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# Commission denies dairy

## T.F. officials stand by CAFO ordinances

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The County Commission on Monday stood by its new confined animal feeding operation ordinances.

Commissioners upheld a Planning and Zoning Commission decision denying John and Mary Nunes a variance on setbacks to start a 600-animal-unit-heifer

replacement operation for their dairy near Buhl.

"I think we made a decision that upholds our ordinance and the Planning and Zoning decision," County Commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff said.

After five consecutive CAFO moratoriums and the failure of a citizens group to decide on an ordinance of its own, county commissioners in January passed

their own ordinances regulating animal feeding operations in Twin Falls County. The Nuneses were the first dairy farmers to submit a CAFO application under the new ordinances.

The ordinances are specific when it comes to setbacks. Smaller existing operations - between 100 and 999 animal units - can expand as long as the setbacks are not reduced from

the existing setbacks at the time of the applications. Smaller operations need to be at least a mile away from the Snake River and Salmon Falls Creek canyon rims and a mile away from existing operations. They have to be at least a quarter of a mile away from streams and 300 feet away from property lines.

The Nuneses were asking to be exempted from the setbacks.

Attorney Rich Carlson, who represented dairy neighbors,

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# Talking about sales tax

## Hike isn't inevitable, lawmakers say

By Julie Pando  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Even if necessary, the board sales tax hike in Idaho's future? Not if Con Paulos gets his way.

Paulos is a member of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's 2020 Task Force, which is charged with finding ways to modernize government so that it costs less to operate. Born out of a need to balance the 2003-04 state budget in the face of a projected \$160 million shortfall, the panel is also looking for ways to bring more money into state government.

Paulos, who owns car dealerships in Jerome and Twin Falls, sits on the revenue and economic subcommittee of the 47-member panel that meets in Boise today. His group and four others will combine research and recommendations to give to the governor and legislators.

"I think in our group the discussion has lent itself more to 'Don't touch the sales tax in its current state,' but review exemptions, which might make it possible to lower the rate," Paulos said Tuesday.

The co-chairman of the subcommittee - Larry Cope, president of Clear Springs Foods near Buhl - said the same.

"I don't know of anyone who has much of an appetite for raising taxes," Cope said.

Paulos said though his subcommittee is still more in the research mode than the recommendation mode, he's thinking an overall drop from 5 percent to 3 percent would be possible if exemptions were reduced.

"I feel very strongly that we could remove exemptions and lower the rate to 3 percent and effectively handle any shortfall the state might be faced with," Paulos said. "I would rather pay 3 or 4 percent on a haircut or repairs than another 1.5 percent on a car or furniture purchases. That's a much less painful approach."

Paulos's sentiments are not new. Sen. Clint Sivertown and Rep. Wendy Jaquett and both Kerchum Democrats, coached legislative candidates this year.

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# Man faces bomb, drug charges

## Suspect in I-84 incident says he's not violent

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A Payette man who police and prosecutors say had explosives and other weapons in his van on Interstate 84 told a judge Monday he's not a violent person.

"I don't go out and try to hurt innocent people for no reason at all," Robert Johnson, 29, told Jerome County Magistrate Judge Thomas Borresen during an arraignment hearing. "All those things I had were for my defense."

Johnson was arraigned on charges of unlawful possession of a bomb or destructive device and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. He also faces a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana. Johnson was held Monday in the Jerome County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond. He faces a preliminary hearing Dec. 10 in Jerome.

Though he appeared somewhat disheveled and was at times emphatic in his speech, Johnson was polite and cooperative in court Monday.

He told Borresen he is between jobs, but still wanted to hire his own attorney. Johnson said he owns a house and has employment readily available in Payette - where he has two children and is expecting a third soon.

Even so, Borresen declined to reduce the bail and appointed a public defender to represent Johnson for the time being. Borresen said court records show Johnson in 1992 was convicted on a burglary charge in Oregon.

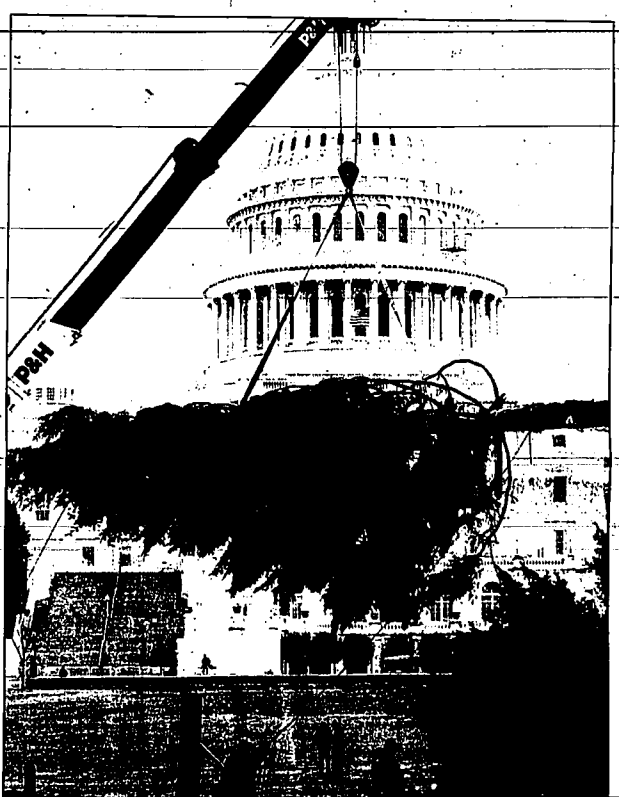
Officers who interviewed Johnson after he was pulled over Sunday on I-84 reported that Johnson told them he had armed himself in response to what he perceived to be a threat from the al-Qaida terrorist organization, said Idaho State Police Sgt. Douglas McFall. Any other motives Johnson might have had were unclear Monday, McFall said.

Officers searching Johnson's 1987 Chrysler van found three small homemade bombs fashioned from what appeared to be gunpowder and attached to crude fuses, McFall said. Live .22 caliber cartridges were apparently rigged into the bombs as shrapnel, he said.

The bombs were handed over

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## CHRISTMAS DECOR



Workers maneuver the U.S. Capitol's 2002 holiday tree into position in front of the Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Monday. The 70-foot Douglas fir stopped in Twin Falls last month on its way from the Unquap National Forest in Oregon. Next year's Capitol tree will come from either the Bitterroot, Boise and Payette national forests are finalists for the honor.

# Court will revisit race-based college admissions

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide if minorities can be given a boost to get into universities, a subject still heatedly contested a quarter-century after the justices first addressed affirmative action in college admissions.

The court will tell universities how much weight, if any, they may assign to an applicant's

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race. At stake are race-conscious admissions policies at many public and private colleges, law schools and medical schools.

The only time the Supreme Court considered a college race case, the justices issued a split 1978 ruling that banned racial quotas but gave states little other direction.

Both sides of the affirmative action debate wanted the court to try again.

Justices will consider whether some white applicants to the University of Michigan and its law school were rejected unconstitutionally because of their race, under the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection for all under the law.

Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman said the outcome "will have a profound impact on our

nation's higher education system and on our race relations broadly. ... Now is not the time to turn back the clock."

"The color of your skin determines so many important things about your life experience - where you live, where you go to work and with whom you work. Race still matters in our society. The color of your skin does not mean we can or should be blind to that reality," she said.

# 'THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN THE WORLD' More teens relieve stress at spas

The Associated Press

**DEERFIELD, Ill.** - There's nothing like a good massage or even an eyebrow waxing to relieve a little teenage angst. So says 17-year-old Jessica Schwartz, who frequents a day spa in her suburban Chicago hometown every other week.

"It's something we do to de-stress ourselves from homework, boys, things like that," she says. "There's a lot going on

in the world."

With more disposable income than any young generation before them, a growing number of teens - like Schwartz and her friends - are pampering themselves with spa services traditionally sought by adults.

Mary Bemis, editor-in-chief of American Spa magazine, says it's a trend that's been building in the last three years. And many spa owners say their teen business has really taken off in the

last year, post-Sept. 11.

"Everybody's scared right now with what's going on in the world," says Anna Pamula, owner of Renu Day Spa in Deerfield, Ill., which has become Jessica's regular retreat.

Jessica's mother, Betty Schwartz, sometimes pays for her daughter's visits, which can top \$100 each. But more often, Jessica uses money from her after-school job, often opting for

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Marta Kwiatkowski, a massage therapist at Renu Day Spa in Deerfield, Ill., works on client Jennifer Ernst, 18, from Highland Park, Ill., Wednesday.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy, skies with calm winds. Highs in the 40s.
Tonight: A quiet night is expected with continued mostly cloudy skies. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Mild temperatures and variable clouds. Highs in the mid-40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mild and mostly cloudy with calm breezes. Highs in the lower to mid 40s.
Tonight: Near-average temperatures with overcast skies. Lows in the 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 40s.

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

A low scattered blizzard may come into the High Country overnight, but accumulations will be on the light side. Otherwise the first half of the week is shaping up to be rather mild with mostly cloudy skies.

Today Highs 26 to 32. Tonight's Lows 9 to 16.
BOISE The month of December will start out with mild and quiet conditions. A few clouds will roll into the region, but it does not look like they will be today in any precipitation.

Today Highs/Lows 26 to 43/27 to 32.
NORTHERN UTAH Partly to mostly cloudy skies, mild temperatures and quiet conditions will be in the region for the next several days.



Weather: Sunny, 50-55; partly cloudy, 40-45; overcast, 30-35; snow, 10-15; rain, 10-15; wind, 10-15.

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Taxes

Continued from A1. To propose the idea of taxing services. And Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, said late in the summer the concept is worth considering. Idaho adopted its sales tax of 3 percent in 1965. Lawmakers increased it from 3 to 5 percent in 1983-85 at a time the state was in a budget crunch about as bad as the one it faces now. In the 37 years since the creation of the state sales tax, some 71 categories of exemptions have been created - from medical services to funeral caskets. Still, taxing some services is a recommendation for the long term, Paulos said. He isn't interested in any tax increases in the short term. "I have been fairly vocal that we don't want to have any tax at this point in time. That would be counterproductive to Idaho's recovery," he said, referring to gains in certain sectors of the state economy over the past quarter. "My instinct is to wait until the last possible minute to see if the economy continues to improve. All along that has been the advice of Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. He co-chairs, along with Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, the Legislature's powerful Joint-Finance and Appropriations Committee. "We are seeing some improvement in the numbers, so we don't want to overreact," he said Tuesday. The Legislature's and the governor's first strategy to balance the budget - which was to make government more efficient - has not been exhausted, Cameron said. "I have not seen as of yet where we are at the point where we're cutting some programs and hurting some individuals," he said. Acknowledging lawmakers are facing an extraordinarily tough session, Cameron said he isn't nervous. He repeated his concern that the recession is a chance for legislators and government to "take things apart, look at them and put them back together and see if that is what we want in state government." Duane Grant, a Minidoka County farmer, sits on the government organization and structure subcommittee of the panel. Though hesitant to speak for his subcommittee, Grant was willing to say his group has discovered ways to eliminate duplication of services among state agencies. "For sure we're not on any kind of a witch hunt, and even if we were, we haven't uncovered

Suspect

Continued from A1. according to ISP reports. And officers found three live rounds in the file that Johnson was carrying, McFall said. A Burley-area man - whose identity the ISP would not release - called police Sunday and told them a man in a van had threatened him as he drove

west on I-84, according to ISP reports. "I was driving and he 'tapped his brakes' when he noticed the van following him too closely, and the van's driver then became threatening, McFall said. The man reported that the van's driver followed him for quite some distance, McFall said. He also reported that the van's driver twice waited for him near interstate on-ramps after he pulled off and waited in hope that the van would simply move

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls with weather icons and temperatures: Today (High 42, Low 27), Tonight (High 44, Low 29), Wednesday (High 41, Low 30), Thursday (High 42, Low 26), Friday (High 38, Low 20).

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Almanac for Twin Falls including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Moon Phases, and Moonrise and Moonset.

Regional Forecasts and National Forecasts for various US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, and High/Low temperatures for various international locations.

CANADIAN FORECAST

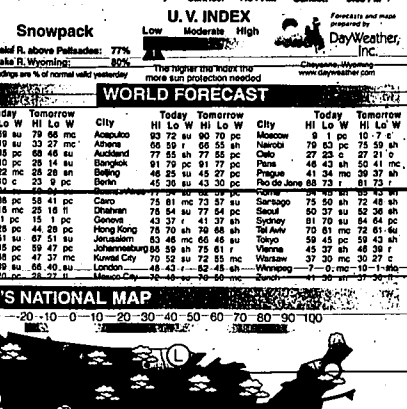
Canadian forecast table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, and High/Low temperatures for various Canadian cities.

City forecast table for various locations including Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, and Lewiston.

U.V. INDEX

U.V. Index information for the region, including a scale from Low to High.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Law officer killings rise even without 9-11

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks produced the single deadliest day in the history of U.S. law enforcement - 72 officers killed - yet almost as many died in nonterrorist incidents during 2001 as violence against police rose to a four-year high. The collapse of the World

Spas

Continued from A1. a message or facial over dinner out with friends or concert tickets. "I think it's really decadent, but it's probably cheaper than psychology," her mother quips. According to a survey this year, more than a third of International Spa Association members now offer services for young people - including group parties, date specials and studio treatments. The Spa in Modesto, Calif., where more than half the clientele is younger than 21, offers "teen clean" facials to help clear up acne. And this past summer, Canyon Reef, a health resort with facilities in Tucson, Ariz., and Lenox, Mass., started a three-week summer camp for teens. Some spa managers have seen children as young as 5 coming in for parent-supervised massages and other services. Parents say it's an attempt to help their children find a little inner peace early in life. And sometimes tiny surroundings aren't always required: Girl Scouts, for instance, can now earn "stress less" badges. Alison Schmitt, a 12-year-old cadet from Rutherford, N.J., says yoga and breathing exercises help calm even her biggest fears. "I've been practicing the possibility of war," she says with a shrug, noting that her father worked two blocks from the World Trade Center when the towers were destroyed last year. (He made it home safely.)

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CAFO

Continued from A1. praised the commissioners' decision. To have acted otherwise would have been throwing the new ordinances out the window, he said during a public hearing last month. "They did the common-sense thing to uphold the decision based on the facts in the law that hasn't even had its first birthday yet," Carlson said Monday. Mary Nunes said she had no idea commissioners were making the decision Monday. "Our family cannot comment since we or our attorneys were not notified by the Twin Falls County commissioners' office that they were rendering their oral decision on our variance today," Nunes read from a written statement in a phone interview Monday. "Once we review the written decision, our family will have more to say." "We can't comment on what we don't know," Nunes said. Grindstaff said the commissioners' office doesn't notify people personally about what's on the commission agenda, but commissioners do notify the public in general. "It was on our agenda and in the paper twice, so I don't know

CAFO

Continued from A1. What else we could do, Grindstaff said. Grindstaff said commissioners will release a written decision today that provides more detail on reasons for the action. He said a copy will be mailed to the Nuneses. Times-News writer Sandra Miller can be reached at 735-3238 or by e-mail smiller@magicvalley.com.

NATION

# Bush: Signs in Iraq don't look good

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush warned Iraq's Saddam Hussein that he has until a Sunday deadline to prove he is serious about averting war. After the first week of United Nations weapons inspections, Bush said, "So far, the signs are not encouraging."

"The inspectors are not in Iraq to play hide-and-seek with Mr. Saddam Hussein," the president said Monday in a get-tough speech at the Pentagon, his first extensive comment on the United Nations weapons inspections since they got underway last week.

"In the inspections process, the United States will be making one judgment: Has Saddam Hussein changed his behavior of the last 11 years? Has he decided to cooperate willingly and comply completely, or has he not? So far, the signs are not encouraging," Bush said.



President Bush

As evidence, he noted that Saddam's regime has recently fired upon American and British pilots patrolling no-fly zones over Iraq and has responded to United Nations disarmament demands with "protests and falsehoods."

"On or before the eighth of December, Iraq must provide a full and accurate declaration of its weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile programs," Bush said, referring to a deadline established by the U.N. Security Council resolution unanimously approved last month.

"That declaration must be credible and complete — or the

Iraqi dictator will have demonstrated to the world once again that he has chosen not to change his behavior," Bush said.

Making clear that the consequence would be war, the president added:

"The temporary peace of denial and looking away from danger would only be a prelude to broader war and greater harm to America with conditions patronizing dangers early before our options become limited and desperate."

Bush spoke at a Pentagon ceremony where he also signed legislation authorizing the \$355.5 billion that he requested — and received earlier this year — for the military.

Across the country, Vice President Dick Cheney rounded out the White House's one-two punch at Saddam with a similar speech to 1,600 American and foreign leaders meeting in Denver.

Cheney aimed to link the popular post-Sept. 11, 2001 war on terrorism and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network to today's campaign against Iraq.

Cheney said that, given the chance, al-Qaida would join outlaw regimes like Iraq to get weapons of mass destruction.

"That's why confronting the threat imposed by Iraq is not a distraction from the war on terror. It is absolutely crucial to winning the war on terror. The war on terror will not be won until Iraq is completely and verifiably deprived of weapons of mass destruction," Cheney said.



Television cameramen stand on a bus parked outside the Karama factory as they try to get a view of U.N. weapons inspectors visiting the facility which once made parts for now-banned missiles in Baghdad, Monday.

## Inspectors scour key missile site

TEHRAN, Iraq (AP) — It was combed over by inspectors, then blasted for days by U.S. air attack. But four years later the Karama ballistic design plant is still a focus of world concern, a place where new U.N. inspectors Monday conducted their longest search yet, looking for signs of outlawed Iraq missiles.

After six hours in the well-guarded Baghdad compound, they departed, and the plant's deputy director said all went well.

"They didn't find anything," Brig. Mohammed Salah told reporters.

The inspectors, as usual, had no immediate comment for waiting journalists. But a U.N. report

later Monday said some equipment of interest at Karama was missing. The Iraqis said some of the missing equipment had been destroyed in U.S. air attacks and some had been transferred.

It was the first day of supposed arms inspections after a four-year break. Until Monday, the longest inspections had been running about four hours, some much shorter.

The inspections come under a new U.N. Security Council mandate requiring Iraq to shut down any nuclear, chemical or biological weapons programs as well as any facilities to build missiles with more than the 90-mile range allowed under U.N. resolutions after the 1991 Gulf War.

## Post office prepares for busy holiday season

WASHINGTON (AP) — A condensed holiday calendar and a solid start to Christmas shopping means the Postal Service will have to hustle this year, but officials said Monday that improved technology and extra service hours will help them deliver seasons greetings and gifts on time.

The Postal Service figures it will deliver about 20 billion items between Nov. 28 and Christmas.

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# High court will address homosexual sodomy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it would consider whether states can punish homosexuals for having sex, a case that tests the constitutionality of sodomy laws in 13 states.

The justices will review the prosecution of two men under a 28-year-old Texas law making it a crime to engage in same-sex intercourse.

The Supreme Court has struggled with how much protection the Constitution offers in the bedroom. The court ruled 5-4 in 1986 that consenting adults have no constitutional right to private homosexual sex, upholding laws that ban sodomy.

"Gay men and lesbians have been waiting for the opportunity to convince the court it should take a different view of their constitutional rights," Ruth E. Harlow, legal director of the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said Monday.

The court faces several questions in the latest case. Among them: Is it an unconstitutional invasion of privacy for couples to

*The court faces several questions in the latest case. Among them: Is it an unconstitutional invasion of privacy for couples to be prosecuted for what they do in their own homes? Is it unconstitutional for states to treat gays and lesbians differently by punishing them for having sex while allowing heterosexual couples to engage in the same acts without penalties?*

Sodomy is defined as abnormal sex, in some states including anal and oral sex. Nine states ban consensual sodomy for everyone: Alabama, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah and Virginia. In addition, Texas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma punish only homosexual sodomy.

States argue that the laws, some dating back more than 100 years, are intended to preserve public morals. The laws are rarely enforced.

Lawyers for John Geddes Lawrence and Tyrone Garner said the men were bothering no one in

1998 when they were arrested in Lawrence's apartment, jailed overnight and later fined under Texas' Homosexual Conduct Law, which classifies anal or oral sex between two men or two women as deviate sexual intercourse.

The men's lawyers said the convictions would prevent them from getting certain jobs, and would in some states require them to register as sex offenders. They were arrested after police responded to a false report of an armed intruder in Lawrence's apartment. Police entered the unlocked apartment and found the men having sex.

Lawrence and Garner were fined \$200 after pleading no contest to misdemeanor charges.

"The idea that a state may enter into American bedrooms and closely inspect the most intimate and private physical inter-

actions — is a stark affront to fundamental liberty that the court should end," said Harlow, one of the men's lawyers.

Harlow said in court filings that the latest census found more than 600,000 households of same-sex partners in America, including about 43,000 in Texas. She said the Texas law treats gays as second-class citizens.

William Delmore III, an assistant district attorney in Texas, said people who don't like the law should take it up with the Texas Legislature, not courts.

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## 'Black widow' gets 40 years in jail

GREENBELT Md. (AP) — A woman whom prosecutors dubbed the "black widow" after she cashed in insurance policies on three slain lovers got sentenced Monday to 40 years in prison for fraud.

Josephine Gray, 55, was convicted in federal court in August of mail and wire fraud and other charges. Gray wasn't tried for

murder, but U.S. District Judge Deborah Chasanow ruled Monday that the killings were part of a scheme to cheat insurance companies.

"Clearly, in this case the murders were done in connection with these offenses," Chasanow said in handing down the maximum sentence and ordering Gray to reimburse \$170,000 to the companies.

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NATION

# Trial seeks foods that fight cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Can a diet rich in a particular nutrient really prevent cancer? The government is recruiting 32,000 middle-aged men to see if selenium or vitamin E can prevent prostate cancer, the biggest clinical trial yet to address such dietary questions.

It's just a first step toward what could become a major change in nutrition. Preliminary but intriguing genetic research suggests certain nutrients may prove more cancer-protective for one person than the next — suggesting that one day doctors might write prescriptions for diets to prevent tumors in certain people.

"The future is tailored recommendations," John Milner of the National Cancer Institute says about this fledgling new science, "nutrigenomics." "That's the excitement."

Cancer doesn't just arise overnight. A few tiny cells grow wrong slowly over decades.

Whether the result is a life-threatening tumor or benign genes and environment — including food.

Up to 35 percent of cancers are related to dietary habits, says Milner, chief of NCI's research into nutrition and cancer prevention.

That doesn't mean an occasional cheeseburger or doughnut is dooming. But study after study links lifelong diets high in plant foods to lower cancer rates.

Also, people who eat lots of fruits and vegetables generally are skinnier. Obesity increases risks of cancers of the uterus, gallbladder and possibly colon and prostate, while a large weight gain after reaching adulthood is linked to breast cancer.

Armed with such provocative evidence, scientists now are trying to tease out which of the myriad nutrients and chemicals in different foods are most protective — and why, at a genetic level, they do the job.

## Panel changes stance on screenings

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A government advisory panel has dropped its objection to routine prostate cancer screenings for millions of middle-aged and elderly men, saying it is possible the tests are worth it.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force stopped short of recommending the exams, citing continuing uncertainty about their value. But it abandoned a

1996 opinion that said they are not effective enough to justify their cost.

Studies done over the past 10 years indicate that some and probably most tumors discovered during the screenings are so small and slow-growing they are unlikely to do any harm to patients, the panel said in Tuesday's issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

It's exceedingly complex research. Not everybody gets equal benefit from nutrient-rich diets, a discrepancy that probably points to genetic variability. For example, scientists studying lung cancer rates in part of China found people with the lowest cancer risks also were genetically deficient in an enzyme that metabolizes certain nutrients in cruciferous vegetables.

In other words, those lucky people's genes seemed to make broccoli better for them.

Similar links to cancer are being explored with genes that metabolize alcohol, folate from grains and other food chemicals.

"In five years, we'll have a lot of information on how your gene profiles influence your response" to different foods, Milner predicts.

# Shuttle brings astronauts back from space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour undocked from the International Space Station on Monday and headed for home with the one American and two Russians who spent the past six months aboard the orbiting outpost.

"We promise to take good care of space station," astronaut Donald Pettit told its departing commander, cosmonaut Valery Korzun.

Endeavour is due back on Earth on Wednesday, though storms are forecast for Cape Canaveral and could delay the long-overdue homecoming for Korzun, cosmonaut Sergei Treshchev and astronaut Peggy Whitson.

They spent an extra 1.5 months aloft because of various shuttle problems; Monday was their 180th day in orbit.

The space station's three new occupants are Pettit, astronaut

Kenneth Bowersox and cosmonaut Nikolai Budarin. Unlike the first five sets of space station residents, they will spend the next four months in solitude, with no one showing up until it is their turn to go home in March.

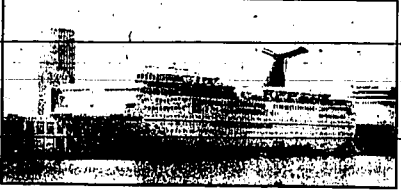
"It's so much quieter here now," Houston, "I don't know what the deal is," Bowersox radioed.

"We're still here with you," Mission Control replied.

"That's good to know," Bowersox said. "We'd be really lonely without you guys."

Endeavour departed after its crew delivered and installed a new \$390-million girder on the space station. The two spacecraft separated 250 miles above Australia, ending one week of joint flight.

Two of Endeavour's crew performed three spacewalks to hook up the 45-foot girder and correct a design flaw in the air-conditioning lines.



Carnival cruise liner Fascination sits docked at the Port of Miami Monday. Nearly 200 passengers and four crew members on the Fascination reported vomiting and diarrhea, but it has not been confirmed that they have a Norwalk-like virus, said Tim Gallagher, a Carnival Corp. spokesman.

## Another cruise ship returns full of vomiting passengers

MIAMI (AP) — A Carnival cruise ship returned from a three-day voyage Monday carrying nearly 200 people sickened by a gastrointestinal virus, with symptoms similar to those plaguing other cruise liners.

A total of 190 passengers and four crew members on the Fascination reported vomiting and diarrhea, but experts had not yet confirmed whether they had a Norwalk-like virus, said Tim Gallagher, a Carnival Corp. spokesman.

So-called Norwalk-like viruses have plagued more than 1,000 people on other cruise ships in the past few months, including Holland America Line's Amsterdam and Disney Cruise Line's Magic, causing those companies to cancel one sailing each to thoroughly disinfect the ships.

The illness is seasonal, peaking in the colder months, and is not uncommon, said Dr. Steven Wiersma, the state epidemiologist.

"We've already seen some (cases) in Florida — this is not just a cruise ship issue," he said.

Wiersma said it was too early to tell the recent outbreaks represent a spike in occurrences, since more people are reporting being sick because of the increased attention given to the cruise ship cases. Officials of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have said there is no evidence that the cruise ship outbreaks are the work of terrorists.

The number of gastrointestinal illnesses on cruise ships has declined since 1990, CDC spokeswoman Bernadette Burden said Monday, although she said the CDC does not currently have exact numbers.

CDC experts obtained lab samples from the Fascination and its passengers to determine if a Norwalk-like virus caused the outbreak, with test results expected within five days, Burden said.

## New York City enacts huge increase in property taxes

NEW YORK — New York City enacted the biggest increase in property taxes in its history Monday — an immediate 18.5 percent rise — to deal with its worst fiscal crisis since the city nearly went bankrupt in the 1970s.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg signed the increase after the City Council approved it Nov. 25 on a 41-6 vote.

Officials said the higher taxes are necessary to bridge a \$1.1 billion budget gap in the current fiscal year, and to reduce a projected \$6.4 billion deficit for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1. The city also has made \$3.5 billion in budget cuts over the past year.

The crisis is attributed to the national recession, the downturn on Wall Street, the World Trade Center attack, and tax cuts and spending increases enacted under Bloomberg's predecessor, Rudolph Giuliani.

### Nation in brief

he founded at least three members of his troop and showed them gay pornography photos, police said.

Robert King, 50, was held in Brevard County Jail on \$75,000 bail Sunday after police charged him with five years, and lascivious molestation and exposure of sexual organs.

King, who is married, confessed that he exposed himself and showed the troop members pornography, Tusville police spokesman John Lau said.

Lau said King invited at least five boys to his home on Friday under the guise of preparing to build a Christmas float. The boys ranged in age from 10 to 12.

Police became involved after at least one scout's parents learned of the incident Friday evening. King was arrested Saturday and appeared in court Sunday. The Central Florida Boy Scouts Council is investigating the case, district executive Kevin Litt said.

—compiled from wire reports

### Boy Scout leader faces titusville charges

TITUSVILLE, Fla. — A Boy Scout leader faces charges that

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## Cartoons and computerization

## Clear picture has yet to emerge for digital TV

### Movie showcases new form of animation

**The Associated Press**  
LOS ANGELES - On one hand, you've got traditional ink-and-paint animation, and on the other, there's 3-D computer animation.

In the case of John Silver, a cyborg character in Disney's sci-fi adventure cartoon "Treasure Planet," there's both: His human half was hand-drawn, while his robotic side was created and animated digitally.

"The computer is great for symmetry and mechanical perfection - a machine drawing a machine," said animator Glen Keane, who drew and supervised the character's organic side. "Humans are better at imperfection... which works best for the expressive and emotional parts."

The hybrid animation in the film, a futuristic reworking of Robert Louis Stevenson's pirate novel "Treasure Island," is part of the ever-changing fusion of art and technology that's designed to sidestep levels of dimension and detail to cartoon worlds.

Silver's steely hand had so many tiny gears and hydraulic pistons that swivel, twist and clench that Keane estimated it would have taken three decades to hand-draw it.

The computerized arm also served the story thematically, said "Treasure Planet" co-director John Musker.

"All the characters have a missing piece," he said, and Silver's robotic side represents the missing piece he sacrificed during his life of buccanering.

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Keane started the process by sketching the stubby, bulbous body of the pirate with only a crude outline of the mechanized side. Daniels then laid the gesturing intricacies of the computerized parts atop Keane's drawings.

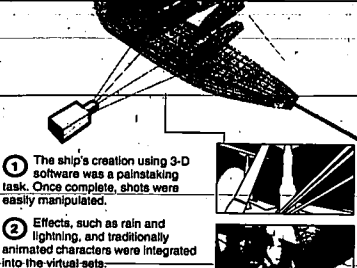
Once both elements were in place, they were colored and shaded.

### Animation evolution

Disney's "Treasure Planet" is the latest in a relatively new class of animated films that use hybrid techniques to meld computer-generated images with traditional hand drawings. Nearly three-quarters of the film's backdrops were 3-D environments, or "virtual sets," which gave directors flexibility to choose from a near-limitless selection of camera angles and lighting.

Within a virtual set, scenes can be shot from any angle and under any lighting. Live-action techniques, such as dolly shots and shaking, handheld cameras, can be easily simulated.

One example of the film's virtual sets is the RLS "Legacy," a futuristic flying galleon.



1 The ship's creation using 3-D software was a painstaking task. Once complete, shots were easily manipulated.

2 Effects, such as rain and lightning, and traditionally animated characters were integrated into the virtual sets.

3 To make the integration more seamless, computer-generated elements were "painted" to resemble the style of hand-drawn elements.



The story's hero, Jim Hawkins, is a hand-drawn character within a digitally animated world.

SOURCE: Walt Disney Pictures

N. Rappo, P. Santini/AP

to create the illusion that the entire character was illustrated by hand.

Digital technology also allowed the filmmakers to replace static, painted backgrounds with "virtual sets" - computerized 3-D models that can bustle with activity and be photographed, lit and reused like live-action locations.

The designs were an extension of Disney Animation's "deep can-

vas" work in 1999's "Tarzan," in which the 2-D ape-man hero animated by Keane swung and slid through a three-dimensional jungle created by Daniels.

While the computer jungle in "Tarzan" was designed from only one angle, "Treasure Planet" features a galactic sailing ship, a moon-shaped spaceport and a fiery planet core that could be photographed from any side. That made it easier for Musker and co-director Ron Clements to devise scenes with camera moves and alternating points of view. Previously, artists created new paintings for each new shot, which limited directors to only a handful of backgrounds for any given scene.

The same technique has been used in live-action, with films such as "Gladiator," "Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones" and "A.I. Artificial Intelligence" featuring virtual backgrounds.

Hybrid animation has been present since 1986's "The Great Mouse Detective," when computer effects were used to create massive clock-gears for the film's climax. Computer graphics also rendered the revolving background for the ballroom waltz in 1991's "Beauty and the Beast," and the flying carpet and Cave of Wonders from 1992's "Aladdin."

Early computer imagery had a shimmering, glazed quality that distinguished it from the ink-and-paint art. As digital images became more realistic, it also became easier to disguise them as traditional 2-D artistry.

Warner Bros. animators digitized the massive robot in 1999's "The Iron Giant" to emphasize "The Iron Giant's" mechanical smoothness of its movements, then colored the character to resemble the ink-and-paint humans and backgrounds.

**The Dallas Morning News**

WASHINGTON - After six years and \$5 billion in investments, television broadcasters are still struggling to figure out how they can make money with digital television.

CBS is counting on the makers of digital TV sets to advertise during the network's high-definition digital broadcasts.

LIN TV Corp., which owns 26 stations, wants instead to put out several digital, but not necessarily high-definition, channels of programming.

One channel would be a daily newspaper that viewers can read on their television screens, said Gary Chapman, LIN's chair-

man, president and chief executive.

Neither approach has gotten off the ground. "Wall Street is absolutely mystified. The industry has spent \$5 billion with no hope of getting any revenue," said Bear Stearns analyst Victor Miller. "The jury's out on whether consumers will pay more for this, and whether these companies will be able to make any money."

The federal government ordered broadcasters to go digital in 1996 and gave the industry 10 years to get there. By 2006, broadcasters were supposed to give back to the government the portion of the airwaves used for analog broadcasts.

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## Scoping out hard-to-find resource meter

By James Coates  
Chicago Tribune

**Q.** In a recent column, reference was made to a system resource meter to ascertain how a computer was running. I am running XP Home Edition and have searched and searched, and I can't seem to find any system resource meter. Could you tell me where to look for this meter?

**A.** In Windows XP, the system resource display can be summoned by pressing Control + Alt + Delete and clicking on the Performance tab in the menu that pops up. You will get a couple of displays that look like oscil-

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**I.**scopes. The top scope shows the percentage of the central processor (the Pentium or Athlon chip) being used, and the bottom is a measure that indicates how much memory is being accessed at any given time.

Folks with Windows ME and 98 can get the information about system resources used without the

XP's fancy graphics by right-clicking on the My Computer icon and picking Properties. Now click the Performance tab for a numerical readout of system resources being used.

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## EDITORIAL

### Disclosing nutrient plans illuminates dairy issue

The Idaho Department of Agriculture and the state attorney general's office finally let the sunshine in, by opening dairy nutrient management plans to the public after months of resistance. Doing so will help illuminate the issue of dairy impact in the Magic Valley.

State law requires dairies to file nutrient management plans containing information about animal numbers and the amount of manure applied to the land. Lawmakers mandated the plans in order to track the nitrates seeping into the ground water and to protect the soil from overapplication of manure.

But when neighbors of two dairies south of Filer asked to look at nutrient management plans, the Ag Department refused. A standoff ensued. The Times-News joined in, making numerous requests to see the two Filer dairies' management plans.

The Ag Department's reluctance to divulge the plans hinged on whether the plans contained "trade secrets, production records or other proprietary information," which are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Act. The Ag Department professed to be confused by seemingly conflicting interpretations in two attorney general's opinions.

Only after the attorney general's office delivered its third written opinion did the records open up. In that opinion, the AG's office said these secrets would be tough to defend in court.

No kidding. Manure may work wonders on crops, but it's hardly a textbook example of a trade secret. We're not talking about the recipe for Coca-Cola here. How much manure a dairyman applies - and how he applies it - is hardly the stuff of industrial espionage.

Even a dairy industry spokesman admitted recently that competitors won't gain an advantage by learning how much manure a dairy produces. Some dairymen, Filer's Hank Halliger among them, say divulging the information will give them more credibility.

Most dairies operate responsibly and don't trouble their neighbors. But given the unfortunate impact of a few big dairies on surrounding communities, members of the public have a right to learn whether dairy operators are complying with state rules.

It's possible that some anti-dairy partisans will twist or manipulate the numbers in the nutrient management plans for their own purposes. But that's common with all sorts of statistics. The important thing is that the public can observe the regulatory process and its results.

Overall, public access to nutrient management plans is good for dairy neighbors, good for the public, and good for dairymen striving to meet state standards. The Ag Department finally got it right - even if it did take longer than necessary.

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### Muslims need to speak up

A growing conflict between some conservative Christian leaders and the Bush administration over whether Islam is a "peaceful religion" or a militaristic faith with designs on world domination is threatening the cozy relationship between the White House and some of its most loyal supporters. Conservative Christians are not about to stop supporting the president, but they are disturbed that he keeps saying things about Islam they do not believe are true and, in their hearts, do not believe he believes.

Paul Weyrich, a long-time conservative political force in Washington, has co-authored an essay called "Why Islam is a Threat to America and the West." In it, he quotes extensively from the Koran and rebuts the president's contention that this "great religion" is "most peaceful," the real nature of Islam is a religion of war and conquest.



Paul Weyrich

### Fighting Iraq is easier than locating it on map

The only good thing about wars, an old joke goes, is that they help teach geography to Americans.

ANDRES OPPENHEIMER

Well, perhaps that was true in the past. But a new survey by the National Geographic Society shows that not even the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan did much to increase many Americans' geographic knowledge.

Consider some of the results of the National Geographic Roper 2002 Global Geographic Literacy Survey, which recently polled young adults aged 18 to 24 in the United States and several other countries.

People with curiosity have access to much more, cheaper and easier to get information," said Moses Naim, publisher of Foreign Policy magazine in Washington. "But it's obvious that the communications revolution hasn't touched the rest."

Of course, none of this is new. Americans, despite being one of the most ethnically diverse people in the world, have never excelled at foreign affairs. I remember standing in front of the United Nations building in New York many years ago, when somebody in a small crowd of people watching foreign dignitaries enter the building said, "I think it's the king of Ecuador."

About 11 percent of the young Americans couldn't even locate the United States on the map.

Despite the daily avalanche of news from the Middle East and Asia, only 13 percent of young Americans surveyed could locate Iraq or Iran on the map, only 14 percent could pinpoint Israel, and only 17 percent could locate Afghanistan.

There is little question that Americans' geographic literacy hurts the United States in many ways. In an increasingly interconnected world, the less people know about their neighbors, the more difficult it is to do business with them. Conversely, the less we know about other countries, the harder it is to understand them, and to avoid wars.

About 82 percent of young Americans get their news from television - which means they don't get much hard news at all - only 11 percent get it from the Internet, less than in most other countries surveyed. It seems young Americans turn to the Internet for music, chats and pornography - everything but international news.

Perhaps the most worrisome fact is that the Internet is not helping increase young Americans' geographic knowledge.

That's encouraging, but, perhaps, the next time the United Nations holds a summit on education, it should include some funding to help teach geography to young Americans.

Barbara Chow, director of the National Geographic Society's Education Foundation, says she had thought that the big surge in the Nation Geographic Web site traffic after the Sept. 11 attacks indicated a thirst for information that would translate into greater knowledge. "But it hasn't happened," Chow said.

Wars, it seems, are not doing the trick.

Andres Oppenheimer is a Latin America correspondent for the Miami Herald.

One can sympathize with the dilemma faced by President Bush. He needs some cover in the Muslim world in order to prosecute the war on terrorism. But he also needs to forewarn Americans by warning them about the intentions of our enemies.

There is a way of doing this without getting into a theological argument similar to the unanswerable question about the number of angels that can dance on the head of a pin. The theological battle must be taken to the Muslim world.

The president should consider calling for "moderate" Muslims to clean up their own house. The president should ask Muslim political and theological leaders to go after their own, if they are, indeed, misrepresenting "true" Islam. We should not have to clean up after the mess they have made.

In his essay, Weyrich worries about the generational warfare, "which means that we will no longer be determined by states but by cultural and other concerns. And he worries much about "invasion by Palestinians, which would undermine Israel from within through homicide bombings and a 'right of return' that would flood the nation with people determined to bring down the Israeli government and wipe out all Jews, not to do so."

Weyrich believe America's enemies have placed their fanatical warriors in this country to eventually wreak havoc and destabilize our economy and political system.

That is a stated goal of Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda organization. Preserving "responsibility" Muslim leaders to police their own house will help in two ways. If they do, it will demonstrate there are true moderates who believe in pluralism and tolerance. If they do not, it will expose their real motives. Either way, Americans will benefit.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

### Apply the brakes to state car spending

Regarding state vehicles: I agree with your editorial of Nov. 27. Not only are state vehicles mismanaged but are misused. On several occasions as I was traveling between Burley and Twin Falls going about 78 miles per hour, a state car has passed me like I was sitting still. What an example for citizens of Idaho and visitors traveling our roads.

From your report, it is obvious they do not have an effective fleet manager. Sell those vehicles that are not being used and save the state \$2 million and put the proceeds from the sale into a special fund. It is more cost effective to do maintenance according to the owner's manual and to replace at 60,000 miles or three years to get the best resale value.

Under-utilized vehicles should also be sold or at least some of them. It will be more cost effective to lease a car in an emergency than to keep a large fleet "just in case." Vehicles will also be better utilized if some can be put in a "pool" and have a few individual assignments as possible. And if possible, rotate vehicles periodically.

**PENNY RUSSELL**  
Burley

### Treatment of Japanese was not humane

Reference the Mindoka Camp Monument.

The original writer in the Nov. 14 article seems to have missed another point - that the many children and their parents and grandparents who were imprisoned in those desolate "relocation camps" only because of their Japanese ancestry were not soldiers or seamen 18 to 35 years of age in the prime of their lives. They should have a better than the soldiers fighting the war.

I spent 34 months in the jungles of New Guinea and the Philippines in a parachute regiment fighting so that all Americans would have a better life than what we had. Unfortunately, Japanese-Americans were not considered human enough to be so treated.

Let's hope that we have learned from that terrible mistake and ensure that Arab-Americans don't suffer the same fate.

**JACK HERZIG**  
Falls Church, Va.  
(Editor's note: Jack Herzig is a retired Army lieutenant colonel who served in World War II and Korea.)

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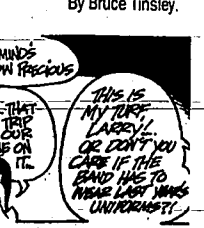
### By Bruce Tinsley



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# Forget consultants - Democrats need a therapist

Conventional wisdom says that Democrats lost last month's elections because they had no ideas. They offered no alternative to the Bush agenda, settling instead for disparaging it.

This diagnosis makes some sense. Who, after all, can vote for a negation? But it isn't the whole story.

Democrats didn't really lose the midterm elections because they had no ideas.

They lost them for the same reason they lost the presidency in 2000: They have a tone problem.

Nothing could have made this clearer than the on-slaught return of Al Gore, who blanketed the media like a pall last month on a tour promoting his new book.

So inauspicious was the former vice president's showing that the Los Angeles Times poll revealed that even Democratic Party insiders had little enthusiasm for a Gore bid in 2004.

Why such slim support? Again, common wisdom says that Gore, although he presents himself as a remake man, is still too stiff a customer to win, still too script-dependent and -on key issues like the war in Iraq - too fickle and self-contradictory to persuade voters that he stands for anything.

It's clear to all and sundry that his touted new insouciance is just a put-on.

Although it is true that Gore is too circumspect to be natural and not strong enough on the issues to show conviction, these aren't the killer ingredients. The real problem with shallow Al is still what it has always been: his condescending, supercilious, sanctimonious, officious, overbearing tone of voice. The man is convinced he's better than the rest of us, and he's no good at hiding it. No matter how



NORAH VINCENT

hard he tries, he sounds like a middle-school principal doling out detentions slips. Is it any wonder he didn't get elected?

It wasn't his policies that alienated voters in 2000. It was the thought of having to listen to that righteous, reprimanding drone for the next four years.

Nobody likes to be lectured. Which is probably why the electorate turned on Democrats en masse this season.

The wormwood of Gore's defeat embittered and ultimately poisoned every motion the party made.

Democrats vulgarized the death of Minnesota Sen. Paul

Wellstone, for example, when they allowed liberal kooks to ensnare it in conspiracy theory and turned the very public memorial service into a wild-eyed party congress. Goodwill curled with angry speechifying.

Then, of course, there was the election eve debate in which substitute candidate Walter Mondale, impotent and cantankerous as King Lear, cast his dotty aspersions at Republican challenger Norm Coleman. A beacon of his party's moral superiority complex, Mondale sank that eminently winnable race in one outing with the dead weight of his leaden indignation.

Sadly, Democrats' sour mood has only worsened since Nov. 5. Blame is the order of the day,

and it is being taken to absurd lengths. Last month, outgoing Senate Majority Leader Tom

Daschle told reporters that he held a press conference to host Rush Limbaugh in part responsible for driving "an emotional movement" among listeners who are then "energized to go out and hurt somebody."

The Democrats already look bad because they lost again when they shouldn't have. Now Daschle's auburn and other such obvious displays of feckless rancor are only making

them look worse, like sore losers kicking the dog.

If the Democrats are going to have a chance in 2004, they're going to have to make a serious attitude adjustment because so long as they present themselves as the wronged party, they will never helm the winning party, no matter what their ideas.

Norah Vincent is a columnist in Yardley, Pa.

## LETTER

### Nativity scene won't be up all month

May God richly bless each of you during this time of year when we honor the birthday of the King of Kings.

For the past 15 years, the Dowd family has displayed a life-size Nativity scene at 866 Capri. The scene includes 17 mannequins obtained from various Magic Valley stores through the years. Due to changing health and early retirement, the scene will only be on display through Dec. 8.

Each year has been a blessing to our family as we prepared the scene for another season to celebrate the birth of the son of the

living God. We have enjoyed those who have driven by, some as far away as Missouri. For some, it is a yearly ritual to come by with their families. We have been blessed with carolers from schools and churches, some visitors have stopped to take photos at the manger. Others have simply sat and watched. We hope the scene has reached out and touched your hearts as it has ours.

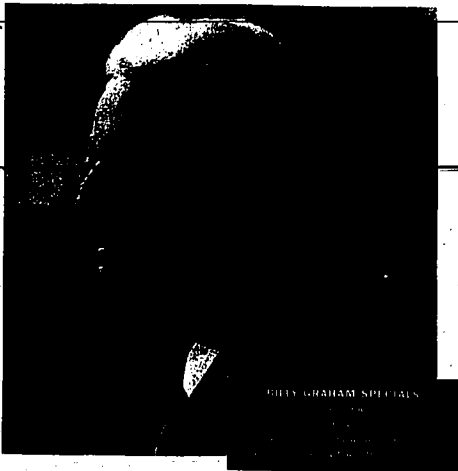
Our message with the scene is that in this time of holiday shopping where we forget the focus of the season, we must all bow to the little babe born in Bethlehem. For without his birth, there would be no Christmas.

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son. God bless you all.  
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So if coffee is your preferred sleep substitute, stop by Swenmart or Swensen's Market this week and stock up on 36-ounce cans of Western Family coffee for only \$3.99. This great deal may not make your holidays any more Merry and Bright, but at least you'll be able to stay awake through most of the important stuff.

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# Eagle project flies high

## Scout leads major improvement work at Buhl Cemetery

By Sandra Mosecauer  
Times News correspondent

**BUHL** - A Buhl Scout has completed a major improvement project at the West End Cemetery at Buhl to earn his Eagle Scout Award.

Landon Schofield, 14-year-old son of Lani and Kathy Schofield of Buhl, is an eighth-grader at Castleford High School. As a member of Buhl Troop 2, he organized and coordinated the project to improve the chimes area at the cemetery.

The project resulted from a visit of the Schofield family at a Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery. Schofield later contacted the cemetery board of directors about a possible improvement project.

"They said it was a high maintenance area and would appreciate something being done," Schofield said. "I didn't realize it was going to be such a big project

when we started. It really grew, and I appreciate all the help I received. It will be there for a long, long time, and hopefully, benefit a lot of people."

Old woody shrubs and bushes were removed, and ground work done to prepare for cement curbing. Holes were dug for steel posts, and a single chain draped over the posts as a border. A weed barrier was laid down around the border, covered with decorative river rock.

A large vinyl display board was installed in which a map and register will be placed to assist visitors in locating grave sites.

Schofield and his crew invested a total of 123 hours of labor in the project.

"Landon has been wonderful to work with and so efficient," said Colleen Brewer of the West End Cemetery District. "He notified us of when they were going to work and what they were going to do. They did an excel-

lent job. So much old grass was growing up around the old shrubs. It was difficult to clean out and something needed to be done to make it easier to maintain."

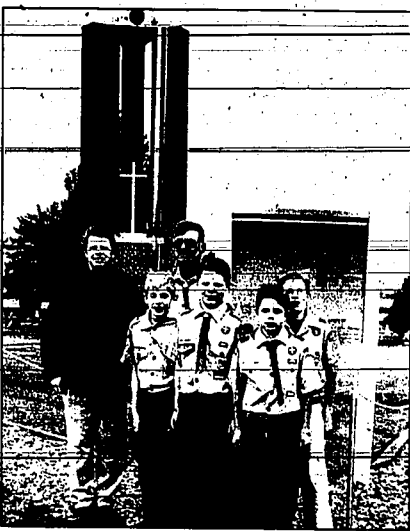
She also is working on a map of the entire cemetery with a registry which will be in place in the display case.

Contributing to the project were Garth Jensen, Max Vigil, Randy Bingham and Brewer of the cemetery district; West End Men's Association, Dennis Busmann of The Glass Shop, Dennis Barnes of Valley Coop, Kendall Wolf of Citizens Lumber, Chad Montgomery of Snake River Sprinklers and Landscaping, Dave, Brad and Amber Bremers of Arctic Circle and The Avid Sportsman, Kenny Hulce of The Corner Mart, Brian Dye of Noble Romans Pizza and Sandy Sanderson, all of Buhl; Castleford Men's Club and Jon and Carol Wells of Castleford;

Curtis and Anna Egbert, Jim Spaulding of Precision Vinyl, Pacific Steel, Andrew Barry of Barry Rental, Sherri Wright of Kimberly Nurseries, all of Twin Falls; Bob and Cle Schofield of Louisville, Idaho and Dudley Hanson of C. Turner Inc. and Hatfield Manufacturing, both of Gooding.

Scouts and leaders from Troops 2 and 105 who assisted Landon Schofield on his Eagle Scout project at West End Cemetery include, from the left, front: Justin Dahl, Landon Schofield, Brian Schofield and Justin Hinton; back: leaders Lani Schofield and Jerad Karal. Not pictured are Scouts Ben Borup, Cameron Seamons and Arlo Shaddy and Scoutmasters and leaders Erik Bartsch, Creed Robinson and Britt Ross.

SANDRA MOSECAUER/The Times-News



## STORK REPORT

**Magic Valley Regional Medical Center**

Aryah Nicole Castillo, daughter of Jessica Lynn Dillard of Buhl, was born Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002.

Colten Carl Urrutia, son of Debra Nacia and Johnny Mike Urrutia of Jerome, was born Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002.

Kalley Marie Linenbroker, daughter of Penny Ann and Christopher K. Linenbroker of Twin Falls, was born Monday, Nov. 25, 2002.

Dulthen Alastor Field, son of Jessica Lynn and Kenneth Vernon Field of Jerome, was born Monday, Nov. 25, 2002.

Jedi Conor Grooms, son of Amber and Brian W. Grooms of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002.

Kiaya Mae Finner, daughter of Nancy Kaye and Aaron Ronald Finner of Twin Falls, was born Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002.

Felicia Renee Maughan, daughter of Wendy and Brian G. Maughan of Twin Falls, was born Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002.

**Cassia Regional Medical Center**

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

Kierra Anderson, daughter of Janet Anderson of Paul, was born Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002.

Genri Garner, daughter of Jenera and

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Burke Jay Garner of Burley, was born Friday, Nov. 22, 2002.

Koby Jared Zaharias, son of Sydney and Jared Zaharias of Burley, was born Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002.

Jasmin Rico Arrendondo, daughter of Patricia Marina Curiel and Guadalupe Rico Arrendondo of Burley, was born Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002.

Treyson Scott Ure, son of Amber and Rychael Ure of Burley, was born Monday, Nov. 25, 2002.

Dominika Gabriela Betancourt, daughter of Aidelde Betancourt of Burley, was born Monday, Nov. 25, 2002.

Nichelle Louise Hodgson, daughter of Tiffani and Nathaniel Hodgson of Burley, was born Monday, Nov. 25, 2002.

Colby Justin Silcock, son of Julie and Justin Silcock of Burley, was born Tuesday,

Nov. 26, 2002.

Preston Alan Brady, son of Rebecca Mortensen and Alan Brady of Burley, was born Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2002.

Mason Trevor Kidd, son of Jasmine and Danny Kidd Jr. of Burley, was born Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002.

Peyton Gary Walton, son of Cassie and Casey Walton of Burley, was born Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002.

Grant Ryan Tegan, son of Andrea Renee and Ryan Paul Tegan of Burley, was born Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002.

Angel James Melendez, son of Maria A. and Santos F. Melendez of Burley, was born Thursday, Nov. 28, 2002.

**St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center**

Mason Jose Loughmiller, son of Lacey and Jose Loughmiller of Richfield, was born Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002.

Andre Ernesto Perez, son of Victoria and Jose Perez of Halley, was born Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002.

Tyson James Scott Peters, son of Bonnie and Scott Peters of Fairfield, was born Friday, Nov. 22, 2002.

Annelise Marie Jennings, daughter of Kathleen and Christopher Jennings of Sun Valley, was born Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002.

Thomas George Rooney, son of Laura and Peter Rooney of Halley, was born Monday, Nov. 25, 2002.

## GIANT SQUASH



Harold and Mable Stevens of Burley were proud of their large crop of banana squash this fall. The 11 over-sized squash came from a meager four plants. Some of the squash grew to more than 2 feet in length.

# Sister accepts sibling's national FFA honor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Stephanie Taylor of Hollister had earned the highest degree available to FFA members.

The American FFA Degree meant that she was one of a select group of people who would gain recognition for years of academic and professional excellence, the National FFA reported. She was scheduled to pick up her award in November at the 75th National FFA Convention, held in Louisville, Ky.

However, Stephanie, 19, died June 10, 2002 at her home from an accident, so her sister Tiffany, 17, picked up the award Nov. 2 on her sister's behalf, said their father, Steve Taylor.

Stephanie was a member of the Filer High School FFA and collegiate FFA at the University of Idaho. Tiffany also is in the Filer FFA.

The American FFA Degree recognizes demonstrated leadership ability and out-

standing achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs. To be eligible, members must have earned and productively invested \$7,500 through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they start, own, or hold a professional position in an existing agriculture enterprise. Recipients also must make it their mission to demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement.

Each award recipient received a gold American FFA Degree key, certificate and an ID card. Of 461,043 FFA members nationwide, Stephanie was one of only 2,586 to be recognized in 2002.

FFA is a national organization of members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,308 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



Stephanie Taylor



# Dietrich FFA teams start year off right with wins at competitions

**DIETRICH** - The Dietrich FFA Chapter started off the school year with wins at its first three contests.

The opening ceremonies contest took place in Gooding on Sept. 9.

The Dietrich team consisted of Jessica Hetsley, president; Bryoni Southwick, vice president; Ayleen Sorensen, secretary; Cody Telford, treasurer; Stewna Bingham, reporter; and Sheena Bingham, sentinel. The ceremonies team brought home the gold placing.

Left top, students work at the forestry competition.

Left below, at the opening ceremonies contest, Dietrich FFA members Bryoni Southwick, Ayleen Sorensen and Cody Telford were part of the winning team.

Photo courtesy of Dietrich FFA

The Dietrich FFA horse judging team competed again at Gooding on Sept. 25. The team - which consisted of Nickl Miller, eighth high individual; Juteik Weber, 10th high individual; Caitlin Dill, and Zack Fink - took 5th place.

The forestry team had a cold, but fun time at Diamond Field Jacks in the South Hills, and ended up earning third place. The team consisted of Ayleen Sorensen, fourth high individual; Vance Dill, 10th high individual; Jared Hansen, 10th high individual; Kyle Meyer and Kevin Bolz.

The soils contest took place in Jerome on Oct. 10, and the Dietrich team members consisted of Juteik Weber, 10th high individual; Shannee McDaniel, Hank Bingham, Junior Hernandez and Cassidy Whitaker. They took third place as a team.

# Residents earn Head Start honors

Five Magic Valley people have won regional Head Start honors.

South Central Head Start - which is in Region X, consisting of Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska - announced the award winners. They are:

- Casey Lloyd of Jerome - the Humanitarian award recognizes an individual's or organization's extraordinary contribution to serving Head Start children, reaching families and involving communities, resulting in a positive change. Lloyd has volunteered at the North Side Head Start Center in Jerome for three years. He began as a School to Work participant, and has volunteered more than 2,500 hours.
- Ronda Stouder of Wendell - the Eugenia Bogus Leadership Award honors a staff member, parent or community partner who demonstrates outstanding leadership while working in some capacity with Head Start. She began her service as a parent, and continued as a staff member for nine years. She has demonstrated leadership abilities and knowledge through dedication to community development, personal growth and quality services to children and families, Head Start reported. Her most significant leadership

strength is in her communication style, compassion and ability to motivate others.

Desna Foster of Halley - the Ann Phipps Memorial Scholarship is presented to a Head Start parent. Two \$1,500 national scholarships will be awarded. Foster is in her third year, studying elementary education at Idaho State University.

Maria Garcia of Burley - the Phyllis J. Jones Memorial Scholarship. The \$1,500 scholarship is presented nationally to two Head Start graduates who are enrolled in two or four-year college or vocational school. She is a senior at Burley High School and plans to attend Boise State University to study law.

Ruth Calderon of Wendell - Reverend Willard L. Clayton Memorial Scholarship. This four-year, \$1,500 award is given to a Head Start parent enrolled in a two- or four-year college or university. Calderon is enrolled in the bilingual elementary education program at the College of Southern Idaho.

The winners were honored at a local reception. Their applications went to the state association and then on to the regional association. Applications will be considered at the national level.

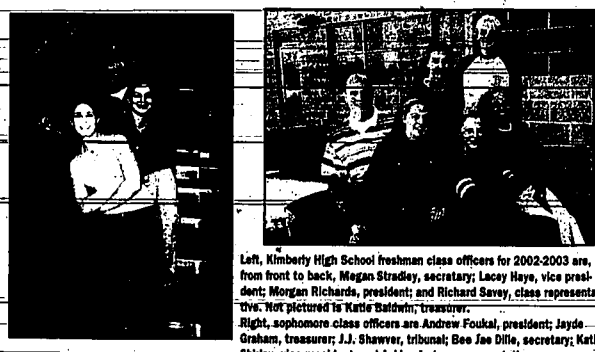
# TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

## FOOD FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Members of the College of Southern Idaho Surgical Technology Club challenged other CSI clubs to a food drive contest in which four clubs raised more than 1,300 cans of food. Surg tech students who food collected. They are, from left, back row: Adrienne Hall, Jessica Slade, Susan Fitzgerald, Dean Egbert, Chris Nelson and Kamil Lammas; middle row: Bettina White, Hillarie Bodily, Kendra Schneider, Cathy Smith and Andi Hyde; front: Jackie Jensen. All food was donated to the South Central Community Action Agency.

## KIMBERLY STUDENT OFFICERS



Left, Kimberly High School freshman class officers for 2002-2003 are, from front to back: Megan Stradley, secretary; Lacey Hays, vice president; Morgan Richards, president; and Richard Sorey, class representative. Not pictured is Walter Baldwin, treasurer. Right, sophomore class officers are Andrew Foukal, president; Jayde Graham, treasurer; J.J. Shawyer, tribunal; Bee Jo Dilie, secretary; Katie Shirley, vice president; and Ashley Andrus, representative.

## THINGS TO DO

**Music**  
Snake River Falls Barbershop Chorus - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 123 E. St. Rupert. Men of all ages invited, call 436-0417.  
Twin Falls Male Quartet Barbershop Quartet - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Methodist Church, 302 Shoshone St. Men of all ages invited, call 734-6017.

**Dance**  
Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Methodist Church at 214 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome, call Vera at 734-6647 or Tom at 324-6440. Couples welcome.

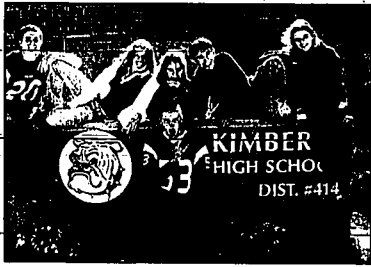
**Bingo**  
Silver and Gold Senior Center - 7:30-9:30 p.m. 103 Wilson, Elden. Doors and seats free, opens at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 825-5262.  
Golden Years Senior Citizens Center - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 218 N. Rail St. W. W. Shoshone. Must be over 18, call 896-2869.  
Arlene Senior Center - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at 4th Main Street in Ketchum. Anyone over age 18 welcome, call 424-128.  
Golden Heritage Senior Center - 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays in 2411 Overland Ave. in Burley, age 18 and older, call 878-8646.  
Mintoka County Senior Center - 7 p.m. Fridays, 702 11th St. in Rupert, age 18 and over, call 436-9107.  
American Legion Hall in Twin Falls - 2:15 p.m. Fridays 441 S. Main St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Must be over 18, call 734-1729.  
Jerome Senior Center - 6:45-9 p.m. Tuesdays, 212 First Ave. E. in Jerome, snack begins at 6 p.m., early bird at 6:45 p.m., regular \$2.00, 7 p.m. Must be over age 18, call 225-5641.  
American Legion Hall in Wendell - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 610 W. Main. Doors and snack begin open at 6 p.m. Must be over 18, call 536-6642.

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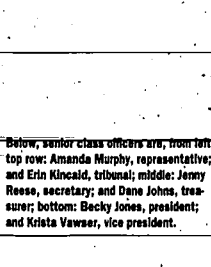
**Bridge House, 246 Falls Ave., Twin Falls: 734-8090.** Newsletters welcome.  
**Magic Valley Pinochle Club - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays** at Elks Lodge American Veterans Hall, Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue, Twin Falls.  
**Valley Vista Retirement Center Pinochle Club - 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays** in the community center at 653 Rose St. N. in Twin Falls, 734-5531.  
**Pinochle club - 1 p.m. Tuesdays** Community Club House, 1779 Addison Ave. E., anyone invited, call Erica at 734-9993.  
**Snake River Elks Pinochle Club - 2 p.m. Wednesdays** at Elks Lodge, 402 E. 200 S., Jerome. Must be 18. Golf Ranch. Everyone welcome.

**Other**  
**Magic Valley Iris Club - meets for luncheon and meeting** Call Glenn at 734-0800 or Vicki at 734-8838. New members welcome.  
**Writers of the Word, Christian writers group - 10 a.m. first Saturdays** at Twin Falls Reformed Church, Canyon Lewis at 244112.  
**Power of Prayer Club - 1st year and friends** of the month at Kimberly Public Library, Call Marilyn at 423-5225.  
**Magic Valley Astronomical Society - 7 p.m. second Saturday** in First room at Herrett Center CSI campus, call 736-3487.  
**Twin Falls Rifle and Pistol Club** indoor range - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 253 5th Ave. W. Twin Falls. Limited to .22 rifle, moderate pistol calibers, call Stu at 324-5900 or Larry at 734-2111.  
**Snake River Canyon Kennel Club** of Idaho - 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday at upstairs meeting room at 428 Taylor building, call Debbie at 736-9118.  
**Twin Falls Herpetology Society - 7 p.m. first Tuesdays** at Herrett Center, call Nick Peterson - 734-9554, fax 369-1100.  
**Writers' Mile Fellowship - 2 p.m. Wednesdays** at 651 Rose St. N., Su. 36 at the Vista Village in Twin Falls, call Doris at 410-2211.

**Bridge - 8 p.m. Mondays** at Magic Valley



Junior class officers are, from left, back: Dustin Lammas, president; Ashley Carlton, secretary; Michelle Mulberry, treasurer; Chris Galley, tribunal; and Candace Wright, vice president; front: Nelson Richards, representative.



Senior class officers are, from left, top row: Amanda Murphy, representative; and Erin Kincaid, tribunal; middle: Jenny Reese, secretary; and Dana Jones, treasurer; bottom: Becky Jones, president; and Krista Vawser, vice president.



Left, Kimberly High School student body officers are Rachel Bulcher, president; Kara Soderquist, treasurer; Ashley Andrus, secretary; and Kris Newberry, vice president.

BETTY TAYLOR/The Times-News

## Buhl Middle School announces honor roll students

- BUHL - Buhl Middle School** announced its first quarter honor roll.
- Eighth grade**
- Highest honors 4.0**  
Katrice Kelly  
Cheryl Leiker  
April Jaynes  
Nancy Linder  
Emily Pearson  
Adria Steury  
Kira Stutzman  
Janie VanPatten  
Zachary Wheeler  
Zachary Welch
- Highest honors 3.5-3.99**  
Sonia Ayala  
Katherine Collins  
Wendy Chivers  
Kylie Conners  
Amanda Combs  
Shyla Fells  
Megan Horan  
Miranda Juler
- William Stemp**  
Teresa Whitt
- Seventh grade**
- Highest honors 4.0**  
Stephanie Alhm  
Abigail Alhm  
Quinn Evans  
Nicole Frey  
Emily O'Connor  
Patrick Osterkamp  
Michael Tomkins  
Brendley Twiss
- Highest honors 3.5-3.99**  
Trisa Allen  
Tiffany Bailey  
Ashley Barschel  
Alex Carpenter  
Book Combe  
Alec Finney  
Codi Finn  
Caitly Lindero  
Caitly Hampton  
Jordan Hicks  
Brian Houston  
Leslie Hunter  
Caitlin Jaynes  
Gauge Owen  
Ryan Sirocek
- Whitney Stocking**  
Michael Thoren  
Ashley Wilson
- Honor roll 3.00-3.499**  
Alissa Abshire  
Jeffrey Alford  
Jeffrey Alford  
Michele Carter  
Kimberly Clark  
Dustin Davidson  
Amanda DeWitt  
Cherie Forest  
Justin Heaton  
Sara Hernandez  
Zachary Highberger  
Kristina Hillman  
Rikki Johnson  
Diana Cerrillo  
Alyssa Lawrence  
Kelsey Clements  
Krisen Johnson  
Arielle Kieffer  
Stephanie Kieffer  
Zachary Montgomery  
Brandon Hite  
Katy Hulse  
Jenna Hutchinson  
Reno Laza  
Kirstin March  
Aber Montgomery  
Kirstina Nye  
Alexander Peshkam
- Lillian Villan**  
Michael Willard  
Kenneth Williams
- Sixth grade**
- Highest honors 4.0**  
Katherine Bandy  
Destree Hephworth  
Kurren Kelly
- Highest honors 3.5-3.99**  
Taliah Alford  
Amanda Anderson  
Lara Bailey  
Amanda Bird  
Diana Cerrillo  
Alyssa Lawrence  
Kelsey Clements  
Krisen Johnson  
Arielle Kieffer  
Stephanie Kieffer  
Zachary Montgomery  
Brandon Hite  
Katy Hulse  
Jenna Hutchinson  
Reno Laza  
Kirstin March  
Aber Montgomery  
Kirstina Nye  
Alexander Peshkam
- Nicole Pronoun**  
Nashia Romana  
Stephanie Serrano  
Alyssa Strickler  
Yulisa Takasorum  
Auntin Yurube
- Honor roll 3.00-3.499**  
Amy Alford  
Tucker Bealton  
Allyssa Bertencourt  
Robert Bertencourt  
Kayla Burr  
Terry Combe  
Allison Graham  
Ashley Hahn  
Gabriel Jacobson  
Julia James  
Pauline James  
Patrick Jones  
Ashley Kenney  
Robert Linder  
Therese Linder  
Tessa Murr  
Kara Montgomery  
Michelle Rafter  
Kylie Roberts  
Smyah Smith  
Kenna Thye  
Jenica Uteary

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

**Malone receives law degree from UI, passes bar**  
Wendi Ann Malone received her juris doctorate degree from the University of Idaho College of Law on May 18. She was admitted to the Idaho State Bar in September after passing the Idaho State Bar exam. She received a bachelor's of arts in French from Idaho State University in 1995, and is a 1991 graduate of Jerome High School.

**Malone is the daughter of Pat and Priscilla Malone of Jerome.**  
She is working as a law clerk for Judge Karen Lansing of the Idaho Court of Appeals in Boise.



Wendi Malone

## We want your news

Please send your news and photos to:  
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## Juniper Street Farmhouse sells Christmas items

**BUHL - The Juniper Street Farmhouse** 11th annual open house will open at 9 a.m. each day starting Saturday. Items for sale will include wreaths, swags, garlands, Christmas decor, baked goods, candles and more. To get to the farmhouse, turn north at the stoplight at Broadway Street in Buhl, Drive 3/4 mile and turn right on Juniper Street. Call 543-4829 for more information.

**Golden Years Christmas bazaar, bake sale is set**  
**SHOSHONE - The Golden Years Senior Center** annual Christmas bazaar and bake sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the center, 218 N. Rail St. W. in Shoshone. Homemade soup, bread and rolls will be served. Call Richard Bowerman at 886-2369.

**Festival of Trees takes place at Rondoveo**  
**TWIN FALLS - The Heat of**

## Christmas Festival of Trees will be held at the Radio Rondoveo Event Center, 241 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

A gala party will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets are \$30 per person. The tree exhibition will be held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 12-6 p.m. Monday. Admission is \$3 per person.

**DAV Auxiliary holds dance Friday**  
**TWIN FALLS - The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary** will hold a dance at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls. Archie Turner will provide the music.

**Papoose Club holds 12th annual arts, crafts bazaar**  
**KETCHUM - The Papoose Club** will hold its 12th annual holiday arts and crafts bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Hemingway Elementary School, 111 Eighth St. W. in Ketchum. More than 50 vendors from

## throughout the area will sell hand day arts and crafts, clothing, fine jewelry, pottery and more. Raffle items will be available.

Founded more than 40 years ago, the primary purpose of the club is to promote and assist cultural, social, educational and athletic activities for the children of the Wood River Valley and to raise money to further these purposes. For more information, call Maureen Dougherty at 788-0998 or Janet Fugate at 788-1062.

**Art Guild holds annual Holiday Arts Festival**  
**TWIN FALLS - The Art Guild of Magic Valley** will hold its annual Holiday Arts Festival from 7-9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Main Street Plaza, 132 Main St. S. in Twin Falls. All works for sale will be original and sold by the local artists who created them. The Art Guild is a nonprofit organization for the advancement and participation of interest in the arts throughout the Magic Valley. It is open to all amateur and professional artists. Among its many activities are monthly meetings, member

## demonstrations, arts festivals, slide shows, field trips, mini-workshops and outings.

**West End Senior Center announces events**  
**BUHL - The West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St. in Buhl,** announced the following upcoming events:  
The monthly dance has been changed to Saturday for this month only due to a conflict. The suggested price is being raised to \$4. The dance starts at 8 p.m.  
Hospice Visions will do blood pressure checks and talk to seniors about hospice care at 11:30 a.m. Thursday.  
The public is invited.  
For more information, call the center at 543-4577.

**Northside Head Start parents sell raffle tickets**  
**JEROME - The parents of Northside Head Start** students are selling raffle tickets for a chocolate basket valued at \$100 and a bull call as a fund-raiser for the Head Start.  
Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The raffle will be held Dec. 13. For more information, call

## Head Start at 894-2388.

**T.F. Christian Women's Club holds luncheon**  
**TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Christian Women's Club** will hold a "Garden from a Winter Garden" luncheon from noon to 1:15 p.m. Dec. 10 at the WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.  
Connie Windsor, owner of Windsor's Greenhouse/Nursery, will present tips for holiday home decorating, and Donna Kilgore, a librarian, outdoor enthusiast and avid gardener from Haines, Ore., will speak about "Success in the Garden of Life."  
The cost is \$8.50. For complimentary child care or lunch reservations, call Betty at 736-4592 or Diane at 736-8453.

**Hagerman American Legion Auxiliary holds craft show**  
**HAGERMAN - The Hagerman American Legion Auxiliary** will sponsor its annual Holiday Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall on State

## Street in Hagerman.

There will be a sneak preview and sale from 5-8 p.m. Friday. Several new crafters will be involved this year, as well as vendors who have participated in past years. Handmade animals and dolls, decorative grounds, wheat weaving and crocheted rugs will be available.  
A raffle will be held on Saturday with proceeds going to the American Legion Auxiliary to sponsor a girl sent to Girls State.  
Food will be available for lunch on Saturday.



Meeting the President Tomorrow in Community



MONEY

Sears

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clouded Sears' recovery efforts...
Sears is cashing out its traditional department-store model...

Only 50 of the more than 600 full-line stores to be remodeled have been made over so far. The revamp, which is costing Sears \$800 million this year...

For starters, Sears has scoured the racks of eight weak-selling apparel brands and removed cosmetics as the first department shoppers encounter as they enter.

Showcased instead, in 184 stores by year's end, is upscale casual apparel from Lands' End, which Sears bought in June for \$1.9 billion.

"What we're saying to customers by positioning them near the main doors is that Sears is in the apparel business in a big way," spokeswoman Peggy Falter said on a tour of the redone store at Spring Hill.

Mail in West Dundee. She predicted that in a few weeks, Covington will bring in a new revamp of 6,000 stores...

Also involved for many or most stores, expanded home decor, furniture departments with workbenches for testing out the wider variety of brands, Big and Tall men's departments, new "plasma" departments to showcase flat-screen TVs, and closet shops featuring wooden hangers and clothes racks.

As striking as any new-brand or product, however, are the wider aisles, open design, simplified signage and centralized checkout stations, all employed successfully at other chains.

"It looks nicer," said Frances Reynolds of Elgin, another veteran Sears shopper, who was picking out laundry to load into her shopping cart. "It's more inviting."

"You used to find yourself at Sears wandering around for the whole side of the floor you should be on, then you waited in line too long," said Bryant, of Chicago-based Morningstar Inc. "If the stores had been left the way they were, I don't know Sears would have hung on."

Holiday

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down from a 16 percent increase last year as consumers roll card debt into their mortgages to cash in on low rates. Consumers are carrying an average of about 13 weeks worth of their take-home pay in non-mortgage debt...

"The holidays are very emotional," said Dean of the credit counseling organization. "We're trying to recreate that memory of happiness and joy that we had when we were kids. Lots of times we equate that with money and gifts."

"The following is a list of tips compiled from financial experts on how to avoid going into debt during the holidays."
Before you start shopping, decide exactly how much you can afford to spend. This may seem obvious, but many shoppers define their shopping by what they want regardless of whether they can pay for it.

Don't limit your budget to gifts. Include cards, wrapping paper, stamps, decorations, food, entertainment, travel, clothing and anything that costs money during the holidays.

Michael Tilles, a certified financial planner with American Express Financial Advisors in Walnut Creek, Calif., said that the holiday bills don't pile up all at once.
Make paying off your credit card purchases immediately a priority. If you just keep making the minimum payment, you probably will never pay the card-off, according to CUNA and CFA. To ensure you pay it off, use an American Express card that requires paying the balance in full.

Start an account for holiday spending. Some banks and credit unions offer Christmas Club accounts that regularly withdraw money from a savings account and put it in a different holiday-designated bank. Bank of America's holiday account pulls out \$20 per month or more and pays users their balances on the first business day in November.

Eliminate obligatory gifts. After talking to friends and family, you may learn that no one wants to be exchanging presents. Emily Bach, a financial planner in Orinda, married into a family that hosts 50-person Christmas Eve celebrations. Her first holiday with them, she handed out 25 gifts.

"I was like, 'This isn't going to work. I'm going to be broke here here,'" said Bach, who told her husband, "I think the other people felt the same way." Now the adults draw names to assign them one person to buy for.

Her side of the family encourages the promise of spending an evening together instead of trading presents. Not only is it more meaningful, but it often costs less.

Determine what makes the holidays fulfilling. Dean says students close their eyes and visualize themselves being happy during the holidays.

"Almost every time that you do that you find that the things that are so wonderful and important are not the things that cost money," Dean said.
If you have the time, make gifts and decorations by hand

instead of buying them. Dean suggests decorating with paper with sponge paint and glitter to use as gift wrap or using pine cones for in-home decor.
Spread your gift-buying throughout the year. That way holiday bills don't pile up all at once.

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Don't have too many credit cards in your wallet. Tilles said most consumers only need one or two credit cards. If you're tempted by available credit, he suggests putting the cards in a jar of water and keeping them in the freezer.
"The idea is take it out of your wallet-and-only-use-it-when-you-really-need-it," Tilles said.

Celebrating a birthday doesn't just have to be a piece of cake. Make more of the Celebration with a Times-News Happy Ad!
Janine... Still hanging in there at 50! Love you! Jim

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg, Volume. Lists various stocks including AAPL, AMZN, MSFT, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, Gainers, Losers, and Indices.

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg, Volume. Lists various NASDAQ stocks.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD. Lists local stocks like Albemarle, Alcoa, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Table with columns: Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD. Lists various stocks and includes a note about the report's content.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, %Chg, YTD. Lists American Stock Exchange stocks.

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices for items like soybean meal, soybean oil, and various grades of wheat and corn.

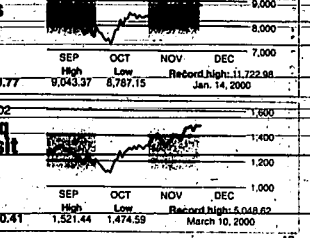
STOCKS

Table of stock prices for major indices and individual companies, including Dow Jones, S&P 500, and various sector-specific stocks.

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Mon.

Table of futures trading data from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, including prices for soybeans, corn, and wheat.

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Stocks end mixed despite holiday shopping season

NEW YORK (AP) - A strong start to the holiday shopping season sent stocks soaring briefly Monday, with the Dow Jones composite index rising 6.00, or 0.4 percent, to 7,000.15. The Dow closed down 33.52, or 0.4 percent, at 8,652.57, having gained much as 147.26 earlier when it moved past 9,000.

The market is still looking for any reason to keep on going. That is why it is so hard to get a strong retail sales number. But then you had questions: Was it strong because of the shopping?

Talk

Continued from B3. Does not measure whether high scorers pay interest. It measures whether they use their accounts as all. As noted above, the score generally is distinguished between a balance that's paid off and one that's carried over.

Questions can be sent to Liz Pulliam Wagon at askliz@netnet.com or mailed to her in care of Mountain View Section, Los Angeles Times, 202 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types like soybeans and lentils.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices for wheat, corn, and other cereals.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices for various types like cheddar and mozzarella.

POTATOES

Table of potato prices for different grades and varieties.

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Table of sugar prices for various grades and types.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices for cattle, hogs, and sheep.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metal and currency prices for gold, silver, and various currencies.

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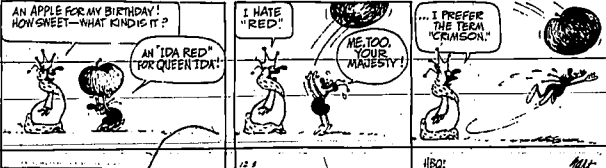
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Blonde



By Dean Young & Stan Drake

B.C.



By Johnny Hart

Pickles



By Brian Crane

Garfield



By Jim Davis

Dennis the Menace



By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus



By Bill Keane

Hi and Lois



By Chance Browne

The Wizard of Id



By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



By Bill Keane

Hagar the Horrible



By Chris Browne

How I Rose



By Pat Brady



By Bill Keane

Beetle Bailey



By Mort Walker

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By Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott



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Frank and Ernest



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By Greg Evans



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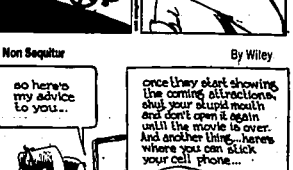


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## AROUND

### THE VALLEY

#### City gives STARR Corp. airport contract

**TWIN FALLS** - The City Council unanimously agreed at its Monday meeting to contract with STARR Corp. for a remodeling job at Jostin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. The \$23,985 job is to create office and break areas for screeners who work for the Transportation Security Administration. The council was not required to put the project out for bid because the amount is under the \$25,000 floor at which point members are required to do so.

The Transportation Security Administration will reimburse the city, said Bill Carberry, the airport manager.

The council also appointed Paula Brown-Sinclair to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Renee Haight to the Library Board.

#### Grant would buy two new snowmobiles

**TWIN FALLS** - Almost a decade old, the two snowmobiles owned by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department are just about worn out, Sgt. Daron Brown told county commissioners Monday.

"The snowmobiles are outdated, and they're not large enough to pull a rescue sled," Brown said.

With that in mind, commissioners endorsed a sheriff's department application for a \$14,000 matching funds state grant to buy two new snowmobiles.

If the department receives the grant, it will buy two 2004 Yamaha 700s, Brown said. The department's contribution would come from trading in its current snowmobiles, said Nancy Howell, public information officer for the department.

#### Registration deadline nears for wind power workshops

**TWIN FALLS** - Friday is the registration deadline for a free wind power workshop in Twin Falls sponsored by the Idaho Energy Division.

The workshop will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 12 in the Muggers meeting room, 516 Second St. S. in Twin Falls. To register, call Barbara White at the Idaho Energy Division, 1-800-347-2783, or e-mail bwwhite@idenergy.id.gov.

Featured speaker is national wind and agriculture expert Vaughn Nelson of Texas, the Energy Division said. The workshop will include information about the possibilities for farmers and other property owners to make money by generating power from the wind that blows across their fields.

#### Drop box available for payments to county

**JEROME** - Jerome County residents who need to pay taxes, bills, traffic fines and other payments to county offices can now do so at an after-hours drop-box.

Jerome County offices are open in the courthouse - at 300 N. Lincoln - from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. At all other times, payments can be dropped off in the box, located on the side of the building. Cash should not be put there, only checks or money orders.

#### Forest Service plans open house in Burley

**BURLEY** - An open house is planned at the U.S. Forest Service office in Burley from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday.

The open house is to celebrate the consolidation of the Burley and Twin Falls ranger districts into the new Minidoka Ranger District, which is headquartered in Burley.

The open house should serve as a good opportunity for people to get acquainted with and meet Forest Service employees, Minidoka District Ranger Scott Nannenga said. The new supervisor of the Sawtooth National Forest, Ruth Monahan, will be at the open house. A sign will be installed at 11 a.m. Wednesday. A few historical items will be on display, Nannenga said.

#### Are you a letter writer?

**Tell the T-N all about it**

Letter-writing is a fast-disappearing art in 21st century America. The Times-News is preparing an article on the dying art of letter-writing - and especially Christmas letters - and would like to talk with south-central Idaho residents who still have the write stuff.

To share your story, call Steve Crump at 735-3223, or email him at crump@magicvalley.com.

Compiled from staff reports

# Cassia administrator resigns

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - He is the go-to guy, the man Cassia County commissioners count on to advise them, carry out their decisions and take care of the details.

In short, Tim Hurst keeps county government running.

On Monday, Hurst made public his plans to resign from his county job, effective Dec. 31. Hurst is moving to Boise to become the chief deputy in the Idaho secretary of state's office. Ben Ysursa, the secretary of state-elect, holds the position now.

Commissioners want to find a new administrator as soon as possible. The deadline to apply for the post is Friday.

Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barrus-asked if that rapidly approaching deadline gives potential applicants enough time to make decisions and submit resumes. Commissioners decided to hold the date, saying they need time to interview applicants and make a decision.

The county administrator organizes the various county departments, advises the county commissioners, sees that workers carry out county policy, enforces the county zoning ordinance, advises the planning and zoning commission, analyzes the county

budget and oversees the Mini-Cassia adult misdemeanor probation office. The administrator has also acted as the county mouthpiece by providing information to the media.

Commissioners are looking for someone with a bachelor's degree in administration, or equivalent work experience. The job will pay between \$42,000 and \$66,000 per year. It will be hard to find someone as qualified for the job as Hurst. He has been the county administrator since Oct. 1, 1975.

Hurst and Barrus implied that Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Kerry McMurray would be a good choice for the next county administrator. McMurray said he might

apply for the job and he might not. Commissioners plan to advertise for the position and post the job description in county offices.

Other commission business included:  
• **Fire alarm** - Commissioners set off the courthouse fire alarm to see if the system still worked and how county workers would react.

The workers evacuated the building in an orderly fashion, but the alarm was a failure. The bell alarm - much like those used to start boxing matches - rang once. When Hurst wound up the alarm, the bell rang several more times. The alarm can only be

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## LIGHT REFLECTION



Gene Sturgill is reflected in a window on his house in Twin Falls while he changes the bulb on a string of Christmas lights Monday.

## Crash victims blame van maker

The Times-News and The Associated Press

**RIFLE, Colo.** - A firefighter from Twin Falls injured last summer when a van overturned on the way to a Colorado wildfire is among those asking prosecutors to pardon the Oregon woman who was driving.

The van was loaded with 11 firefighters on June 21 when it overturned on Interstate 70 near Parachute, Colo. Driver Megan Helm, 21, had minor injuries, but four firefighters were killed, and a fifth died of injuries three days later. Among the dead was Zachary Zigich, 18, of Twin Falls.

Some of the injured firefighters - including Brandon Fiala, 22, of Twin Falls - were critical of Helm after the accident, and some survivors of the dead were also angry at her.

Since then, criticism has largely shifted to the 15-passenger Ford Econoline E-350 Super Duty van. The National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration reported that rollover rates of stretch vans - manufactured by Ford, Chevrolet, GMC and Dodge are three times those of regular vans when carrying 10 or more passengers.

Fiala - who suffered fractures to his back, neck and pelvis - was initially critical of Helm. He submitted a victim's statement saying Helm "should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

On Nov. 19, Fiala amended that statement. He wrote a letter to Colorado prosecutors, asking for the charges to be dismissed.

"I cannot blame Megan when the vehicle she was driving was statistically much more likely to roll than any other vehicle," wrote Fiala, who is a former Times-News intern.

Helm has pleaded innocent to multiple charges of careless driving causing death. A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday in

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## Jerome council looks at ticket ordinance

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** - Ignoring a parking ticket in Jerome could get expensive if a new ordinance is adopted by the City Council tonight.

In an effort to clean up a section of the municipal code relating to parking downtown, the city staff has drafted and ordinance that would require a ticketed individual to pay a civil penalty of \$20 to the chief of police or City Hall within five days of receiving a parking ticket in the city.

If the ticketed individual wishes, he could contest the violation and have a review officer either confirm or refute the ticket.

If the violation is affirmed, the civil penalty would be due and

### Meeting tonight

The Jerome City Council meets tonight at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. The public is welcome.

payable immediately. Failure to pay the civil penalty would be an additional infraction bringing a fine of \$100 payable to magistrate court.

Ticketable violations are: two-hour parking zone violation; one-hour parking zone violation; parallel parking violation; non-disabled person parking in disabled person zone; diagonal parking violation; parking in bus stop and truck or trailer parking violation.

In other business tonight, the City Council considers a resolution.

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## Commissioners consider changes in jail policy

The Times-News

**BURLEY** - Officials at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center will make some changes in the procedures for distributing medicine to inmates.

At a Cassia County Commission meeting last month, Deward Gene Krick asked commissioners to look into the jail's procedures and policies for providing medical attention. Krick claimed his transplanted kidney failed and had to be removed after he missed doses of his medication while in jail.

After reviewing medical procedures at the jail, Cassia County Commissioner Paul Christensen said the workers seem to be doing a good job, but there will be some changes. The jail will adopt a new method of record keeping to show what happened if an inmate did not receive medication. Rather than simply leaving a blank space, workers will note whether the inmate refused medication, did not come to the entrance of the cell block to receive medication or was not offered the medicine.

In situations where inmates could die or lose essential body parts if they do not receive med-

ication, workers will take extra steps to deliver the pills, Cassia County Administrator Tim Hurst said.

In the past, inmates have been responsible for going to the cell block door when a jail worker shouts, "Meds!"

"In a life-threatening situation they will go in and shake them and say, 'Do you want this or not?'" Hurst said.

The jail policy of delivering medication four times a day is for the most part working well, Christensen said.

"I feel good with the process we have, and I think we're doing things right," he said. Last week the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center's board discussed medical procedures in a closed executive session, citing possible litigation as the reason to avoid a public discussion. Idaho law allows boards to conduct closed meetings "to consider and advise its legal representatives on pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation."

"I felt like we needed to find out a few answers before we made a statement," Christensen said.

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

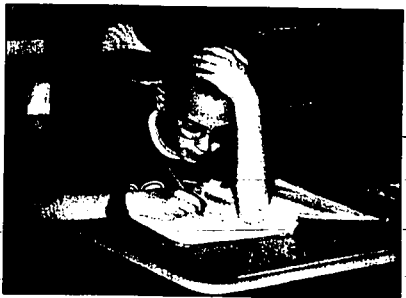
**BURLEY** - These tests aren't multiple choice.

School officials agree that's part of the beauty of the Direct Writing Assessment and Direct Math Assessment, which will be administered to students in selected grades across Idaho Wednesday.

"You have to construct your own answer. You can't select one," Cassia County schools Curriculum Director Becky Hunsaker said. "There is no guessing."

On the writing assessment, students are evaluated on creativity and thought process; in the math assessment, students not only compute an answer, but think the process through and communicate what they did to get the answer, said Brett Gies, director of data analysis and program improvement in the Twin Falls School District.

The Idaho State Department of Education is piloting the writing test in grades five and nine, meaning only a selected number of tests will be sent to the state for scoring. But most area school districts are giving the tests to all students.



Decisive fifth-grader Kameron Cotten works on double-digit multiplication Monday afternoon.

The writing test used to be given to fourth- and eighth-graders, Hunsaker said, along with the Direct Math Assessment. Now the writing test will be given in odd years and the math test in even years. Students in fourth, eighth and sixth grades will take the Direct Math Assessment this year. The sixth-grade test is new this year.

and the state is piloting the program.

Cassia County officials plan to administer the Direct Writing Assessment to 11th-graders too, although the essays will not be graded at the state level, said Rich Davidson, director of special services in the Cassia district.

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MAGIC VALLEY WEST

High court hears slot debate

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Supreme Court made its first foray in years into the state's gambling laws on Monday, hearing arguments on whether southwestern Idaho authorities properly confiscated electronic devices as illegal slot machines.

At issue are two complaints that placed the machines in taverns and other locations in Ada and Canyon counties argued that they are part of a promotion for sports collector cards and legal under state law.

ment that this can be achieved, he told the court.

But even if that occurred, the machines being distributed by MDS Investments Ltd. in Canyon County and J. Hill Investments LLC in Ada County would still be illegal because they are not confined to Indian reservation casinos.

Miner also agreed with Justice Wayne Kidwell that state law of the reservation is so broad that it makes illegal the amusement machines at establishments like Chuck E Cheese's and Polo's that children play to get tokens that can be exchanged for prizes.

He told Kidwell and the other justices, however, that law enforcement had decided not to take action against the children's amusement centers because their owners are trying to work out legislation that would clearly legalize their operations.

That is the approach the tribes took in the nearly \$4 million campaign that was over in approximately a month of the initiative to legalize the electronic gambling machines in their casinos.

The promised challenge to that initiative also is expected to reach the Supreme Court, which took the collector card machines case under advisement. A decision is expected sometime next year.

Those machines, popularly known as "Free Spin" or "Free Draw," are a sports collector card for the initial dollar deposit along with 20 credits for additional plays. More credits are awarded if the player gets matching symbols on the machine's slot-like wheels, and those credits can be redeemed for cash.

Nevada: Fed's need permit

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Nevada officials claim the Energy Department acted improperly when it failed to obtain a hazardous waste permit for tons of dangerous metals proposed for storage at the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump.

require the government to obtain a permit from Nevada environmental officials, they said.

Earlier this year, President Bush and Congress approved the storage of highly radioactive spent nuclear fuel at Yucca Mountain, 70 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Congress approved over the Nevada's veto.

But state officials contend the bill they approved over Nevada's strong objections does not cover the metals government scientists are relying on to hold this fuel.

The first shipment of nuclear waste could arrive in 2010. State officials say the final environmental impact statement also lacks an adequate analysis of how spent fuel will be transported across more than 40

states to Yucca Mountain and ignores the metal dangers.

In the state's view, Louis said, the final impact statement is legally defective.

This week's filing will be the latest move by the state to determine whether the government followed proper procedures in deciding to build the dump in Nevada.

A ruling in Nevada's favor could delay the project or force Congress to reconsider the project in view of the hazardous waste issues.

Clark County and the city of Las Vegas are co-plaintiffs with the state in the appeals case. The case is a consolidation of three lawsuits Nevada has filed challenging various aspects of the dump project.

SERVICES

John Clinton Worthington of Corvallis, Ore., graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends and family may gather at the cemetery before the service (Rasmussen - Funeral - Home, Burley).

Laurel Oakes Scholtes of Santa Rosa, Calif., memorial service at 12:30 p.m. today at the Daniels Chapel of the Roses, 1225 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa, Calif.

Thomas F. Newbury of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; interment will follow the service at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; public visitation from 12-2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

William Blaine Cummins of Arco, service at 1 p.m. today at the Hawker Lost River Funeral Chapel in Arco; the family will visit with friends one hour before the service; interment will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Arco.

Lester Lytle Naylor of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Margaret Jean Carter

O'Connor of Boise, visitation from 2-7 p.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Home, Boise Chapel; Catholic rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Boise; funeral Mass at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church; burial will follow at Morris Hill Cemetery.

Lowell Hansen

PAUL - Lowell Hansen, 43, of Paul died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002, at his home.

Ethel Mae Scriven

RUPERT - Ethel Mae Scriven, 87, of Rupert died Monday, Dec. 2, 2002, at her home.

DEATH NOTICES

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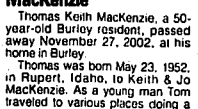
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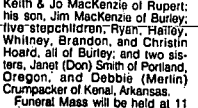
Thomas Keith MacKenzie, a 50-year-old Burley resident, passed away November 27, 2002, at his home in Burley.

HEYBURN



Matthew Delbert Broadhead, 18-year-old Heyburn resident, passed away December 1, 2002, after a courageous battle with cancer.

JACKPOT, NEV.



Thomas (Tom) Bingham, 62, of Jackpot, Nevada died Tuesday, December 2, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls of a sudden illness.

At St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert, with Father Henry Carmona as Celebrant. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. The Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday evening at the church, with a viewing beginning at 8 p.m. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Lori MacKenzie of Burley; his son, Jim MacKenzie of Burley; his daughter, Kristin Hoard, and her husband, Ron Hoard, and two sisters, Janet (Don) Smith of Portland, Oregon, and Debbie (Merlin) Crumpacker of Kona, Arkansas. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2002.

He is survived by his parents, Delbert and Vaunda Broadhead of Heyburn; one sister, Tara Broadhead of Boise; two brothers, Danny and Jabe Broadhead, both of Heyburn; his grandparents, Yvonne and Charles of Idaho Falls; and numerous Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roy & Elmira Broadhead. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 6, 2002, at the Emerson LDS Church with Bishop Louis Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at the Basin Cemetery in Oakley, Idaho. Friends may call Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church.

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Idaho completes Mexico wheat sale

BOISE - Five years of persistence has culminated in an 85,000 bushel sale of white winter wheat worth \$10.7 million to seven flour mills in Mexico.

Rick Keller of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation said it was a major export effort by Idaho growers.

"We have had to take some risks," Keller said. "We are starting to see the fruits of those efforts of those who had a dream a long, long ago to move our products abroad."

Hilario Payan of Munsa Mills in Oregon, Sonora, said the relationship that developed since contact was initiated in the late 1990s was critical to the deal.

"The importance of us meeting face to face is the most important step taken," he said. "For the Farm Bureau to come down is very, very important for security."

Idaho in brief

We want to make sure the quality is just exactly right."

Farm Bureau Marketing director Cary Fuhrman said the possibilities of the relationship are endless. Millers in a number of other Mexican states have also expressed interest in buying Idaho wheat, especially after their growers have gone through six years of drought.

Governor's chief of staff returns to her old job

BOISE - Pam Ahrens, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's chief of staff since July, returned Monday to her former job as director of the Administration Department.

Kempthorne said he wanted Ahrens to streamline government and maximize its use of technology. He credited her with helping to manage his office through the current economic crisis, which was compounded by what he called "the usual distractions of an election year."

Phil Reberger, the governor's chief before becoming Kempthorne's senior re-election campaign adviser, will resume his former duties, Kempthorne said.

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Officials want abortion law, ruling to agree

BOISE (AP) - State health officials want lawmakers to bring Idaho's Medicaid abortion law in line with a court decision erasing the requirement that two doctors certify the procedure.

Anti-abortion forces are expected to fight the proposal on the Health and Welfare Department, after winning legislative approval of the two-doctor requirement two years ago in winning restrictions on taxpayer-subsidized abortions "for poor women."

"We are following the standard set forth in the judge's decision," said Health and Welfare spokesman Bill Walker.

The 2001 legislature restricted state-funded abortions under the Medicaid health care program for the poor to only those required to save the life of a woman or in cases of rape or incest. The law requires two doctors to certify those circumstances.

It was passed after the courts threw out an administrative regulation prohibiting state payment for abortions that were needed to preserve the health of poor women.

Fourth District Judge Michael McLaughlin upheld the 2001 legislative restrictions on abortion, but dismissed the requirement for two doctors' certification as unconstitutional, citing earlier federal court decisions.

Walker said the department is following the court ruling through it has not made any Medicaid payment for an abortion since McLaughlin's decision. He said six requests have been rejected on grounds unrelated to the certification issue.

Kuna Republican Bill Sali, a staunch anti-abortion activist who could become the next chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, said the department should still require

certification by two doctors.

"I think it's a policy decision, and no, they shouldn't have jumped out in front of the train like that," Sali said.

From 1994 until McLaughlin's ruling, the state paid for several hundred abortions deemed necessary to protect the health of poor women. The peak was 1999, when 61 procedures were covered at a cost of just more than \$35,000. Half of that was spent the following year.

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COUNTDOWN



Dillon Koyle and other kindergarten students at Decio Elementary School begin constructing Christmas countdown chains Monday. Each chain is made of green and red strips of paper.

# District struggles with hazing

**POCATELLO (AP)** — Last summer's alleged hazing incident involving scores of high school students is still reverberating through the school district. While parents of some of the students involved dispute the characterization of events, the district is sponsoring national expert Mark Thompson later this week to hold workshops for students detailing the definition and dangers of hazing.

As those parents continue fighting the allegations against their children, the Pocatello School District has toughened its policy against hazing.

But Highland High School Principal Taylor, who said the hazing occurred in the incident, said the attention to hazing is not detracting from the education of his students. "We haven't forgotten about hazing," he said. "But we're trying to make the needed adjustments to make a solid learning environment. We are moving forward."

Sixty students were eventually disciplined by the district and a dozen were cited by local police after the July 31 incident at the home of a student that a district discipline review committee concluded involved sexual hazing. Taylor said the incident was "demeaning and humiliating."

But Gary Merrill, at whose home the event occurred, called it "nothing but good, clean fun."

"These 75 to 80 kids that were in my home... threw a little get-together where there was no drinking or smoking or drugs," he said. "They're welcome back in my home any time."

But Kathy Collins, the district's director of secondary education, stood by the committee's conclusion.

"We got our information from the students and the district," she said. "Collins said, 'The allegations were verified by multiple parties. We feel really confident in the information we have.'"

Penalties for those involved in the event included zero-tolerance probation, community service and required attendance at Thompson's seminar this week. Failure to comply could result in expulsion. The public citations were for hazing and battery.

# U.S. groups seek stay on Mexican trucks

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Citing concern over air pollution, a coalition of environmental, labor and trucking industry groups sought an emergency stay Monday that would delay the opening of U.S. highways to trucks from Mexico.

Last week, President Bush announced his decision to open U.S. highways to Mexican trucks beyond the 20-mile commercial border zone now in place.

But the groups seeking the stay claim the government has not adequately reviewed the trucks' effect on air quality in the United States.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals gave the government until Wednesday to respond. A ruling is expected in the next couple of days. If the stay isn't granted, trucks could be traveling on U.S. highways as soon as this month.

The coalition, which sued the government in April to stop the trucks from operating in the United States, wants to maintain the status quo until the legal dispute is resolved. A 1982 moratorium banned Mexican trucks from the United States.

Dave Longo, a spokesman for the Department of Transportation, said the suit was under review and the agency wouldn't comment on it.

Bush's decision complies with a provision of the North American Free Trade Agreement, and the government found letting the trucks in would have "no significant impact" on the environment.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta has said that Mexican trucks would be held to the same standards as U.S. operators.

But the groups say the decision disregards federal clean air requirements and will let high-pollution vehicles into the country.

Al Meyerhoff, an attorney for the groups, said more than half the trucks in the Mexican fleet date from before 1994, when there were fewer regula-

# Trapper captures endangered wolf in Utah

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — A trapper caught a rare gray wolf near Morgan during the weekend, and federal wildlife officials plan to return the animal to Yellowstone National Park, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources said Monday.

Reports from shepherds and wildlife experts this summer indicated a wolf — possibly from the pack in Yellowstone National Park — had strayed into Utah and killed some livestock.

The gray wolf has long been absent from Utah, but the trapper's catch on Saturday appears to confirm that the howls, tracks and dead sheep reported south of Logan earlier this year was the work of a wolf.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources said a trapper caught the animal in a trap set for coyotes on Saturday. It was still alive, and the trapper managed to force it into a dog kennel and handed it over to a state conservation officer.

The animal was wearing a radio tracking collar. The Utah Division of Wildlife said a biologist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service came to Utah on Monday, confirmed the animal was a wolf from Yellowstone, and will return the animal to the wild on its own turf.

Alan Clark of the Utah DWR told KUTV television that the wolf appeared to be healthy.

The gray wolf is listed as an endangered species in the Lower 48 states. Federal wildlife officers have been trying to reestablish wolf populations in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

While U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials say it's not surprising that a wolf would travel hundreds of miles in search of new territory, there are no plans to actively promote a wolf pack in Utah.

"Our efforts to recover wolves are concentrated in Montana, Wyoming and Idaho," said Ralph Morgenweck, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Mountain-Prairie Region. "We'll continue to focus our attention in this three-state area."

# Court cases could redefine government's duty to tribes

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Supreme Court grappled Monday with how much responsibility the government has to protect the resources of American Indian tribes, and whether the government can be held liable for failing to meet those obligations.

The court heard arguments in two cases. One alleges the Interior Department has failed to keep up buildings held in trust for the benefit of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. The other contends that a former interior secretary colluded with a coal company to hold down royalty payments to the Navajo Nation.

In both cases, the Bush administration is seeking the reversal of an appeals court ruling that said the government is liable for damages.

**Jerome**

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Their terms will expire in January 2004.

The Gem Community is a program of the Idaho Department of Commerce that helps communities prepare for and sustain economic development programs. The action team will work to recruit Jerome as a Gem Community and implement any related grant programs.

Other council business includes:

- Linda Burton is being appointed to the Jerome Library Board for a term to expire February 2007.
- The Jerome Police Department wants to join the Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunication System for a total first-year cost of \$6,100. LETS would allow the city police to run vehicle registration checks, license checks, search for stolen property, check out outstanding warrants, and verify concealed weapons permits. The system will also provide broadcast notification of missing people, dangerous people and training.

Pieces of the system have been available in the past through the Coeur d'Alene Regional Communications Center and the county. The city is no longer contracting with the county for the service because of access issues.

The initial cost of the system is \$1,600 for the equipment, \$4,000 for an annual access fee and \$500 for the first-year usage fee. The usage fee will vary from year to year depending on the amount of use. The cost is expected to run around \$4,500 annually after the first year.

**Cassia**

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received the letter. Fernandez's tax bill was about \$700 higher than it would have been with the exemption. Because she qualifies for the exemption, she asked commissioners to cancel the \$700. Commissioners refused the request.

"Taxpayers have a responsibility to review their tax assessments," Commissioner Paul Christensen said.

Reappointment request — Clayne Zollinger sent a letter to the commissioners asking them to reappoint him to the planning and zoning commission.

Sherriff mutual aid agreement — Commissioners signed a mutual aid agreement allowing Magic Valley county sheriff's departments to assist one another in investigations. One sheriff's department can ask for help from the others, said Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins. Each department will cover its own costs in assisting the others.

Geothermal request — Commissioners signed letters to Idaho's congressional delegation, suggesting lawmakers give geothermal power producers the same tax credits provided for wind and solar energy producers. A geothermal power company has discussed possibly building a plant southwest of Malta.

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# 9th Circuit upholds ruling blocking offshore oil drilling

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — A federal appeals court has upheld a ruling halting oil and natural gas exploration off the central California coast, saying the area can't be drilled or explored until the California Coastal Commission approves the plan.

The unanimous decision Monday by a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals blocks any attempt to build the first new oil platforms off California's coast since 1954. No drilling to explore for oil deposits has been conducted since 1989. The proposed developments were off the coastline of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

Oil exploration off California's coast has been an explosive issue since 1969, when an oil spill soured the Santa Barbara and Ventura county coast. Offshore rigs account for roughly 20 percent of the state's petroleum production.

California sued to block the exploration days after President Clinton's interior secretary, Bruce Babbitt, extended petroleum company offshore leases for 10 years in 1999 as they were set to expire.

The lawsuit contended that Babbitt's decision was subject to review by the state under a federal law giving California authority to determine whether offshore drilling in federal waters is consistent with the state's coastal protection plan.

Under the Coastal Zone Management Act, amended in 1990, Congress gave states a say in any activity affecting coastal communities, the appeals court said.

# Boise donor gives gold coin

**BOISE (AP)** — An anonymous donor made an unusual donation to the Salvation Army.

A generic gold coin worth \$420 at today's rate was found in the car trunk of a man taken from the army's red kettles in Boise last Friday, spokesman Rick Hempysayer said.

The donation of the 14-ounce coin was reminiscent of another anonymous donation in 1995, when someone dropped seven gold coins into various kettles across Boise during the Salvation Army's Christmas drive. Those coins were worth over \$2,700.

# Tests

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In the math test, students have 60 minutes to complete four out of five math problems. The test results from fourth-, eighth- and a select number of sixth-graders are sent to the state to be scored by a group of trained teachers.

Under the Coastal Zone Management Act, amended in 1990, Congress gave states a say in any activity affecting coastal communities, the appeals court said.

Students are graded on topics such as voice, word choice, organization, ideas, sentence fluency and grammar, Hunsaker said. Students are aiming to get scores of 3 or better.

Because not every essay will be sent to the state, many districts will score the essays locally. Gies said the teachers in the Twin Falls district score all the papers themselves and can then compare their scores with state scores on papers that are evaluat-

# Crash

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Garfield County District Court in Rifle, at which time a trial date could be set.

Colorado police said Helm was driving while reaching for something when the van veered left onto the median. Police say she tried to bring it back under control and overcorrected. The van rolled four times, ejecting five firefighters.

Fire's attorney, James Pippin of Lake Oswego, said if the van had been almost any other vehicle, Helm would have been able to maneuver it back onto the highway.

"She's lives with the scars and memories of this," he said. "You have to ask yourself, what good could possibly come from a criminal prosecution?"

Pippin's law firm, Pippin and Bocc, and attorney Bill Gaylord of Portland are preparing to sue Ford Motor Co. on behalf of the victims, the attorneys said.

Pippin and Bocc represent the families of Daniel Rama, 28, and Retha Mae Shirley, 19, both of Baker City; Jake Martindale, 20, of Boise; and Bartholomew Bailey, 20, of Corvallis, all of whom were killed, said Pippin.

The firm also represents injured firefighter Patrick Shore, 25, of La Grande.

Gaylord represents another injured firefighter, Anthony D. Kyle, 32, of La Grande.

Pippin said most of those he represents have written letters similar to Flata's seeking dis-

# Appeals court will hear Mexico minnow case

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)** — The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver plans a Jan. 14 hearing on appeals of a federal court ruling that water must be released from a northern New Mexico dam to help the endangered Rio Grande silvery minnow.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation — which are fighting a court-order-to-set-aside water for the minnows — filed arguments last month before the Denver court, asking the judges to overturn a federal court order that water stored for the city of Albuquerque and others can be released to help the tiny fish.

U.S. District Judge James Parker ruled Sept. 23 that the agency has a duty to protect the fish under the Endangered Species Act.

missal of the charges against Helm. But not all survivors of the dead agree.

In October, Zigich's parents — Mike and Angie Zigich of Twin Falls — said they wanted Helm held accountable. They agreed that the type of van involved is dangerous, but they also said Helm was at fault.

"She's not a victim by any stretch of the imagination," Mike Zigich said. "She's reckless and careless."

Jeff Cheney, assistant Garfield County district attorney, had little to say about the Helm case.

"We are in the midst of going through the process, and the process has to be free from either side trying to try the case in the media," he said.



# Web site delivers greetings to troops



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby VanBuren

**DEAR ABBY:** Will Operation Dear Abby be accepting cards and letters this year? I am hoping to use it as a service project for my church. I am writing holiday messages to our servicemen and women. One of the best gifts that anyone - any age - can give this year. Thanks, Abby. -ALLISON NAHR, ARLINGTON, VA.

operational deployments far from home. Unfortunately, as world events have shown, those who do harm to Americans and their guardians will exploit any opportunity. The mail-related attacks of last year demonstrated the vulnerability of the postal system for use in terror-related actions. Although "Any Servicemember" card and letter programs such as Operation Dear Abby were established to boost morale, they also allow for the introduction of mail into the military postal system from unknown sources, creating a threat to the very forces the program supports.

Upon consultation with all branches of the armed services, Any Servicemember programs,

including your own, were suspended indefinitely in October 2001. This suspension is still in effect.

However, please inform your readers that due to the overwhelming popularity of such morale-boosting programs, and in cooperation with the Department of Defense, your Internet alternative, www.OperationDearAbby.net, will continue to allow patriotic Americans to send messages of support to military members via e-mail.

Your Web site is safe, secure and accessible for all members of the armed forces deployed worldwide. (Edward A. Pardini, Deputy Director, Military Postal Service, Department of Defense)

So, Allison, as you can see, although it is still not possible to send cards and letters through Operation Dear Abby using the postal system, a faster and easier alternative is available on the Internet.

Operation Dear Abby.net, and I'm sure your church youth group will enjoy it.

And for the rest of my Dear Readers, if there is a message in your hearts you would like to convey to our heroic servicemen and women stationed worldwide during this holiday season, now's the time! All your good wishes will be relayed by the Department of Defense to our troops via www.OperationDearAbby.net, a secure military site that serves all branches of the armed forces year-round.

Christmas and New Year's are just around the corner. So, fire up those computers, type in www.OperationDearAbby.net and show our troops how much we support them. If you're not computer literate, ask a computer-savvy friend to help you send a message. This year, it's more important than ever to show these brave young men and women in the military that they're remembered - and appreciated - by the folks back home.

Happy holidays, everyone!  
-DEAR ABBY, aka Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** For more than 17 years, you have brought good will and cheer to members of the armed forces through your column. During the holiday season, you solicited patriotic Americans to send cards and letters to servicemen stationed away from home and families. Your Operation Dear Abby program brought support and comfort to thousands of troops posted overseas, embarked upon ships or on

# Popularity reaches peak for Aquarius - hopes fulfilled

**IF DECEMBER 3RD IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ...** you are versatile, drawn to fashion and have unique sense of humor. You are especially attractive when laughing at your own foibles. Many are drawn to you physically, as it is always necessary for you to be selective. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life. Your most memorable month of next year will be June.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** You could meet your "true love" on a journey. Let go of preconceived notions; go into business for yourself. Question of marriage dominates; Capricorn, Cancer natives featured.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Highlight versatility, ask questions and participate in social and civic activities. Individual behind scenes promotes your cause,

**HOROSCOPE**  
Sydney Omar

brings you into spotlight.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Lie low, play waiting game. Be familiar with "small print." Legal affairs command attention; especially zoning laws. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio persons will play significant roles.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** No experience greater freedom of thought, action. You will attract romance and will participate in creative endeavor. You will provide original touches to what begins as routine job.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Attention revolves around home and marriage. Permit musical and other talents to surge forth.

Beauty surroundings; you will be entertaining people who play important roles in your life.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Real estate figures prominently; define terms, get commitments in writing. You don't have complete story where romance is concerned. Be aware of it, and avoid self-deception.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Do some "campaigning" in your own behalf; you will be granted authority to "take charge." Focus on added pressure, ability to succeed despite red tape.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** What appeared to be out of reach will become available. You could be invited to join "foreign mission," predict your future, and make it come true. Don't get in your own way; ride with the tide.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Events will transpire to bring you close to success. Circumstances turn in your favor; this most certainly is your "lucky day."

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Moon is in your 12th house; this places emphasis on dealings with hospitals, institutions. You will be asked to participate in "television poll."

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Popularity reaches peak; some of your fondest hopes, desires will be granted. A true very, yes, you could win a contest.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** You will receive unique honor; your value will be acknowledged by superiors. You impress by beating the odds and ultimately beating the game. Relationship is serious, could lead to partnership, marriage.

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# Russian hunters, dogs chase the world's strongest feline

Largest cat in the world is said to be the 800-pound Ussuri tiger, Russian hunters told. In the mountainous East chase, it is the Siberian hunting dogs. Though strong, it's defensive, not aggressive. The dogs circle it. The hunters close in, pierce down with forked sticks, jab a piece of wood in its mouth, and throw a blanket over its head, then bind its paws with thongs.

The W.S. Gilbert of the renowned Gilbert and Sullivan team built a tennis court on his estate. And played often. But



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rarely won. He hit the ball too hard. He refused to develop that knack called "touch." To improve his score, he had the court lengthened.

If she were a good-looking woman in 16th century England, she was called a "broad."

# A&E's 'Biography' takes a look at the life of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton

**Tribune Media Services**  
Today "Biography" — A profile of Wal-Mart founder Sam

**TV Best Bets**  
Walton, the entrepreneur who went from dime store mer-

chant to the richest man in America in 30 years. (CC) (TV) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, 6 p.m.

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That's a goalpost, not the Alamo.

San Francisco Chronicle columnist Scott Ostler, urging police to avoid confrontations with college football fans after games

TRIVIA

QUESTION: The 1973 PGA Tour Q-school medalist has won 19 times on the PGA Tour during his career - the most by any Q-school medalist. Who is he?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball Twin Falls JV at Castelford, 6 p.m.
MVC at The Community School JV, 7:30 p.m.
ISH at Bliss JV, 7:30 p.m.
Shooter at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Filer at Valley, 7 p.m.
High school girls basketball ISDB at Bliss, 6 p.m.
MVC at TFC, 7:30 p.m.
Hansen at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.
Hagerman at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.
Dierich at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.
Carey at The Community School, 6 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Rimrock, 7:30 p.m.
Hagerman at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.
Gooding at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
Wendell at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bonar acres No. 12 at Clear Lake CC

BURL - Gary Bonar aced the 12-hole at Clear Lake Country Club Monday with a senior. Ron Brown, Keith Shark and Brad Crossland witnessed his first-ever hole-in-one.

Poky's Anderson is District Four-Five MVP

RUPERT - Natalie Anderson of Pocatello High School was recently named most valuable player of the District Four-Five all-conference team, while Highland's Cliff Rhoades was selected coach of the year.

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RUPERT - Twin Falls senior Brad Kester was selected defensive player of the year for the District Four-Five all-region soccer team, while Jeff Dalby of Highland was the most valuable player and Trevor Valladoll of Pocatello the offensive player of the year.

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TRIVIA ANSWER: Ben Crenshaw.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

Picking up the pace

Twin Falls, Mimico place hopes on up-tempo offenses

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

The new-look Twin Falls Bruin boys basketball team is hoping for some new-found success, while the Mimico Spartans are hopeful that a change from a tall, deep roster that focused on the inside to a small, quick lineup that will look to the perimeter first will keep them in the thick of things.

The biggest change for the Bruins, who finished 5-17 a year ago, comes at head coach, since Matt Harr moved back to his alma mater from Burley a year after leading the Bobcats to a second-place finish at the Class 4A state basketball tournament and the state championship in baseball.

And his Bruin team is just the kind of squad - quick and deep - that should play perfectly into the 1985 Twin Falls graduate's up-tempo system.

The Bruins return four senior starters - Andy Coats, Brett Miller, Chris Haviger and Chris Brown - who all are lightning quick and should be instrumental in getting the ball up and down the court for easy transition baskets.

But after the Bruins' jamboree at Declo High School Saturday in which the Bruins lost to Class 3A Declo and Burley, Harr was surprised at the slow pace Twin Falls was playing at.

"It's gone extremely well so far," he said. "But it's taking some time to get my stuff in." Herzinger should team with 6-foot-3 senior Brent Stokes, who

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Twin Falls senior Dirk Retama lobs a shot over Burley's Scott Bame at the Declo High School jamboree Saturday night. The Bruins will have to get a lot tougher inside to compete, first-year Twin Falls coach Matt Harr says.

BOYS Hoops previews Today: The Times-News looks at area Class 5A and 4A boys basketball teams. Wednesday: A peek at the Class 3A and 2A teams in the area. Thursday: An in-depth focus on the Class 1A schools around the Magic Valley.

Bobcats look to build on success

Jerome looks inside in rebuilding year

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

It's reloading time at Burley High School as the Bobcat boys basketball team has a lot of high expectations a year removed from a second-place finish at the

Class 4A state tournament. The Jerome Tigers also have their work cut out for them as they attempt to rebuild a year after going 8-15 and graduating nearly everybody.

However, the sense around Burley is that this team could be as good as last year's. "We went to the state championship game a year ago and it's our goal to get back there," said first-year coach Jack Bagley, who

4A basketball

guided the Bobcat junior varsity team a year ago. Bagley takes over for Matt Harr, who moved up to take over the reins of Class 5A Twin Falls.

But don't look for many changes. "Matt did a great job installing this system and there's no reason to change much now," Bagley

said. "Of course, we'll do some small things but there's no reason to change much at this point."

One notable difference for the Bobcats is that they should be much stronger in the paint, with 6-foot-5 posts Scott Bame and Scott Rankley underneath. Rankley has tremendous feet down low and has a versatile offensive attack that extends to beyond the 3-point line, while

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MLB free agency pioneer dies at 60

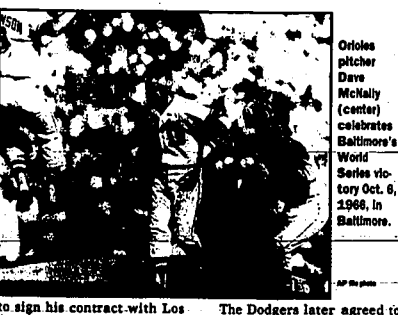
McNally paved way for big-time salaries

The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. - Dave McNally, a three-time All-Star whose landmark victory in an arbitration case opened baseball's free-agent era and led to multimillion-dollar salaries, died of cancer at age 60.

McNally died late Sunday, John Michelotti of Michelotti Sawyers & Nordquist Funeral Home said Monday.

McNally, who won 20 or more games for the Baltimore Orioles in four straight seasons from 1968 to 1971, was traded to Montreal on Dec. 4, 1974, and quit baseball the following June after starting the season 3-6 with Montreal. Andy Messersmith had refused



Orioles pitcher Dave McNally (center) celebrates Baltimore's World Series victory Oct. 6, 1966, in Baltimore.

to sign his contract with Los Angeles and the Major League Baseball Players Association had filed a grievance, claiming the teams could not renew his contract in perpetuity. The Dodgers later agreed to Messersmith's salary demand but wouldn't give him a no-trade clause, and union head Marvin Miller went to McNally, whose

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Sources: Thome agrees to deal with Philadelphia

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - Jim Thome, the most coveted hitter in the free-agent market, agreed Monday to a six-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies, two baseball officials said.

Thome, who hit a club-record 52 homers for the Cleveland Indians last season, accepted a deal worth about \$87.5 million, one of the officials said on the condition of anonymity.

Philadelphia is aggressively trying to improve as it prepares to move into its new ballpark in 2004. The Phillies agreed to a \$17 million, four-year contract with third baseman David Bell on Nov. 24. The Phillies also have a \$30

million, three-year offer out to left-hander Tom Glavine, the top free-agent pitcher.

Phillies general manager Ed Wade wouldn't discuss whether Thome had signed.

The 32-year-old Thome turned down a \$60 million, five-year offer from the Indians, the only team he has played for since he was a 13th-round pick in the 1989 amateur draft. The left-handed hitting first baseman has a .287 batting average, 334 homers and 927 RBIs in a

12-year major-league career. Thome has 118 RBIs, 122 walks and a .445 on-base percentage last season. He has hit at least 30 homers seven straight

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The race is done in NFC

Three-quarters through the NFL season, the race for the playoffs should be hitting its peak.

Not in the NFC, where the six playoff teams were all but decided on Sunday, and what remains is deciding the seeding.

The AFC? Hold on for the final weeks.

In the NFC, Green Bay (9-3) clinched the North on Sunday, something the Packers could have done two weeks ago had they not lost two straight games. The 49ers (8-4 in the West) and Eagles (9-3 in the East) are three up with four to play. New Orleans' 23-20 win over Tampa Bay just about guarantees those two teams, plus Atlanta, will make the postseason from the South.

NFL TREND

Devo Goldberg

The South is anyone's race. Tampa Bay is 9-3. Michael Vick and Atlanta are 8-3-1 and New Orleans is 8-4.

"This is kind of a round robin," Saints coach Jim Haslett said. "We beat Tampa twice. Atlanta beat us twice. Hopefully, Tampa will beat Atlanta next week and we'll just pass the thing around."

The losers in this are the Giants and the Rams, who two weeks ago looked like playoff contenders. The Giants, with the injury to QB Donovan McNabb making the Eagles vulnerable, looked ready to seize control in the East.

But New York (6-6), its defense weakened by injuries, has managed to lose to Houston and Tennessee.

"I'm not even thinking of the playoffs," the Giants' Tiki Barber said.

St. Louis, with Kurt Warner clearly hurting, lost 10-3 in Philadelphia, with the only touchdown coming on Bobby Taylor's interception return. That's a sting. QB A.J. Feeley played prevent offense, not gambling with the lead.

Warner is 0-6 as a starter this season, and the Rams are teetering at 5-7.

Washington and Dallas also are 5-7 and everyone else in the NFC is 4-8 or worse.

"I hate the word 'parity,'" Rams tight end Ernie Conwell said after the loss in Philadelphia. "But we've been able to see both ends of it. We were 4-12 and then went to the Super Bowl. Now we're the defending NFC champions - and this."

If Conwell wants to discuss parity, the AFC is the place. Only three teams are under .500: Jacksonville (5-7), Cincinnati (1-11) and expansion Houston (3-9). And the Jaguars still are contenders, albeit barely.

So with four weeks to go, it's almost impossible to line up playoff scenarios.

Next week should clear up some questions.

Montgomery (6-6) takes its four-game winning streak to Tennessee (7-5), with the winner

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SPORTS

Brown, Rice lead Raiders victory

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - On a night when Tim Brown made history, Jerry Rice still made his mark. Brown got his 1,000th career reception, and Rice caught the go-ahead touchdown pass as the Oakland Raiders' venerable receiving duo led them to a 26-20 victory over the Jets on Monday night, snapping New York's four-game winning streak. Thanks to Rich Gannon and his corps of receivers, the Raiders (8-4) won their fourth straight and tied San Diego atop the AFC West. Rice and Brown are 12 in career receiving yardage after Brown passed James Lofton in the second half. Brown, who has spent all 15 seasons of his career with the Raiders, became the third man in NFL history with 1,000 receptions on a short catch in the third quarter. He passed Lofton several plays later, finishing with nine catches for 99 yards. Gannon was 32-of-43 for 351 yards, tying an oft-achieved NFL record with his ninth 300-yard

game of the season. After New York pulled within 23-20 on Wayne Chrebet's 13-yard TD catch with 5:32 left, Gannon led a drive ending in Sebastian Janikowski's fourth field goal with 1:12 left. Chad Pennington moved the Jets to the Oakland 35, but Rod Coleman sacked Pennington before his last-ditch heave was intercepted by Rod Woodson as time expired. The loss left the Jets at 6-6, denying a chance to tie for the AFC East lead. Miami and New England lead New York and Buffalo by one game. With their second four-game winning streak of the season - and a four-game losing streak sandwiched in between - the Raiders now play at San Diego on Sunday with the division lead at stake. Not to be outdone by his teammate and longtime friendly rival, Rice caught a 26-yard touchdown pass and got his NFL record 14th 1,000-yard receiving season. Running back Charlie Garner also had nine catches for 60 yards.



Oakland's Tim Brown salutes the fans after catching his 1,000th ball Monday against the Jets in Oakland.

Richfield blows out TFCA in girls hoops

RICHFIELD - Junior center Michelle Schmidt led a group of three Richfield Tigers into double scoring in a 68-22 victory over the Twin Falls Christian Academy team in girls basketball Monday night. Schmidt chipped in 13 points, while senior forward Shannon Meyer netted 12 and freshman guard Jessica Daewling contributed 10. "We got all the young girls in and the freshmen played very well for us," Richfield coach Steve Kent said. "And we got the varsity a little work before an important league game against Carey Thursday night." That game will tip off at 4:30 p.m., with the junior varsity going off at 3. Richfield advanced to 4-1 overall and 1-0, while TFCA dropped to 2-3.

Boys basketball TFCA 75, Dietrich 69 TWIN FALLS - Post Austin Nickens and guard Raymond Miller combined for 54 points Monday night to lead the Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors to a 75-69 victory over Dietrich. "They pressed quite a bit of the time and I think our boys handled it well," TFCA coach Brent Walker said. "I thought our boys had their composure and I have to credit them. They're just a good team that hustles hard and keep coming after you." Nickens scored most of his points in the paint for the Warriors (1-0), while Miller did most of his damage from the perimeter. Vance Dill led the Blue Devils (0-1) with 18 points.

Knicks send Cavs to 15th straight loss

NEW YORK (AP) - Allan Anderson scored 29 points and Kurt Thomas had a career-high six blocks to go with 22 points as the New York Knicks dealt the Cleveland Cavaliers their 15th straight loss, 125-93 Monday night. The Knicks surpassed the 100-point plateau for just the second time this season while enjoying their first lopsided victory. Latrell Sprewell added 20 points and 11 assists for the Knicks, who have won three in a row for the first time since January. Led by Thomas going 11-for-15, the Knicks shot 53 percent from the field. Dajuan Wagner had 25 points and 10 assists for the Cavs, who are on the longest losing streak in franchise history, 19 games during the 1981-82 season. The 32-point margin of defeat matched their second-largest of the season. Cleveland was without three players, Ricky Davis (team suspension), Tyrone Hill (sprained ankle) and Darluis Miles (knee tendinitis), and only managed to keep the game competitive for a few minutes.

Celtics 102, Magic 97 ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Paul Pierce scored 27 points and Eric Williams added a season-high 21 as Boston won for the sixth time in seven games. Pierce hit four free throws in the final 1:07, shooting 10-for-12 from the line, to snap the Magic's three-game winning streak. He also had 10 rebounds, eight assists and five steals. Orlando's Tracy McGrady, his first step diminished after turning an ankle early, scored 25 points. Grant Hill had 22 points and a season-high 13 rebounds, and Mike Miller had 18 points. Mavericks 113, Raptors 102 DALLAS - Steve Nash scored seven of his 25 points during a crucial fourth-quarter run, and Dallas extended its home winning streak to nine games. Nick Van Exel had 17 points in a reserve role and Michael Finley added 15 for the Mavericks, who improved their league-best record to 16-1. Alvin Williams scored 27 points, Matt Peterson added 24 and Antonio Davis scored 18 for the Raptors, who lost for the sev-

enth time in nine games. Vince Carter, who scored 17 points, picked up his fifth foul with 2:17 left in the third quarter and didn't return until 8:51 remained in the game. Jazz 102, Pacers 91 SALT LAKE CITY - John Stockton had 22 points and 10 assists, and Karl Malone added 21 points as the Utah Jazz held Reggie Miller scoreless, and beat the Indiana Pacers 102-91 Monday night. Miller, who played his fifth game since returning from an ankle brace, was held without a point for the first time since 1989 as Indiana lost for just the third time this season. The Jazz won for the seventh time in eight games and snapped Indiana's four-game winning streak. Utah seized the lead with a 12-0 run that bridged the second and third quarters, and never looked back. Jermaine O'Neal led the Pacers with 25 points. Al Harrington scored 17, and Ron Mercer finished with 14 points for Indiana, which fell to 1-1 on a six-game road trip.

Miller, who was coming off a 20-point game in a win over Clippers on Sunday, was 0-for-3 from the line and taunted by the fans the entire game. Heat 100, Suns 90, 07 PHOENIX - Travis Best made a tying layup with 37 seconds left in regulation, then added three baskets in overtime to lead the Miami Heat over the Phoenix Suns 100-90 Monday night. After missing his first nine field-goal attempts of the game, Best made five shots in row to boost the Heat. Best opened the overtime with a 3-pointer for an 82-79 lead and followed that with a driving layup. He capped his late-game spurge with another 3, giving him the only three field goals for Miami in the extra period. Best finished with 16 points. Eddie Jones led Miami with 21 points, rookie Caron Butler had 20 and Brian Grant had 17 points and 17 rebounds. Shawn Marion topped the Suns with 30 points, rookie Amare Stoudemire had a season-high 20 points and nine rebounds, and Stephon Marbury scored 18.

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McNally

Continued from D1 contract had also been unilaterally renewed, asking him to join with the Orioles. Even though McNally was retired, Montreal president John McHale traveled to Billings, and offered him \$125,000 to sign a contract. McNally refused and arbitrator Peter Seitz agreed with the players, issuing the decision on Dec. 23, 1975, that overturned baseball's century-old reserve clause. Owners and the union then negotiated a labor deal under which players could become free agents after they had played in the major leagues for six seasons. With teams competing to sign the top stars, the average salary rose from \$44,000 in 1975 to \$2.38 million at the start of this season. "That was one of the most momentous days in baseball history," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said as the 25th anniversary approached two years ago. "The difference between winning and losing was billions and billions of dollars," said Dick Moss, the lawyer who argued the case for the players' association. Two years ago, he was honored as Montana's athlete of the century. Players had spent years battling to overturn the reserve clause, losing in front of the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1972 Curt Flood case. Dan Arthur McNally was born in Billings on Oct. 31, 1942, and went on to compile a 184-119 record and a 3.24 ERA in 14 major league seasons, the first 13 with the Orioles. An All-Star in 1969, 1970 and 1972, he was also known as a good batter, hitting 11 home runs in his major league career. He is the only pitcher ever to hit a grand slam in the World Series, doing it in Game 3 in 1970 against Cincinnati's Wayne Granger. A left-hander, he made his major league debut on Sept. 26, 1962, with a two-hit shutout of the Kansas City Athletics in a doubleheader opener at Memorial Stadium. He helped the Orioles win World Series titles in 1966 and 1970, and played for Baltimore's AL pennant-winning teams in 1969 and 1971. In 1966, he completed the four-game sweep of Los Angeles with a 1-0, four-hit victory. McNally won 17 consecutive decisions from 1966 to 1969, tying the AL record set by Cleveland's Johnny Allen in 1936 and 1937, getting some breaks during the streak that caused teammates to nickname him "McClucky." The mark later was broken by Roger Clemens. McNally finished his career with 1,512 strikeouts and 33 shutouts, and was inducted into the Orioles' Hall of Fame. He said his biggest thrill was helping the Orioles win the 1966 World Series.

Brodeur, Devils hand Flyers another shutout

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Brian Gionta scored at 2:51 of overtime and Martin Brodeur earned his third straight shutout over Philadelphia as the Devils beat the Flyers 1-0 Monday night. The Devils moved into first place in the Atlantic Division. It was also the fourth straight 1-0 game between the teams, with Gionta one-timed a shot from the slot past Philadelphia goal-

tender Roman Cechmanek for the winner. Brodeur, who has blanked the Flyers for 207 minutes, finished with 26 saves, including a game-saving stop on a breakaway by Simon Gagne just seconds before Gionta's winner. Brodeur picked up his 57th career shutout and second of the season - both against the Flyers. It was also the fourth straight 1-0 game between the teams, with Brodeur, who finished with 30 seconds left in the third period.

Philadelphia's Kim Johnson hit the side of the net with a shot when Brodeur was caught out of position early in the third period. A few minutes later, a shot by Marty Murray bounced off the crossbar. New Jersey defenseman Colin White received a game misconduct with 25 seconds left in the first period as the third man in a fight between Philadelphia's Keith Primeau and the Devils' Scott Niedermayer.

the last three. The loss overshadowed a strong performance by Cechmanek, who stopped 28 shots. New Jersey's best scoring opportunity in regulation came on a power play midway through the second period on a Patrick Elias shot, which Cechmanek stopped with his stick. Cechmanek also stopped a slap shot from close range by John Madden with 30 seconds left in the third period.

Thome

Continued from D1 years and has driven in more than 100 runs in six of the last seven seasons. Thome's arrival signals the end of Travis Lee's time as

Philadelphia's starting first baseman. The Indians won six division titles and went to the World Series twice during Thome's tenure. The Phillies, meanwhile,

are coming off their 14th losing season in 16 years. Thome began his career as a third baseman, but moved to first when the Indians acquired Matt Williams before the 1997

season. Thome hit 40 homers in 1997, 49 in 2001. Though he has had some back trouble, Thome has played at least 146 games in six of the last seven seasons.

NFL

Continued from D1 in control of the South. That's because the Titans won in Indy, so if they win again, they have a clear tiebreaker for the division title. Pittsburgh (7-4-1) has a 1.5-game lead over Cleveland and Baltimore in the North. On form, the Steelers should win it. But the East and West are blanketed races. In the East, one game separates New England and Miami (7-5) in first from Buffalo (6-6) in last. And Drew Bledsoe goes back to Foxboro next week with the Bills to face the Patriots. In the West, San Diego's overtime win over Denver gives it the edge in a three-team race with the Broncos and Raiders, with the Chiefs (6-6) two games back. LOSING BY THE NUMBERS: Coaches have charts that tell them when to go for 2-point conversions and when not to. They'd

be better off using their brains. "Twelve-point lead, go for two," the Giants' Jim Fassel said, quoting the chart after his team's 32-29 overtime loss to Tennessee. Win. The Giants went for the 2-point and failed after taking a 26-14 lead 15 seconds into the fourth quarter. The Titans cut it to 26-21, then the Giants couldn't convert a first-and-goal at the 1 in the final two minutes, a major problem all season. So they kicked a field goal, allowing the Titans the chance to tie, which they did with 9 seconds left on a touchdown and 2-point. If Fassel had kicked on that first TD, the Giants would have been up by nine, rendering the Tennessee score meaningless. "There are a lot of factors," Fassel conceded. "You do it in a game, not early in a game, because you never know how the numbers are going to tumble." In his case, the numbers tumbled him out of contention.

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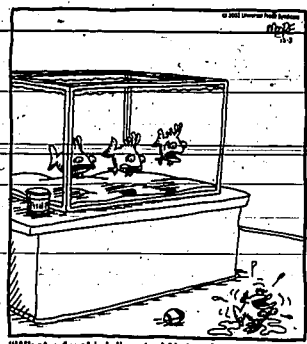
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Packers' Clifton remains weeks away from walking GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)

Packers tackle Chad Clifton is still weeks away from walking and might need an operation to insert a metal plate into his ribs.

Bears-RB Thomas will miss rest of season LAKE FOREST, Ill.

Chicago Bears running back Anthony "A-Train" Thomas is likely out for the rest of the season after breaking his right index finger, coach Dick Jauron said.

Trojan close in on berth in a BCS game

A big win against Notre Dame has all but guaranteed Southern California a berth in a Bowl Championship Series game.

College football lineman award comes down to three

DALLAS (AP) - Miami center Brett Romberg, Washington State defensive tackle Rien Long and Utah offensive tackle Landon Sanders are the finalists for the Outland Trophy.

Tulsa head football coach Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa football coach Keith Burns will resign after giving 7-28 in three seasons.

Burns will resign as Tulsa head football coach

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SPORTS

# Capsule looks at 5A boys hoops

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THE NEW BRUIN BOSS



Twin Falls coach Matt Harr, a 1985 graduate of Twin Falls High School, takes over the reins for the Bruins this season. He moved over from Burley after leading the Bobcats to a second-place finish at the Class 4A state tournament.

## Minico Spartans

**Coach:** Mike Graefe, third year  
**2001-2002 record:** 17-8  
**Key returners:** Kody Cole, 6-1 sr. G; Travis Noble 5-11 jr. G.  
**Others to watch:** Saul Garcia 5-11 sr. G; Kevin Hanks 6-1 sr. F; Brody Johnson 6-1 sr. F.

**Outlook:** This team may come out of the gates slowly, with just five players with much experience. They are also small, very quick and tenacious. It will be a different Spartan team than the past couple years as Minico will rely on the perimeter and should be a pressing, up-tempo team.

**Coach says:** "This is more my type of team. We're quick and relentless and physical. But we're not very deep and I'm not sure we have anyone who can score inside."

## Twin Falls Bruins

**Coach:** Matt Harr, first year  
**2001-02 record:** 5-17  
**Key returners:** Andy Coats 6-3 sr.; Brett Miller 5-10 sr. G; Chris Herzinger 6-2 sr. F; Chris Brown 5-10 sr. PG.

**Others to watch:** Brent Stokes 6-3 sr. F; Cole Easter 6-0 sr.; Dirk Reitsma 6-5 sr. C; Jayson Vogt 6-2 sr. P; Brian McComas 6-2 sr.; Luc Martin 6-04 jr.; Cory Albertson 6-1 jr. G; Graham Stanley 6-2 jr. W.

**Outlook:** Brett Miller will lead the team this year, aided by Brent Stokes who averaged 18 points a game last year in Alaska after playing for Jerome his first two years. The Bruins have height and experience, if they can figure out how to be more physical inside they will be quite a force.

**Coach says:** "It we can take care of the ball, we'll be fun to watch."

## Kody Cole

6-1 sr. G, Minico — As expected, Cole, who is also a standout in baseball and football, can hurt you from anywhere on the court. Cole can drive, pull up or play with his back to the basket.

## Travis Noble

5-11 jr. G, Minico — Ultra-quick, Noble can penetrate, drive, shoot from the outside and is also good at drawing defense and setting up teammates.

## Chris Herzinger

6-2 sr. G, Twin Falls — Herzinger is a tremendous athlete who excels from the perimeter with his ability to hit the longball.

## Brent Stokes

6-3 sr. F, Twin Falls — Stokes scored 18 a game in Alaska last year after starring at Jerome earlier. He is solid from all over the floor but is most deadly as a spot-up shooter.

## Andy Coats

6-3 sr. F, Twin Falls — Coats, like Cole, also stars in baseball and football and is extremely versatile on the basketball floor as well. He can hurt you from the inside or the outside.

## Jon Winn

6-8 sr. P, Highland — Winn is most likely the premier player in south Idaho and one of the best in the state. With the graduation of 6-11 Steve Cobbley, who is now playing at Utah State, Winn should really shine.

## Nick Hansen

6-2 sr. G, Pocatello — Hansen is tough, quick and relentless but may be about all the Indians have this year.

# Bruins and Spartans

## 5A

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 averaged 18 points a game in Alaska last year after spending his first two years in high school at Jerome, to give the Bruins two outstanding outside shooters.  
 Another key newcomer who should contribute immediately is 6-4 junior Luc Martin, who, like Stokes, is able to go inside and out.  
 The biggest question mark for the Bruins coming into the season is rebounding and that point was brought home at the jamboree as the Hornets and Bobcats shredded Twin Falls on the boards.  
 "That wasn't a surprise," Harr

said. "If you're big and physical, we could use you. We're just really missing that right now and we have to find it."  
 However, Harr has liked what he has seen and thinks that by season's end the Bruins should be right in the thick of things.  
 "It could be a bit of a slow start for us," Harr said. "But we'll get there."  
 Minico, the other local 5A team, could also get out of the blocks slowly as the Spartans try to build depth.  
 "We're five deep and we're not very big," Spartan coach Mike Graefe said. "By the end of the year, hopefully that won't be the case."

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For now, the Spartans, who graduated a bunch off last year's 17-8 team, will be relying on Kody Cole (6-1 senior guard), Travis Noble (5-11 junior guard), Saul Garcia (5-11 senior forward), Kevin Hanks (6-1 senior forward) and Brody Johnson (6-1 senior forward).  
 "We're going to be a little different than in the past," Graefe

said. "This is more my type of team. We're quick and relentless and physical. But we're not very deep and I'm not sure we have anyone who can score inside."  
 Noble and Kole are the team's returning starters. Noble, who is a superior ball-handler and outside shooter, will likely carry much of the scoring load, while

Kole is capable of big nights as well.  
 Minico will likely do a lot more pressing than in the past.  
 "The thing there is more to develop a mentality to press because they already know technically how to press," Graefe said. "But they have to develop the mind set."  
 With a thin bench, Graefe is concerned that pressing and forcing up-tempo offense will be tough on his first five, so it's imperative to develop some help off the bench.  
 The Highland Rams will again be tough and enter the season as the clear favorites to win the region title.

The 6-8 Jon Winn is most likely the best player in the area and he has a strong supporting cast.  
 "They just have so many athletes in their program that they replace one with the next," Graefe said.  
 Pocatello isn't expected to be very strong, while not much is known about Idaho Falls and Skyline, who are new to Region III.  
 "Nobody plays them, so no one knows anything about them," Harr said.  
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# Capsule looks at 4A boys hoops

# 4A boys basketball

# Players to watch among 4A boys

—LIKE WHITE ON RICE—

## Jerome Tigers

Coach: Houston Finn, second year

2001-02 record: 8-15

Key returners: Cory Musgrave 5-11 sr. G.

Others to watch: JD Lott 6-4 sr. F.; Jared Miller 6-6 jr. F.; Brett Hamilton 6-2 jr. F.; Chad Seibold 5-9 sr. G.; Clay Swan 6-0 jr. F.; Chase Garey 6-3 sr. G.; Derek Jansson 6-2 jr. F.; Ryan Lee 5-8 sr. G.; David Harper 5-9 sr. G.; Weston Baxter 5-8 sr. G.

Outlook: There is little varsity experience for the Tigers this year, with only Cory Musgrave as a returning starter. But they have height, ranging between 6-6 and 5-8, and a very competitive mindset. Musgrave averaged eight points per game last year, and Chase Garey lettered as a junior.

Coach says: "They enjoy the game and their teammates, we will all have the same goals and direction."

## Burley Bobcats

Coach: Jack Bagley, first year

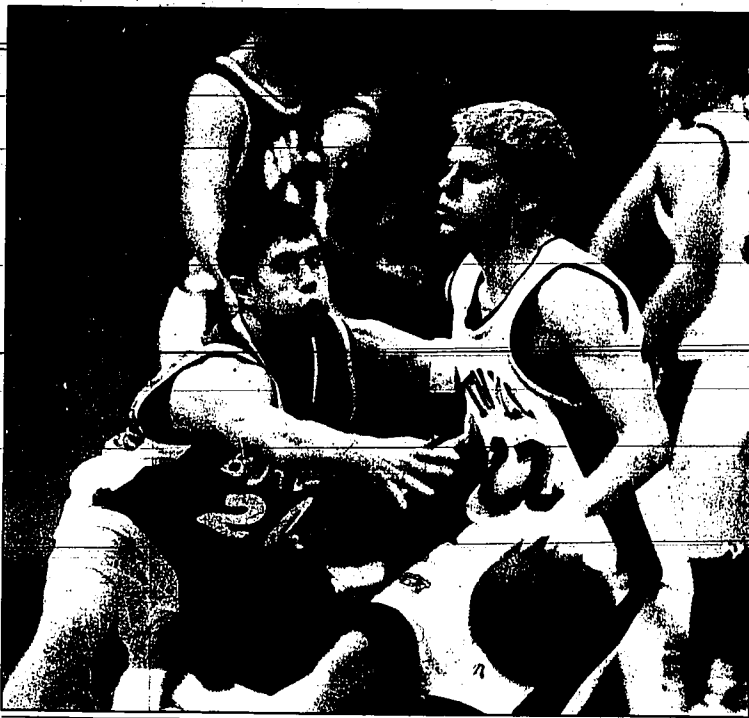
2001-02 record: 17-11

Key returners: Cole Nelson 6-0 sr. G.; Scott Rankklev 6-5 jr. P.

Others to watch: Scott Bame 6-5 sr. P.; Graydon Funk 6-3 jr. G.

Outlook: Burley looks to return to the state championships after last year's appearance. A handful of returning starters, a deep bench, and a definite height advantage over most teams should give the Bobcats an upperhand for the season. Burley's shines with a pressure defense, though transition defense and perimeter shooting could pose a problem.

Coach says: "We have an all-around good team with good shooters, good rebounders, and good posts."



Burley senior guard Cole Nelson is a scrappy defender and a dead-eye shooter for the Bobcats, who are looking to get back to the Class 4A state title game.

SCOTT THOMPSON/The Times-News

## Cole Nelson

6-0 sr. G. Burley — Nelson is as good as it gets defensively, providing tremendous on-ball defense. He is also money with the game on the line as he nailed a 3-pointer as time expired to put the Bobcats into the championship game.

## Scott Rankklev

6-5 jr. P. Burley — Rankklev provides excellent post moves with tremendous touch all the way out to the 3-point line. He is also a great presence as a rebounder and shot blocker.

## Graydon Funk

6-3 jr. G. Burley — Funk is a tremendous outside shooter who can also get the basket. This is his first year on the varsity team and he may be a sleeper.

## Cory Musgrave

5-11 sr. G. Jerome — Musgrave is a great competitor whose work ethic forces the entire team to the next level. He will set the tone for the Tigers.

## J.D. Lott

6-4 sr. F. Jerome — Lott started a few games as a junior but will be expected to contribute a lot more this time around. He is a solid shooter.

## Jared Miller

6-6 jr. F. Jerome — Miller should provide scoring in the paint and he brings the Tigers' a great work ethic and a love of the game.

# Bobcats and Tigers

## 4A

Continued from D1

Bagley put on about 25 pounds of muscle hangs around the basket. Both are good on the boards and Rankklev is an accomplished shot blocker.

The leader of the team is 6-0 senior guard Cole Nelson, who provides tremendous on-ball pressure defensively and lights-out shooting from the perimeter.

Nelson is also money when it counts. He nailed a 3-pointer at the buzzer against Moscow in the state semifinals that sent the Bobcats to the title game.

"Rounding out the perimeter will be 6-3 junior Graydon Funk and 5-10 senior Ryan Bailey, whose improvement has been a pleasant surprise to Bagley.

Off the bench, the Bobcats

have a lot of quality depth, with Adam Martin, Jed Thomas, Jordan Arreaga and Matt Michel all strong athletes who can step up and have big nights.

"We have a lot of depth and I really like the play I'm getting in the post," Bagley said.

The Jerome Tigers should also be strong in the post, with 6-6 junior forward and 6-2 junior Brett Hamilton

providing strong play inside.

Jerome doesn't return much experience, with 5-11 senior guard Cory Musgrave and 6-4 senior forward J.D. Lott the only Tigers who have much varsity experience from a year ago.

"Cory is one of the best athletes in the Magic Valley and he just works his tail off," Jerome coach Houston Finn said. "He'll

be a real leader for us."

Seniors Chad Seibold and Chase Garey coupled with Juniors Clay Swan and Derek Jansson will round out the regulars for the Tigers.

"We don't really run anything special for just one player," Finn said. "So, we expect everybody to be able to contribute by the year's end, hopefully."

The third member of the Great Basin Conference, state championship, will again be tough.

Even though the Diamondbacks lost a ton of players from a year ago, junior Andy Stucki should take right off where older brother Matt left off.

"I know they lost a lot," Finn said. "But they have a lot coming back, too."

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# Statement takes credit for attack

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A statement attributed to al-Qaida claimed responsibility Monday for last week's car-bombing of an Israeli jet in Kenya and the attempt to shoot down an Israeli airliner the same day.

The statement, posted on an Internet Web site, called the Thursday's attacks a Ramadan "gift" to the Muslim people and referred to the al-Qaida attacks against U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998, which killed 231 people — including 12 Americans — and wounded more than 5,000.

"At the same place where the Jewish Crusader coalition was hit four years ago ... here the fighters ... came back once again to fight heroically against that evil coalition," the statement said.

"But this time, it was against Jews."

In Washington, U.S. counterterrorism officials said they considered the claim credible and part of growing evidence that al-Qaida was involved in the Kenya attacks.

Three suicide bombers attacked the Paradise Hotel, killing 10 Kenyans, three Israelis and the three bombers. Just minutes before the hotel bombing, two Srelna missiles narrowly missed an Israeli charter plane departing from Mombasa's airport, in what was the first phase of the dual attack on Israelis in Kenya.

The five-page claim was made in the name of "The Political Office of al-Qaida, Jihad Organization."

Unlike four years ago, when the United States was the target in Kenya, the statement said this

time the message was for Jews. "We send them a message: Your practices in corrupting earth, occupying sacred places, criminal acts against our families in Palestine ... all your practices will not pass peacefully without firing back," it said. "Your children for ours, your women for ours, your elders for ours, and we will follow you wherever you are because you made us live in terror and fear."

It pledged that further attacks would be carried out.

The only other claim of responsibility came shortly after Thursday's attacks, made in a fax to news organizations in Beirut from the previously unknown Army of Palestine. Palestinian officials have denied any involvement by Palestinian groups.

**Netanyahu: World should share jet defense costs**

HERZLIYA, Israel (AP) — The world should share the cost in fitting civilian aircraft with devices to protect them from missile attacks like the one that nearly hit an Israeli jet in Kenya, Israeli Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday.

An Israeli government-owned research company has begun emergency production of such a system since Thursday's attack, a manager of the project, Patrick Bar-Avi, said.

The device senses an incoming jet-seeking missile, and sends a hot beam of light that diverts the missile away from the plane, said Bar-Avi.



An Israeli soldier walks near parts of Iraqi Scud missiles that Iraq launched against Israel during the 1991 Gulf War, in an Air Force base in central Israel, Nov. 26.

## Talk of Iraq war stirs fear of Scud attacks in Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — In the junk lot of a military base, a rusting Iraqi Scud missile that slammed into Israel but did not explode sits propped on cinderblocks, surrounded by ruined warheads, engines fringed with wires, junked fuel and combustion tanks — remnants of the 1991 Gulf War.

For Israelis, the renewed possibility of war with Iraq has stirred memories of those 32 days under attack — the whine of air raid sirens, children sent to school with gas masks along with their books, city nighttime streets in this, empty that night, hums.

Israelis seem to have reason to feel more secure this time: their new Arrow anti-missile system, built with U.S. help, can demolish Scuds in flight.

Still, the country is preparing for another possible Scud barrage, giving medical workers smallpox vaccines, bringing in Patriot anti-missile batteries and urging citizens to make sure they have sealed rooms in their homes and know the location of the nearest bomb shelter.

Some residents of Israel's crowded coastal cities, where most of the Scuds fell in 1991, are already planning to head to Jerusalem, which is unlikely to be targeted because of its large Arab population and Muslim holy sites.

During the Gulf War, tens of thousands of Tel Aviv residents fled the city for hotels in Jerusalem and the remote southern Red Sea resort of Eilat.

Yet, while some Israelis are preparing for possible new attacks, others are coping with the results of the 1991 strikes. Memories are especially bitter for 26-year-old Yaniv Shemesh and others who still struggle with injuries.

Nearly 12 years after a Scud toppled his building in Ramat Gan near Tel Aviv, Shemesh still has debilitating anxiety attacks, some so severe he ends up in hospital. His blood pressure shoots up, he gets dizzy and struggles to breathe.

"I lives on a monthly \$150 disability check and the occasional job as a security guard or supermarket clerk."

"I don't sleep at night. I live on pills. It stopped my whole life," he said.

He remembers watching "The Cosby Show" as a 14-year-old one night with his parents when the alarms sounded. The TV screen went blue and displayed the words "Israel is under attack." Some 90 seconds later came the explosion, shredding walls and roofs and leaving floors sandwiched together.

"It was like a camera flash. And the buildings fell like Lego," Shemesh said.

Israel has offered about \$94 million in compensation for its losses from Iraq through the United Nations, according to the Ministry of Justice. The money went to the injured and those who lost property and businesses, though Shemesh said he didn't receive funds because he applied too late.

Some of the crude, erratic Scuds Iraq fired at Israel broke up in flight or failed to explode on impact; others splashed down in the Mediterranean.

In all, 20 of the 39 missiles fired at Israel struck the country's soil, most in and around Tel Aviv, Israel's largest metropolis. None had chemical warheads. Some 11,000 apartments were damaged, but casualties were remarkably few. One man was killed in a direct hit on his house and 230 people were wounded. Several others suffered fatal heart attacks or suffocated in gas masks.

"Iraq-modified Scuds, called al-Husseini rockets, can reach Israel in less than eight minutes. The rockets, made lighter by emptying some of the explosives from the warheads, have a range of up to 400 miles, far beyond the range of normal Scuds."

## Court looks at justice for prisoners at Guantanamo

WASHINGTON (AP) — A skeptical federal appeals court Monday questioned whether it has the authority to help detainees in the war on terrorism who have been held for many months, without lawyers and without being charged, at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The United States has been involved in many wars in its history, but this is the first time we have sacrificed the rule of law," attorney Joe Margulies told judges A. Raymond Randolph, Stephen Williams and Merrick Garland.

## CLEANING UP THE CATASTROPHE



A team of volunteers work on an oil-stained beach in Muxia, northwestern Spain, Monday. Fuel oil continues to wash ashore after the stricken Bahamas flagged tanker Prestige sank Nov. 19, 150 miles off Cabo Finisterre while carrying almost 20 million gallons of fuel oil.

## Russia, China pledge more cooperation

BEIJING — The leaders of Russia and China pledged Monday to strengthen their "strategic partnership" and declared common positions on key foreign policy fronts, urging peaceful solutions in Iraq and North Korea and promising to support each other's battles with Muslim separatists.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and China's Jiang Zemin signed a 13-page joint declaration calling for a "multipolar world," a phrase used by both to express dissatisfaction with U.S. global dominance.

Putin emphasized that Russia — which spans Europe and Asia — wants partners and power in both the East and West.

"We're absolutely certain that the special strategic relationship between Russia and China will not only enable us to solve the problems facing our countries, but also will create a basis for stability in the world," Putin said.

His two-day visit comes after a year in which he improved relations with the United States and Europe by supporting the international anti-terror campaign and accepting NATO enlargement.

**World in brief**

banking secrecy, epitomized by the legendary numbered bank account, is under attack. Again. Leading the offensive are Britain and its European Union allies, who want the Swiss to blow the whistle on wealthy EU nationals who put their money in Swiss accounts to dodge taxes at home.

But Switzerland, which sees itself as the victim of unfair pressure from the 15-nation bloc, is refusing to budge. Swiss officials argue that tough new laws passed in the 1990s mean secrecy is readily lifted and accounts are frozen in investigations into money laundering and terrorism.

But while tax evasion is a crime in many EU countries, it is only an administrative offense in Switzerland.

"We're prepared under certain circumstances to help our EU neighbors," said Swiss President Kaspar Villiger, who also acts as finance minister. "But we always start from the position that the citizen is basically honest and should be treated as such."

court would do so only if an appeal were filed.

**Government brokers truce after fighting in Afghanistan**

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's fledgling central government brokered a truce Monday between two rival warlords, ending three days of fighting that left more than 60 people dead, most of them civilians, officials said.

The cease-fire was a rare success for the government of President Hamid Karzai, whose influence is largely limited to the capital, Kabul. The rest of the country is the realm of local warlords and their private armies.

The clashes between ethnic Pashtun commander Amrullah Khan and the Tajik governor of Herat province, Ismail Khan, erupted Saturday in several villages at Zere-Koh, about 15 miles south of Shindand air base, where U.S. special forces have a small base.

— compiled from wire reports

Lawyers for the detainees and their families say the Bush administration is stretching the meaning of a half-century-old U.S. Supreme Court case and is denying rights to people picked up in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

But the three judges asked a series of questions seeming to cast doubt on whether they can direct the U.S. military to give due process rights to the aliens in Guantanamo.

The detainees "are asking for the most modest of rights," said Thomas B. Wilner, who is representing a group of 12 Kuwaitis.

We ask simply that a legal process be applied to them as it has been everywhere else."

Randolph and Williams expressed doubt that any legal remedy applied to the detainees.

Williams was appointed during the Bush administration, Randolph during the first Bush administration, and Garland is a Clinton appointee.

Guantanamo has nearly 600 detainees.

Deputy Solicitor General Paul Clement said that the Guantanamo detainees are enemy combatants and lack standing in U.S. courts because they are being held outside the United States.

The government is relying on a 1950 Supreme Court ruling involving German nationals in World War II convicted before a military tribunal.

Like the Germans, the Guantanamo detainees "are 'actual enemies, active in the hostile service of an enemy power'" and they lack standing in U.S. courts, the Justice Department said in recent court papers.

The two cases are completely different, lawyers for the detainees and their families responded.

"It is one thing to acknowