts shipments of Colombia oil

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - Attackers dynamited Colombia's largest oil pipeline, causing a spill and forcing the brief evacuation of 280 people, officials said Monday.

The Central Colombian Pipeline had to be shut down after the attack Sunday near the town of Aguazul, 100 miles northeast of Bogota, the company said. It was still closed early Monday.

Officials did not say who might have been responsible. But the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, and the National Liberation Army, or ELN, have frequently attacked the line.

The leftist rebels are waging a 38-year civil war against the government and illegal right-wing militias. The United States is preparing to train an elite military unit to protect the line from rebel attacks.

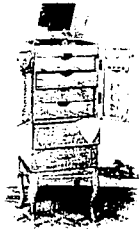
Report: Hot plate started train fire

NANCY, France (AP) - A kitchenette hot-plate started a fire that killed five members of a Connecticut family and seven other people aboard a French train, an official said Monday.

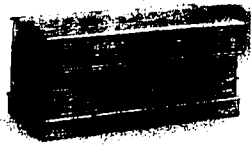
The fire spread from the hot-plate to a jacket hanging nearby on the train bound from Paris to Munich, Germany, an investigator told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Sun Valley launches 67th season today

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley Resort announced Monday that it was opening another lift as it prepared to kick off its 67th season today.

Sun Valley will have Christmas No. 3 up and running, in addition to the Lookout, Challenger and Lower River Run lifts. The addition of the Christmas lift opens up Roundhouse Slope and Lower Canyon to spread skiers over the mountain a little more, said Sun Valley spokeswoman Shannon Besoyan.

Other runs that will be open include Upper Colgate, Flying Squirrel, Lower Picabo, Lower Warm Springs, Mid and Lower River Run and Roundhouse Lane. The resort will open at 9 a.m. with discounted lift tickets. Find more information in today's Times-News ski report on page D3.

Hospital receives book for young patients

TWIN FALLS - Pediatric patients at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will benefit from a donation of the children's activity book "Oodles of Doodles for your Noodle." The book was designed by the nonprofit organization Art with Heart to provide entertainment, inspiration and art therapy to ill children, according to a hospital news release.

"We are thrilled to have access to such wonderful activity books," said Michele Rantall, director of maternal and child services at Magic Valley Regional. "They will be a welcome distraction for children while they are healing at the hospital."

Sun Valley's Gallery DeNovo will feature original art works created by award-winning artists who contributed to the book at an exhibit Friday through Dec. 20. All proceeds from the sale of these works will benefit Art with Heart and help finance a second printing of the book.

One of the highlights of the works available for sale will be an original piece from Mary Grand Fre, illustrator of the Harry Potter Book series. This original illustration, along with signed copies of Harry Potter books, will be the featured silent auction piece during the opening at 6 p.m. Friday.

The gallery is located on the third floor of the Gall Seven Building at 131 Fourth St. in Ketchum. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Goat license plates generate SNRA money

STANLEY - Idaho motorists who buy the state license plate featuring a mountain goat against a backdrop of alpine peaks have supported more improvements to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Friends of the SNRA Avalanche Center received a \$3,000 grant to provide information to the public on snow and weather conditions in the Sawtooth, White Cloud, Boulder and Pioneer mountains.

Pioneer Mountain Outfitters received a \$7,500 grant to manufacture and install trail signs throughout the White Cloud Mountains.

The goat license plates cost \$35. The program fund is managed by the Sawtooth Society under a contract through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. The Sawtooth Society is a nonprofit advocacy organization for SNRA boosters.

T.F. artist displays work in New York City exhibit

TWIN FALLS - A lithographic monoprint by Twin Falls artist Mike Youngman is included in an international juried exhibition in suburban New York City this month.

"Do It Do It" is part of the "Small Works, Top Priority" exhibit at The Stage Gallery in Merrick, N.Y.

Youngman's work was one of only 23 chosen from among thousands of slide prints from throughout the world. The exhibit includes oils, watercolors, print, mixed-media, papers, wall sculptures and a photograph.

The show will run through Sunday.

Compiled from staff reports

M.V. trains carry hazardous material

Disaster services coordinator worries

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - Hazardous materials traveling by railroad through southern Idaho each year include 30 carloads of bombs, 22 carloads of rockets, 894 carloads of anhydrous ammonia, 835 carloads of phosphoric acid and much more.

"It's amazing what they pack," said Mike Bright, Lincoln County disaster services coordinator. During a Lincoln County Commission meeting Monday, Bright showed commissioners a list provided to him by Union Pacific Railroad which shows seven pages of hazardous materials that move through southern Idaho.

Twenty-seven trains per day pass through Shoshone, Bright said. He referred to a recent incident when a train derailed and several carloads of sugar beets spilled.

"After reading this (list), we were real thankful it was beet cars," Bright said. "The potential of a derailment or car versus train wreck is here."

While there are thousands of carloads of beets, wheat, lumber and more, the possibility exists that if a train wreck happens, one of the nearly 20,000 hazardous material cars that pass through each year could be involved, he said.

Bright is part of the Magic Valley Emergency Hazardous Response Team, which is made up of fire department personnel, disaster service coordinators and other officials.

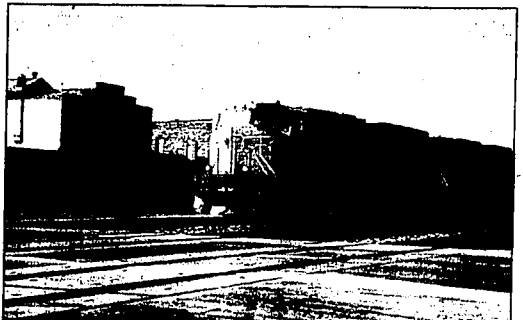
The team just completed the draft of a new disaster services plan for responding to all emergencies, he said.

"It goes step by step on how we should handle each disaster," Bright said. "The old plan is vague."

The plan includes disasters such as a train derailment where hazardous material is spilled.

Average daily traffic reports provided by Idaho Transportation Department show that 6,400 vehicles cross the railroad tracks each day in Shoshone.

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One of the 27 trains that go through Shoshone each day approaches the main crossing at Idaho Highway 75. The possibility of a hazardous materials spill is one reason the Magic Valley Emergency Hazardous Response Team rewrote disaster plans.

LIGHTS IN THE SKY



Bud Fuller, owner of Bud's Electric, strings a line of Christmas lights on a tree in Twin Falls City Park Monday. Crews put up lights on most of the park's evergreen trees.

Inmate transport system saves money

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A transportation program which moves people with outstanding arrest warrants across much of the country is saving Mini-Cassians money.

Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center Transport Officer Shannon Taylor gave a brief report to county commissioners from both Minidoka and Cassia counties Monday when commissioners toured the jail and heard about jail programs.

The transportation program means if a person wanted for a crime in Mini-Cassia is arrested in Minnesota or Arizona, or any of the other participating states, that person can be transported back to Mini-Cassia at no cost to the local governments, Taylor said. In the meantime, Mini-Cassia jail personnel transport other suspects to places such as Minnesota or Arizona, where they have outstanding arrest warrants.

Taylor said the program saves the two local counties money. In the last month, one person was brought back from Reno, Nev.,

and another from St. Louis County, Minn.

Jail Director Dennis Dexter did some quick figuring and came up with a savings of nearly \$1,000 this month. Retrieving those two people alone would have required two deputies and at least two days' travel per trip, a cost of more than \$1,500.

About \$540 was spent during the month in housing costs for suspected felons headed to other places, Dexter figured. That means the jail saved nearly \$1,000.

Taylor makes a weekly trip to Snowville, Utah, to "swap" prisoners headed one way or the other.

"We swap them right there at the Flying J," Taylor said. More than 400 counties throughout the United States participate in the reciprocal program, Taylor said. On the average, 15 suspected felons may be transported through the Mini-Cassia facility per month, and that number rises in the summer.

Other joint commission business included:

• Drug dog - Dexter and Mini-

Cassia Criminal Justice Center Deputy Director Curtis Richins talked about the possible benefits of having a drug dog on staff at the jail.

The dog would be helpful in finding contraband on visitors and inmates and calming down cell blocks that don't want to be locked down at night.

"They'd earn their keep - that's for sure," Richins said. Dexter said a jail might make a drug dog too tired too quickly because the dog would be working a longer time than if it were in the field. Officers who are training drug dogs are encouraged to come into the jail to train, Dexter said.

• Birthday - Dexter noted the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center will be 11 years old on Dec. 1. Commissioners agreed the facility has been maintained well and walked through a cell block and other parts of the jail.

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Council rejects ex-mayor's office bid

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Hoping to end a tussle that has engulfed City Hall for weeks, the City Council Monday night officially decreed that former Mayor Al Lindley could not withdraw his Nov. 8 resignation and be restored to the city's helm.

The council then voted unanimously to permanently elevate council president and Acting Mayor Susan McBryant to the top job.

An unsmiling Lindley, 64, sat in the seventh row against a wall at the rear of the council chamber, taking in the 30-minute discussion that led to his appeal for reinstatement being rejected and McBryant's institution to succeed him.

As he quickly left the council chambers, Lindley blurted to radio reporter that he would challenge McBryant "any time she runs."

McBryant will serve the unexpired portion of Lindley's term until the election in November 2003.

Does this end a spasm of political turmoil not seen in Hailey's modern history?

Before the council meeting, Lindley told *The Times-News* he hadn't decided whether to go to court to challenge the council if it refused to reinstate him. But he said he had received "hundreds of e-mails, faxes and telephone calls of support, including some that suggested perhaps the City Council ought to be recalled from office."

The silver-haired mayor, in

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Burglars break into Burley jewelry store

The Times-News

BURLEY - A Burley jewelry store was open for business as usual Monday after a weekend burglary of thousands of dollars of rings, and police were investigating the theft.

Burglars smashed the glass door of Jensen Jewelers in downtown Burley Saturday and made off with close to 100 rings.

The burglars used a tire iron to break through the store's glass front door and get inside. Once inside, they smashed two display cases and grabbed several trays of rings, store owner Duane Rasmussen said.

"I doubt they were here for longer than 30 seconds," Rasmussen said.

An alarm went off in the building, but the signal never reached the Peak Alarm Co., Rasmussen said. Technicians from the alarm company came to the store but by late Monday afternoon hadn't

determined why the alarm failed.

The burglars stole emeralds, rubies, sapphires and non-precious stones. Store employees lock all diamonds and precious stones in a vault each night. Rasmussen said. Police found a tire iron wrapped in duct tape in a nearby Dumpster. Glass fragments were stuck to the tape.

Officers also found a ring on the sidewalk outside the store. This is the first time someone has broken into the Jensen Jewelers building, Rasmussen said. Burglars broke a window and stole from the window display case about 10 years ago.

Police were notified of the burglary around 8:30 Saturday morning when two women drove by. They told police they saw the front door of the store was broken. Officers responded to the report and called Rasmussen.

By the end of the work day Monday, the damaged door and cases had been repaired.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9831, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

BOISE



Clarice Elaine Heinrich

Clarice Elaine Heinrich, 76, of Boise, former Twin Falls resident, died Sunday Nov. 24, 2002, in Boise.

She was born Aug. 22, 1926 in Salina, Kansas, the daughter of Vaughn and Ruby Bales Probasco. She was raised in Iowa and Missouri until the family moved to Buhl, Idaho, in 1936. She graduated from Buhl High School and worked at the Buhl Theatre. She married A.L. "Bud" Heinrich on June 28, 1947, in Elko, Nevada, and resided in Twin Falls until she moved to Boise in 2001 to be nearer to her family. After her children were raised she worked for the Twin Falls Schools for several years. She was a member of the Twin Falls 1st Presbyterian Church, and enjoyed working with ceramics.

Clarice is survived by 4 children: Mike Heinrich of San Jose, CA, Steven Heinrich of Meridian, Greg Heinrich of Boise, and Pam Wattford of Milwaukee, Oregon. 10 grandchildren 1 great-grandchild, 1 brother, Marvin Probasco of Buhl, and 1 sister, Vera Joan Keith of Boise.

Her husband, "Bud," preceded her in death on Sept. 30, 1994.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls 1st Presbyterian Church, with Pastor Paul Reeves officiating. Interment will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may pay their respects today from 6-8 p.m. at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

The family suggests memorials to the Idaho Youth Ranch.

TWIN FALLS



James Victor Cooper

James Victor Cooper, 65, passed away November 22, 2002, at the home of Ron and Elaine Wilcox in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Jim played keyboard here in the valley for several years. First at the Pioneer Club, then Sax on Second and last at Sax 5th Ave. He enjoyed music, sitting at an keyboard at the Wilcox Hall-Seven Parties was a real thing for him.

Another love of his life was fishing, mostly with Ron, Kenton, and Kyle. In the last few years Jim was survived by his good friends: Ron & Elaine Wilcox, Brian & Lynn Takaoka, Evelyn Garcia, Ken & Amy Wilcox, Al & Tonya Herr, Scott Young, Dorothy Green, John & Sami Sauer, Samantha & Shelby Wilcox and Roman Herrin.

He is survived in death by his whole natural family and by his best friend Kyle Wilcox.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, November 29, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Interment and burial inurnment are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

SHOSHONE

Manfred Earl Lowry

Manfred Earl Lowry, age 78, longtime Shoshone resident, died Saturday, November 23, 2002, in Star, Idaho.

Manfred was born February 10, 1924, in Wendell, Idaho, the son of Joseph Earl and Margie Evans Lowry. He was raised in the Wendell area and graduated from Wendell High School. After high school he served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married Glines Schmidt on August 21, 1945 in Wendell.

After Manfred's discharge from the military in 1946, the couple resided in Wendell for a period of time prior to moving to Buhl, where he was employed by Curtis Chevrolet. He moved to Shoshone in 1962 and was employed by the

State Highway Dept. for 25 years prior to his retirement in 1987. The couple had just recently moved to Star.

Manfred enjoyed spending the winters in Arizona.

Survivors include his wife, Glines of Star; son, David J. Lowry of Anchorage, Alaska; daughter, Bonnie (Keith) Jacobs of Eagle, Id.; (2) sisters, Dorothy Kruse of Twin Falls and Patsy Goble of Richland, Washington; brother, Elmer Lowry of Twin Falls; (4) grandchildren, Travis Neu, Brian Neu, Christy Neu, Zane Lowry; and (2) great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Marvin.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at Wendell Cemetery with The Rev. Tom Keener officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

For those who desire contributions to be made for Life's Hospice, 1111 S. Orchard, Boise, Idaho 83705.

Bradshaw, of Aurora, Colorado, and Christopher Newcomb, of Nampa, Idaho.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Star Children's Fund at Wells Fargo Bank, Halley, ID 83333.

Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002, at the Shoshone LDS Chapel. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the services. Following a service at the Shoshone LDS Cultural Hall, the Dedication of the Grave will be at 4 p.m. at the Halley Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Halley, Idaho.

WENDELL



Keith J. Davis

Keith J. Davis, age 85, from Wendell, Idaho, died at 12:25 p.m. in his home on Sunday, November 24, 2002, lovingly surrounded by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born Christmas Eve, December 24, 1916, at Preston, Idaho, a son of Heber and Laura Davis (both are deceased) of Poosillie, Idaho - a family of ten boys and three girls. He married Louise Ray (now deceased) and they reared their two children and five of their own. Donna Joan Mitchell, lives in Canada; Maurice Ray (deceased) lived in Wendell; Leona Handyside (deceased), Seattle, Washington; Leon Davis, Washington (Leon and Leona are twins); Laura Scott, Boise, Idaho; Linda Harms, Wendell, Idaho; and Lavern Davis, Boise, Idaho. The Davis children's names all start with the letter "L."

He had been hospitalized at Magic Valley Memorial Regional Medical Center for hip surgery after a hard fall. For many years he was self-employed as a blacksmith at Wendell and it is believed the flames from welding damaged his lungs. He was an avid sportsman-hunting, fishing, and dutch-oven cooking. In 1979, in Elko, Nevada, he married Doris Mae Claycomb Miller and built a home at 1520 B East 3100 South in Wendell. He is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, 2002, at the Wendell LDS Church with Bishop Clayton Pope officiating. Interment will be held in the Wendell Cemetery. Viewing will be held from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

BOISE

Leah L. Walker

Leah L. Walker, 81 of Boise passed away Sunday, November 24, 2002, at Life Care Center of Boise.

Leah was born Oct. 7, 1921, in Teton City, Idaho, to Hyrum and Melba Hope. She grew up in Teton City. She married the Love of her life, John T. Walker on June 12, 1942.

She is survived by her three children, Hope Hatch (stepmother), Zane Walker (Twin Falls), and Roxy Chaplin (Boise); six grandchildren, Ginger Austin, Thayne Haen, Kami and Jodie Walker, Tyson and Lucy Chaplin; and live great-grandchildren, Josh & Jordan Aust, Breanna & Emmalee Hatch, and Jacob Kennison.

One of her many friends (Alta Smith) wrote this poem which so perfectly describes our Mother:

Leah She has a warm and golden smile, I see it every day. She has a soft and gentle voice, each thing I hear her say. She always tries to give a little more than she receives. When someone's happy she smiles, when someone's hurt she grieves. Her house is bright and shining, She cooks delicious meals. She'll take the time to share those things no matter how she feels. Whenever I may travel, I'll love her to the End. For these things mean a lot to me? Leah is my Friend!

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Thayne, in 1992, her parents, two sisters and one brother.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at the Filer Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials may be made in Memory of Leah Walker to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Luke's Breast Cancer Center in Boise. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

School district bans hats

POCAATELLO (AP) - Pocatello's public school district is imposing a ban on students wearing hats in an effort to crack down on gang activity.

The ban, which takes effect next Monday, has been criticized by some high school students, but administrators have been unwavering.

"There are new hats with

Velcro headbands where they can stash paraphernalia," Secondary Education Director Kathy Collins said. "And they put gang names on the bills."

Some students called the ban a violation of their freedom of expression. Others suggestion it will have no effect on gangs.

"Hats aren't gang-related, and getting rid of hats won't get rid

of gangs," said Mitchell Magagna, a 14-year-old student at Pocatello High School.

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DEATH NOTICES

Don Fred Keane

HAGERMAN - Don Fred Keane, 79, formerly of Twin Falls and Pocatello, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002, at his daughter's home in Hagerman.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 23, 2002, at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Pocatello.

Bernice Witt

BUHL - Bernice Witt, 97, of Buhl died Monday, Nov. 25, 2002, in Buhl.

Arrangements pending will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

SERVICES

Anthony 'Tony' Frank D'Amben Sr. of Gooding, Mass of Christian burial at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding; interment at Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding (Demary Funeral Chapel, Gooding).

Earl Clark of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Assembly of God Church in Buhl; interment will follow at the West End Cemetery, Buhl; viewing from 17 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave., Buhl.

J.C. Hendrix of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N.

Ninth Ave., Buhl.

Alice Pachner of Glens Ferry, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the United Methodist Church in Glens Ferry (Summers Funeral Homes, McMurry Chapel, Mountain Home).

Charles 'Chuck' Leland Jacobsen of Phoenix, Ariz., service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the LDS Church in Teton.

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Cassia seeks board applications

By Mike Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Seven positions on various Cassia County boards will be open at the end of the year, and the county commissioners are looking for applicants.

Three positions are open on the planning and zoning board, two on the fair board, one on the county roads board and one on the snowmobile committee. The county commissioners are most concerned with filling the positions on the planning and zoning board because two of the board members have announced they will step down. The commissioners will accept letters from planning and zoning commission applicants until Dec. 13 and interview the applicants on Dec. 16.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Jack Hill announced last week he will not seek a second term when his term ends Dec. 31. On Monday morning Deputy Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Kerry

McMurray told the commissioners Dale Pierce had resigned from the board. Commissioners reappointed Pierce last year when his term expired. Clayne Zollinger's term also expires in December. Zollinger has been on the board three months. Commissioners appointed Zollinger when David Gerratt resigned in August.

Cassia County Administrator Tim Hurst said he was sorry to see Pierce leave the board.

"He was the one who could get away with asking any question," Hurst said. Pierce asked questions other board members might be afraid to ask.

Pierce decided to step down because he said he had spent enough time on the board.

"I just thought it was time to go," Pierce said. The terms of fair board members Jack Funk and Jeff Chaburn are ending. Tom Oxtley's term on the county roads board will expire. Ron Morris's term on the snowmobile committee is also ending.

Other commission business included:

- **Black Pine Mine** - Minidoka District Forest Ranger Scott Nannenga told commissioners the filtration system at the Black Pine Mine, in southeast Cassia County, was not working properly. Recent tests show high nitrate levels in the water that has passed through the filters. Officials plan to spread water over 30 acres of public land while engineers look at the filters.

- **Public hearing procedure** - Commissioners read a resolution to create an official procedure for public hearings. The resolution would bring commissioners into compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act, McMurray said. The policy covers conflicts of interest and refers county boards to Robert's Rules of Order. The policy requires boards to keep a recording of all public hearings. Commissioners will consider the resolution Monday.
- **Publishing minutes** -

Commissioners agreed to limit the amount of information included in the minutes published in the legal section of the *South Idaho Press*. Idaho law requires the commission to publish a record of all its acts and statements, McMurray said. Other information, such as the list of people who attend meetings and the correspondence received by commissioners, could be excluded to cut costs, he said.

- **Geothermal request** - Commissioner Paul Christensen suggested commissioners write a letter to Congress, suggesting lawmakers give tax credits for geothermal power producers. Other renewable power producers receive the tax credits. A geothermal power company has plans to build a plant southwest of Malta.

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ROCK LESSON



Decio Elementary School third-graders James Marling, Marlon Christensen and Mikayla Adams look closely at rocks and fossils at a minerals table their teacher set up Monday. Teacher Marilyn Oeterhout had the items on display as part of the students' geology lab in science class.

Hospital needs county support for grants

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka Memorial Hospital plans to seek help from county officials as it applies for grants to pay for a nearly \$2 million remodeling of the hospital emergency room.

Hospital Administrator Carl Hanson spoke with county commissioners Monday about a number of hospital projects, including the proposed remodeling project. Hospital board members need the county's endorsement to receive community development block grants for the project.

Commissioners said they would support of the project. The remodeling will make the facility safer and add privacy, Hanson said. The tentative start date for the work is October 2004.

Some remodeling plans were made in 1997, but things have changed since then, Hanson said. The ambulance bay as it was drawn is too narrow, workers would like to move the computed tomography scanner to be next to the trauma area so it's easier and more private for patients, and employees favor creating a straight line of vision between the nurse station and ER doors to monitor pedestrian traffic.

The old plans carried an estimated price tag of \$1.2 million, Hanson said. Officials now think it might be closer to \$1.5 million or \$2 million. Hospital personnel want to raise between \$800,000 and \$1 million through block grants or the Murdock Foundation, which recently gave money to the Wilson Theater.

Hanson told commissioners Elera Richan is resigning from the Hospital Board effective today.

The Hospital Board nominating committee gave the commissioners a list of names to fill a vacant position earlier in July; commissioners agreed they would consider names from that list to replace Richan.

Other commission business included:

Meeting today

- **What:** Minidoka Memorial Hospital Board meeting.
- **When:** Noon today.
- **Where:** Hospital conference room.
- **Agenda:** Board members are to discuss remodeling the emergency room, hear a report from the finance committee, hear an update on physician recruitment and present a source award to retiring board member Elera Richan.

- **Juvenile probation report** - Chief probation officer Lisa Kamachi reported a problem with communication about juveniles between Minidoka and Cassia county authorities.

Two juveniles were spotted by a probation officer in Burley last weekend, Kamachi said. At least one was wanted in Minidoka County. Cassia County officials were sent to pick the juvenile up but let him go because he didn't have a report in Cassia County.

Under Sheriff Robert Vasquez said two reports might need to be filed - one in each county. There isn't a shared system between the two counties.

Sheriff's office remodeling - Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Administrator Paul Aston said the project was nearly complete, with a few details remaining for sheriff's office personnel to finish.

Sheriff's office employees might finish items such as painting ceiling tiles and refinishing two doors, Aston said. The materials for those projects have already been purchased.

- **Juvenile justice security** - Don Garner, director at the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center, said four new security cameras have been installed. The facility now has eight cameras. More coverage was added in the kitchen and hallway.

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Tree festival will help usher in Christmas

The Times-News

RUPERT - Right on the heels of Thanksgiving comes Christmas. And an easy way to get into the Christmas spirit is a jaunt through the Caring and Sharing Festival at the Rupert Civic Building.

The event, with more than 90 trees, wreaths and other decorations available to view and buy, opens to the public at 5 p.m. Friday.

Hours are 5 until 10 p.m.

Friday, noon until 8 p.m.
Saturday, noon until 4 p.m.
Sunday and noon until 8 p.m. Monday.

An "invitation only" gala buyers preview luncheon runs from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday.

No admission is charged to visit the festival, but the sale of trees generates money for the Minidoka Health Care Foundation.

Foundation Director Pattie Hansen said the money is directed from the foundation to

health-related needs in the community.

In 2002, the foundation gave two \$500 scholarships to area students, bought two critical care monitors for the Minidoka Memorial Hospital emergency room and gave a \$500 grant to the New Beginnings program at the Mini-Cassia Child Protection Agency, Hansen said.

Last year the event raised \$22,000; this year organizers want to raise \$25,000.

Along with the trees offered

for sale, gifts and sweets will be sold by members of the hospital auxiliary, a quilt raffle will occur, gifts and food items will be for sale, and a "tree of joy" for the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, live entertainment will take place each day, and children can have their photos taken with Santa.

"The event is just about decorated wreaths and trees," Hansen said. "It's about the spirit of the season, one of joy and peace and giving."

Man waits on Bush to get his land back

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Gene Williams is waiting for a presidential signature to resolve a land dispute on the sand dunes outside of St. Anthony.

The U.S. Senate last week passed a resolution allowing Williams, who owns the Sand Hills Resort, to purchase 10.23 acres of land located within a wilderness study area. President Bush is expected to sign the bill in the next two or three weeks.

"This is an example of government working the way it should," said Rep. Michael Simpson, R-Idaho. Williams went to him in an effort to straighten out the issue.

Williams purchased a small piece of land next to the sand dunes outside St. Anthony in 1971. He turned it into the Sand Hills Resort, a bar, restaurant, dance hall and swimming pool.

In 1981, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management decided to conduct a wilderness study in the area. In 1995, a review concluded that a 1993 survey was in error and 10.23 acres of what Williams thought was his land was part of the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area. The property line cut right through Williams' home.

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office for only 10 months after winning an uncontested election, resigned by letter and in phone conversations with McBryant and Councilmen Richard Davis and Don Keirn after being accused of "verbal sexual harassment" of two female city employees.

The unnamed women accused him of constantly referring to them as "sweetie," which Lindley admitted in a statement distributed to the media but that he said was a harmless lifelong habit and not meant to be offensive.

Claiming he had acted emotionally without thinking when resigning, Lindley then wrote a letter 10 days later seeking to withdraw the resignation and return to his \$1,660-a-month job.

During opening moments of Monday night's meeting, City

Attorney Ned Williamson carefully led the council through research he had conducted into whether a public official could resign and then change his mind, and which he laid out in an 11-page summary. He concluded that Lindley could not be reinstated to office, citing several legal decisions, including a 1974 Idaho Supreme Court ruling that denied a Kootenai County sheriff's appeal to return to his job after resigning and changing his mind.

The city attorney provided several options for the city in dealing with Lindley, but recommended only one: to deny the ex-mayor's request to withdraw his resignation.

Williamson pointed out that since Nov. 8, Lindley had cleaned out his desk and turned in City Hall keys and a city credit card while the city gave check-

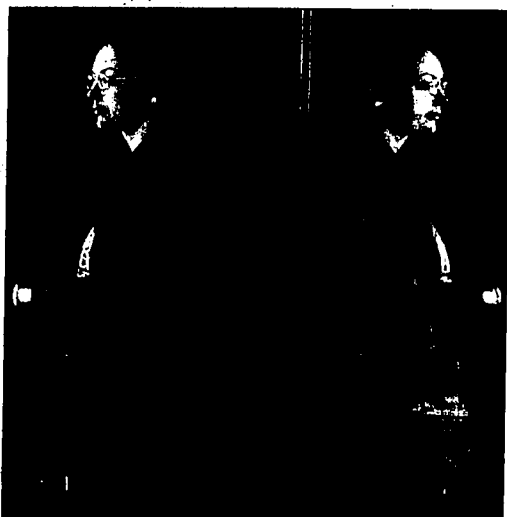
ing signing authority to McBryant. Lindley also told members of the council he planned to return to work as an economic development consultant.

Before voting in McBryant, the owner of a property management company, as mayor, Davis read a letter from Hailey real estate broker Mo O'Connell, who appealed for the council to call for volunteers from the community to serve before "hastily" naming a new mayor. However, Davis said since Lindley's resignation, he hadn't received a single call from anyone interested in serving as a \$450-a-month councilman or as mayor.

Davis, Keirn and Councilwoman Martha Buckle said too many critical issues facing the city needed attention, and delaying appointment of a new mayor would be inadvisable.

MUTED BELLS

Salvation Army bell ringer Jennifer McGarvie is reflected in a window as she rings Thursday outside the U.S. Post Office in Port Angeles, Wash. McGarvie's bell has been muted to half of the normal volume due to prior protests about how loud the bell is when it is rung outside the public building. The clapper in the bell has been replaced by a metal paper clip to help dim the sound.



Yucca Mountain Project workers say site problems have been kept quiet

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Some workers at the Yucca Mountain Project said there were flaws in the process scientists used to determine whether the site was suitable for dumping the nation's nuclear waste.

At least two workers claim they were either fired or transferred after raising concerns about the project's safety.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reported the development in its Sunday editions. Robert Clark and Jim Mattimore, both quality assurance specialists, said they were showed aside so lingering problems would not be spotlighted.

U.S. Labor Department records show the men might have been mistreated because they believed the project was cutting corners to meet looming deadlines.

The Department of Energy earlier this year recommended that more than 77,000 tons of the nation's deadliest nuclear waste be buried at Yucca Mountain, located 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

President Bush and Congress approved the plan to build a repository at Yucca Mountain. The first shipment of nuclear waste could arrive as early as 2010.

Mattimore, 52, said he was fired after he made allegations of wrongdoing and corruption to Lake Barrett.

At the time, Barrett was in charge of the government's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, which oversees the project.

Barrett declined comment other than to say, "I'm personally satisfied with the actions that I took."

Mattimore said wrongdoing included withholding evidence and attributing statements to people who had never been interviewed about concerns over the project.

hazardous materials disaster plan. Disaster Services is working on several other projects, such as a grant to get a generator on a trailer. The generator could be used to supply power to the school in case it is needed, he said.

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 436-1351 or lcavener@cablenet.net.

Trains

Continued from C1

Commissioner Lawrence Calkins said a large majority of that traffic is trucks. "The road is solid with trucks," he said.

But if a train vs. car accident occurs in Lincoln County, it would most likely happen at the Dietrich crossing.

"There are 210 cars per day that cross at Dietrich with no gates," Bright said.

Other disasters such as earth-

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Magistrate urges drug court investment

POCATELLO (AP) — Testimonials continue to pile up for Idaho's fledgling drug court program, even as it relies on special grants to lessen the strain on the state's struggling budget.

Investing in the program saves taxpayers money in the long run by avoiding the future costs of caring for children exposed to drugs and alcohol, said Bannock County Magistrate Bryan Murray.

The court is operating with a \$498,500 federal grant, which will keep the court going for the next three years. The program requires

parents and their families to stay in the program for one year, getting treatment and other help.

In exchange for successful completion, prosecutors and the judge can reduce a felony charge to a misdemeanor and a misdemeanor to a misdemeanor that costs taxpayers about \$70,000 a year per juvenile, Murray said.

Kelsy Brower, one of Murray's recent commitments to drug court, says the court is the only reason she has her baby today.

"Without drug court, I probably would be in prison," the 19-year-

million. Helping parents and would-be parents through drug court helps avoid those costs, advocates say.

Relying heavily on volunteers, Idaho's program has diverted drug-offending juveniles from a corrections system that costs taxpayers about \$70,000 a year per juvenile, Murray said.

Murray said Brower is the first graduate of his drug court to give birth to a drug-free child.

A second, a 16-year-old participant, is expecting her baby soon.

old former drug user said. She and her husband had their baby less than two months ago, several weeks before she finished her drug court participation earlier this month.

"It definitely works," Brower said. "Most kids go in with negative attitudes thinking 'This sucks. I don't want to be here.' But they figure it out."

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Hinckley to Mormons: Stand above media

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Mormon church members ought not to squander their divine inheritance and to hold themselves above what comes into their homes through television and other media, church President Gordon B. Hinckley said.

Speaking in St. George on Sunday, Hinckley said there is something divine in humans that should be nurtured and cherished by standing above their tawdry and cheap.

"Pursue what is decent, clean, faithful and true," Hinckley said.

The 15th President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints made his comments during the church's St. George Regional Conference in on the campus of Dixie State College.

Hinckley, who Mormons believe to be a prophet, seer and

revelator, reminded parents that it was their duty to teach their children what is right.

He emphasized the importance of setting aside Monday nights for family evenings, regardless of what competes for this time.

Northern Idaho has surplus of schoolteachers

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — When Jeri Kilburg enrolled at the University of Idaho to pursue a teaching degree, she was told a teaching shortage was ahead.

That shortage has not occurred, at least not in northern Idaho.

Ready to graduate in December, Kilburg is faced with an uncertain job market. It may not improve for another three years or longer.

"It's a little disheartening," Kilburg said, "but I'll hang in there."

Kilburg already is in the Coeur d'Alene School District's substitute rolls in case a job is not waiting for her after graduation.

University education professor Frank Powers supervises student teachers like Kilburg. He expects the glut of teachers to change in the next three to five years.

"I don't want to leave this area. It's too nice of a place to be."

— Jeri Kilburg,

pursuing a teaching degree at the University of Idaho

Nearly one-third of Idaho's teachers are nearing retirement and, as a result, the State Board of Education is forecasting a severe teacher shortage.

Nancy Larson wants Idaho to be ready when the shortage finally strikes.

Idaho's 2000 Teacher of the

Year has started a program to encourage high school students to consider teaching as a career.

Growing Idaho's Future Teachers, or GIFT, could have chapters in Idaho's high schools by fall 2003. The earliest the program would have an effect is in 2007.

"I believe GIFT will come at a time the need becomes most apparent," Larsen said.

Powers said it also is important to retain teachers. Nearly half of the nation's educators will leave the profession within the first five years.

Powers said the reasons vary from lack of support from parents to conditions of schools and low pay.

"They can use their talents other places and make more money," he said.

Snyder said the National Transportation Safety Board was running the investigation.


Authorities said a plane flown by a Boise pilot was en route to Palo Alto when it disappeared just east of Pleasanton.

Authorities probe whether plane was from Boise

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Authorities found a body in the wreckage of a light plane in the hills near suburban Pleasanton and were investigating whether the plane was a craft from Idaho that vanished from radar screens

Sunday evening.

An East Bay Regional Police helicopter spotted the wreckage Monday morning, Alameda sheriff's spokesman Lt. Jim Knudsen said. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jerry



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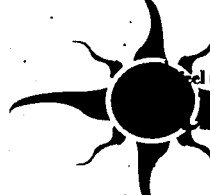
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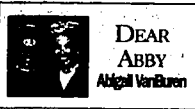
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Single mom keeps lover's double life secret



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DEAR ABBY: I am a 37-year-old single mom of one. For the past several years I've led a secret life, behind the man I'm in love with is married. (I'll call him Mike.) Mike made a commitment to me to love me forever, and I believe him. He gives me the word.

My family loves Mike to death. They think we should be married because we make such a "perfect couple." They do not know he's married. I've kept this secret from all these years. Mom went to her grave not knowing Mike has a wife.

I should mention that this man is 18 years my senior. When I met him, his marriage was "on the rocks." Mike was up-front with me about how he would never divorce because of his kids. He doesn't love his wife.

It's been a wonderful seven years. He's the only guy I've ever loved. I can't get enough of him. Should I sit tight and hope a divorce is in the future?

I'VE GOT A SECRET
IN TEXAS

DEAR I'VE GOT A SECRET: From what you have written, your lover has clearly stated that he does not intend to divorce his

wife. I wouldn't hold my breath if I were you. He appears to like things just as they are.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of two years, "George," is a terrific person. I have a teenage daughter, "Jill," from a previous relationship who lives with us, and they've always gotten along beautifully.

About two years ago I had a falling-out with my sister and we didn't speak more than 10 words until last week, when she offered me a truce. I gratefully accepted.

The problem is that Jill continued a relationship with my sister while we were feuding, and my husband found out about it. George won't forgive and forget. He hasn't talked to Jill in a week, and I have been caught in the middle. Yesterday I upset George further when I failed to give him my full attention, and now he isn't speaking to me either Abby, what can I do to restore the peace in

our home?

-TIRIED OF THE TENSION, AKRON, OHIO

DEAR TIRIED: I don't approve of your husband's tactics. The terms "passive aggression," "manipulation" and "withhold-

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Taurus: Practical matters dominate; don't be scared

IF NOVEMBER 26TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you are capable of handling responsibility and could be a natural executive. In love, you are passionate and possessive. You do not abide being "second choice." You exert power and influence and are determined. Capricorn, Cancer, natives play major roles in your life; could have these letters in names: H, Q, Z.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Make intelligent concessions to family. Focus will be on children, ability to pursue creative endeavors. Music is involved along with the sound of your own voice.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Practical matters dominate; separate fact from fantasy. Remain behind scenes, and exert influence in subtle manner. You could bear witness to "psychic phenomena." No need to be frightened.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Business arrangement could involve trips, visits and advice from relatives. Exercise authority; let it be known you are here to stay. Relationship gets too hot not to cool down.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Look beyond the immediate; you can predict your future and make it come true. Financial situation shows marked improvement. Let go of losing proposition. Romantic reunion takes place tonight.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Lunar cycle hints take initiative in making fresh start. Go into business; create product that has universal appeal. Make personal appearances.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Want had been dark will receive benefit of greater light. Focus on civic activities, cooperative efforts and marital status. A colorful Leo attempts to sweep you off your feet! Be careful!

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spotlight on humor, versatility and artistic talent. You win friends; your influence is awesome. At the track: Choose number 3 post position in third race.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You get where you want to go by taking one step at a time. Refuse to be cajoled into making snap decision. Shrewd appraisal of associates is necessary. Taurus, Leo figure prominently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your desire to create and imprint your own style is highlighted. Creativity and sex appeal featured. Tonight you learn where you stand and what to do about it. Romance figures prominently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You could be involved in dispute concerning inheritance. Money belonging to partner or mate is featured. Answers to problems will be found in occult literature.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Relationship that was broken can be mended tonight, if you so desire. Perceive people as they are; avoid self-deception. Focus on legal affairs, public relations and marriage. Pices involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You achieve important task. You beat the odds and beat the game. Focus on organization, recognition of priorities. Relationship is serious; is growing intense.

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Shakespearean England had no stock exchange

Q. Was there such a thing as a stock exchange in Shakespeare's day?

A. Not in England, anyhow. First real stock exchange was set up in Holland in 1602 a few years before he died.

Should the president of the United States wear a uniform? When that query was put to a sizable sampling of university scholars, a surprising number said yes, it would add authority. But no historian in the group thought much of the notion.

REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

"Unwanted children" are much in the TV news of late, but unwanted children certainly aren't new. Numerous English parents regarded the colonies in America as a sort of reform school to which they could send their difficult youngsters as bond servants. To say plainly, they sold them.

A report out of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine says nearly half the housepets nationwide spend their nights in a bed with some family member. A related finding by pollsters concludes one woman in five would rather sleep with her cat than with whomever.

Q. What's the longest lake in the world?

A. Africa's Tanganyika. More than 400 miles long.

The Russian psychologist Pavlov, the fellow who made dogs' mouths water on cue, always ate and slept at exactly the same time of day. Compulsive fellow.

It may not do much for your ego or mine, but scientific proof is on record that the little biting beast called the chigger would like the taste of us better if we were chickens. Chiggers love chicken.

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L2M (13) 7:40 - 9:50
The Ring (13) 7:00 - 9:20
Sweet Home Alabama (13) 7:15 - 9:30
Fast Forward (11) 7:40 - 9:45
Santa Clause 2 (PG) 7:00-9:40-9:45
Harry Potter 2 (PG) 7:15 - 9:45 - 9:00

ODYSSEY 6
MUSIC BY THE BEATLES

Friday (R) 7:20 - 9:55
Friday After Next (R) 7:30 - 9:40
8 Mile (R) 7:00 - 9:20
Gladiator (R) 7:30 - 9:40
Die Another Day (13)
7:00 - 9:20 - 9:45 - 9:55

JEROME CINEMA 4
THE BLOOD STREET

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MORNING LINE**SPORTSQUOTE**

“(Warren Sapp) is a guy that has a very, very fast heartbeat during football games, and if you're going to approach him after a game and question the ethics in which he plays, to me that's not logical.”

—Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden, on Green Bay coach Mike Sherman confronting Sapp and accusing him of taking a cheap shot at Chad Clifton, hospitably him. The NFL reviewed the play and said the hit was clean

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who is the all-time leading scorer in college basketball?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College volleyball
 - NCAA National Tournament, West Plains, Mo.
 - CSI vs. Barton County, 11 a.m., quarterfinal
 - CSI vs. TBA, 3 or 5 p.m.
- High school girls basketball
 - Filler C at O'Leary JHS, 5 p.m.
 - TPCA at Sho-Ban, 7:30 p.m.
 - Biles at M.V. Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 - Castleford at Camas County, 8:30 p.m.
 - Raft River at Rockland, 7:30 p.m.
 - Gooding at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
 - Richfield at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.
 - Declo at Snake River, 7:30 p.m.
 - Wood River at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.
 - Bishop Kelly at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF**BSU accepts invite to Humanitarian Bowl**

BOISE — Nineteenth-ranked Boise State has accepted an invitation to play in this year's Humanitarian Bowl.

It will be Boise State's third trip to the Humanitarian Bowl, which will be played Dec. 31 in Boise against a yet-to-be determined team. The Western Athletic Conference champion Broncos lead 11-1.

NCAA hoops polls will be released today

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The first regular season National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's and women's basketball polls will be announced today.

No. 19 College of Southern Idaho (8-0) is expected to move up after at least six preseason Top 20 teams have already lost this season. Both the CSI men and women (4-5) will play at Treasure Valley Community College on Wednesday starting at 5:30 p.m.

CSI Junior Eagles clinics will be held Dec. 13, 14

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball Junior Eagles clinics are scheduled for Dec. 13 and 14 at the college. Times are 6-8 p.m. Dec. 13 and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 14.

The basketball club is open to boys and girls in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Cost is \$50 per child. Club members receive basketball fundamental training during the clinics as well as a general admission ticket to all home games, an official T-shirt, basketball, poster and team photographs.

Applications are available at the college or by calling 732-5496. Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Pete Maravich, with 3,667 points in three seasons at Louisiana State (1967-70).

CSI survives scare

Eagles drop game, move on to face Barton County

By Joe Palumbo
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Conference champions don't lie down and die easy.

The fifth-seeded College of Southern Idaho volleyball team learned that lesson and found out how important intensity is at the championship level, when an out-manned and less talented Northeastern Junior College outplayed the Eagles in Game 2 in an otherwise easy Eagles' win, 30-9, 30-32, 30-13, 30-12.

Tournament
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The lone game victory made the No. 12 Plainswomen the only low seed of the 2002 National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Tournament to win a first-round game. Only the match between No. 8 Arizona Western

and No. 9 Lake Land College, a five-game thriller, went beyond three games.

The win sends CSI into the second round against No. 4 seed Barton County, 30-16, 30-18, 30-23 winners over No. 13 Wallace State (Ala.), at 11 a.m. MST in the West Plains Civic Center.

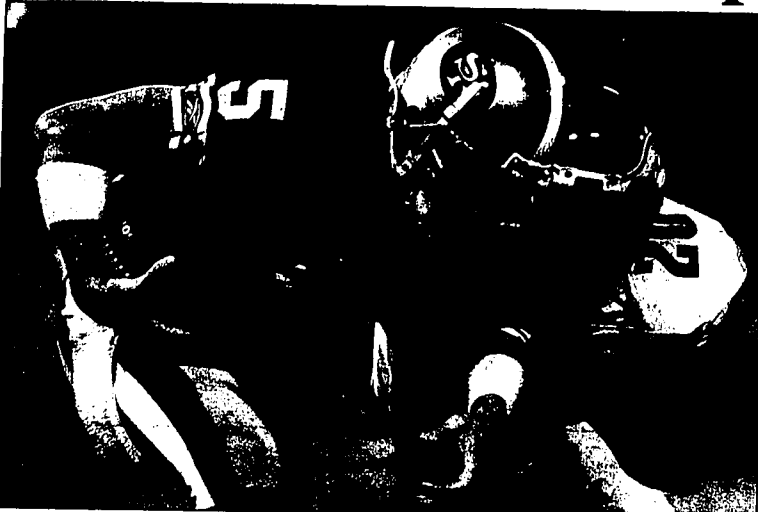
On the upper half of the bracket, defending champion Miami Dade had no trouble in beating Pitt 30-13, 30-9, 30-7 and Arizona Western topped upstart Lake

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College of Southern Idaho's Mindee Magill, left, and Jayli Jackson go up for a block against Northeastern Junior College freshman Sara Glidde during Game 3 of their first-round match during the 2002 National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Volleyball Tournament Monday in West Plains, Mo. CSI prevailed 30-9, 30-32, 30-13, 30-12.

Eagles soar behind backup



Philadelphia's Brian Dawkins (20) pressures San Francisco quarterback Jeff Garcia in the third quarter Monday in San Francisco.

Utes fire coach after 13 seasons

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah fired football coach Ron McBride on Monday, two days after the Utes finished with their second losing record in three seasons.

"I think that as we looked at our program over the last three years that we have not reached the goals that we've needed to," said athletic director Chris Hill, who told McBride of his decision during a meeting Monday.

McBride coached Utah for 13 seasons and took the Utes to six of their nine bowl appearances. He won 88 games, second only to Joe Armstrong's 141 from 1925-49. But the Utes had a six-game losing streak this season that ended their bowl hopes.

Even though the Utes won their final game, second only to Saturday's 14-1 victory over state rival Brigham Young after which the players lifted McBride onto their shoulders, they finished 5-6.

Hill said he approached McBride about a month ago and again last week about resigning as coach and taking a different job in the athletic department, but McBride refused.

McBride did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

He was 88-63 at Utah, with a 3-3 record in bowl games after last season's 10-6 win over Southern California in the Las Vegas Bowl. The Utes finished the 2001 season 8-4 after going 4-7 the year before.

A possible successor could be defensive coordinator Kyle Witttingham, an assistant under McBride for nine seasons. But there will be other candidates, Hill said.



Ron McBride

Detmer excels, but leaves game with dislocated elbow

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When the game of Koy Detmer's life abruptly ended with a scary elbow injury, A.J. Feeley capably backed up the backup — and the Philadelphia Eagles rolled on to an impressive win.

Filling in tremendously for Donovan McNabb, Detmer passed for 227 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for another score before leaving with a dislocated left elbow late in the Eagles' 38-17 win over San Francisco on Monday night.

McNabb is expected to miss the rest of the regular season with a broken ankle, but in Detmer's first start since 1999, he was outstanding for nearly three quarters. Using all of his

receivers in coach Andy Reid's unpredictable game plan, Detmer carved up the 49ers' confused secondary and staked the Eagles (8-3) to a big lead in a one-sided meeting of division leaders.

Detmer, a career backup who had thrown just 17 passes since 1999 completed 18 of his 26 throws — until he landed heavily on his left arm as Chike Okefor knocked him to the ground after completing a 24-yard pass to Jeff

Thomson.

Detmer flailed his legs in pain on the ground as team doctors rushed to him. When he was loaded onto a cart with tears in his eyes, the Eagles' entire roster and the Niners' defense wished him well at midfield.



Feeley, the third-stringer who hadn't thrown a pass all season, hit Chad Lewis for a 1-yard TD moments later — and the Eagles were all but assured of a conference victory.

Team doctors popped Detmer's elbow back into place, and he wore a grin on his unshaven face while watching from the sideline as Feeley finished off the

route. It wasn't immediately clear when Detmer might be able to return to action.

Brian Mitchell returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown, while Todd Finkston and Antonio Freeman caught TD passes from Detmer.

Terrell Owens had 13 catches for 166 yards and two TDs, but in spite of a warm night on

Candlestick Point and the Eagles' desperate quarterback situation, the 49ers (7-4) were terrible on both sides of the ball while losing at home for just the third time in two seasons.

The Niners (7-4) still lead the NFC West by two games, but they've lost consecutive games for the first time since midway through the 2000 season.

The Niners wore throwback uniforms from the early 1980s, when they won the first of five championships. A change of garb didn't fix their offensive problems, however: San Francisco managed just two first downs on its first four possessions and never found a groove.

Jeff Garcia was 29-of-51 for 284 yards as the Niners played from behind all night.

Indiana trounces UMass to quiet critics

The Associated Press

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Mike Davis was disappointed in what people were expecting out of his Indiana team coming off the loss to Maryland in last season's national championship game.

"Too low, too low," he said of his team's preseason rankings following Monday's 84-71 victory over Massachusetts in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

Judging by the way the 19th-ranked Hoosiers looked for most of their season opener, he may be right.

Tom Coverdale scored 20 points and George Leach added career highs of 19 points and 16 rebounds to lead the Hoosiers (1-0), who were playing for the first time since that loss in Atlanta.

Rabeim Lamb had 17 points and 12 rebounds for Massachusetts (0-1).

No. 4 Alabama 80, MTSU 65

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Erwin Dudley had 17 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots as No. 4



Indiana's Kyle Hornsby, left, and George Leach, right, trap Massachusetts' Gabriel Lee as he shoots in the first half in the opening round of the Maui Invitational in Lahaina, Hawaii Monday.

Red Sox name 28-year-old Epstein general manager

The Associated Press

BOSTON — It's no wonder the Boston Red Sox were so comfortable putting the team in the hands of 28-year-old Theo Epstein. After all, the New York Yankees won three World Series after they hired the youngest general manager in the major leagues.

The Red Sox made Epstein the youngest GM in big league history on Monday, giving the local boy wonder a promotion and hoping he can lead the team to its first World Series title since 1918.

"We're going to become a championship organization," he said at a news conference at Fenway Park, about a mile from where he was raised. "We're going to win a World Series."

It's now 84 seasons since the Red Sox last won it all, a fact not lost on Epstein. He moved to the area at the age of 4.5 in 1978 —

"the Bucky Dent year," he noted, though no one around here really needs reminding.

"I was a Red Sox fan from Day 1," said Epstein, who is the 11th GM since the club's first was

hired in 1933.

The Red Sox had been without a permanent general manager since Florida financier John W. Henry bought the team in spring training and fired Dan Duquette.

Mike Port was the interim GM during the season and has been invited to remain as vice president of baseball operations but has not decided whether to accept.

Epstein, who was raised near Fenway Park in suburban Brookline, became director of baseball operations for San Diego in 2000, when Red Sox president Larry Lucchino was running the Padres. Epstein also spent two years each in San Diego's media relations department and as a baseball operations assistant.



Theo Epstein

SPORTS

Avs blank Blackhawks; Oilers edge Wings

DENVER (AP) - Dan Hinote scored with 8:37 remaining, and David Aebischer had 26 saves as Colorado won at home for only the second time this season. Colorado, 2-4-1 on home ice, is unbeaten in its past four games (2-2-0). It was Aebischer's sixth career shutout.

Sentors 2, Maple Leafs 0
OTTAWA - Patrick Lalime made 22 saves as the Ottawa Senators extended their season-long unbeaten streak to seven.

games with a 2-0 victory Monday night over the Toronto Maple Leafs. Mike Fisher and Peter Schaefer scored the goals.

Sharks 4, Blues 1
ST. LOUIS - Evgeni Nabokov made 32 saves, leading badly outshotted Blues to a 4-1 victory. The Blues outshot the Sharks 13-4 in the third period and 33-21 for the game.

Vincenzo Damphousse, Brad Stuart, Marco Sturm and Patrick Marleau scored for San Jose. Canucks 2, Wild 1
ST. PAUL, Minn. - Trevor Linden became Vancouver's leading career goal scorer as the Canucks beat Minnesota for their seventh straight victory.

Henrik Sedin also scored for the Canucks.

Oilers 6, Red Wings 4, OT
DETROIT - Jason Smith beat Manny Legace in overtime to win for Edmonton.

Brendan Shanahan tied the game for Detroit with 6:28 left in the third period, beating Justin Markkanen on the glass side. Steve Staios, Anson Carter, Ryan Smyth and Jesse Niinimaa had the other Edmonton goals.

Rangers 3, Hurricanes 1
NEW YORK - Eric Lindros and Ronald Petrovicky scored rare power-play goals, leading New York to victory.

Dale Purinton added his second goal of the season.

Dan Blackburn stopped 30 shots in his ninth straight start for the Rangers in place of injured goalie Mike Richter.

Stars 5, Coyotes 1
DALLAS - Scott Young scored twice, and Mike Modano had a goal and an assist as Dallas remained unbeaten at home in regulation.



Ottawa's Peter Schaefer, right, is congratulated by teammates Radek (Bank on his second-period goal fight) against Toronto at the Coral Centre in Ottawa Monday.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
Game results and scores for various NBA matchups.

WHAT'S ON T.V.
Basketball: College, Major Invitational, teams TBA, ESPN, 5 p.m.
Soccer: UEFA Champions, AC Milan vs. Real Madrid, ESPN2, 12:30 p.m.
Golf: PGA, Grand Slam of Golf, first round, TNT, 6 p.m.

Area ski report
Tulsa, Okla.
Monday, Nov. 28 - Sun. Dec 1, 2002
A ski report detailing conditions and forecasts for skiing in the Tulsa area.

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Miami strengthens hold on BCS No. 1

The Associated Press
Ohio State may be headed for the BCS national title game in the Fiesta Bowl, but Miami still sits atop the Bowl Championship Series standings.

If the Hurricanes win their final games against Syracuse (4-7) on Saturday and Virginia Tech (8-5) on Dec. 7, they will play the Buckeyes for the national championship.

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Poofies

By Brian Crane



Denise the Merciless

By Hank Ketcham



The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



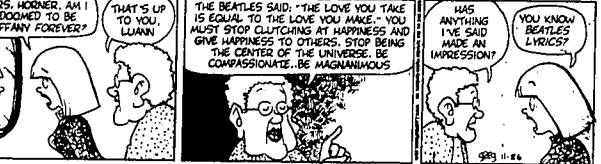
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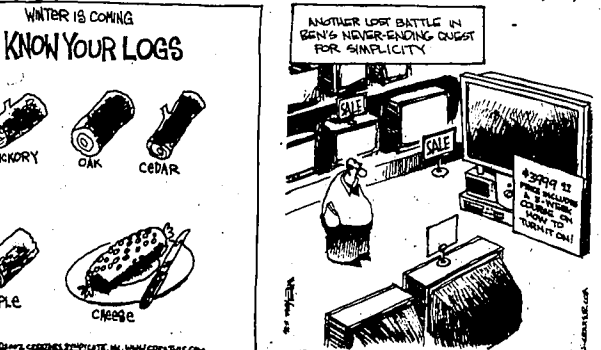


Strange Brew

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B.C.

By Johnny Hart



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By Jim Davis



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By Chance Browne



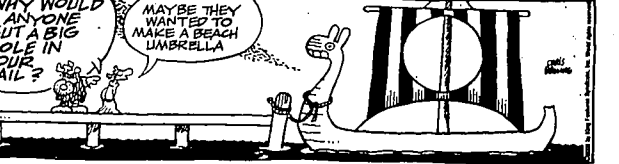
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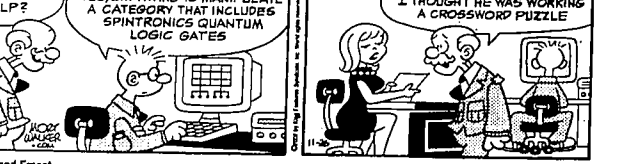
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Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thayer



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip

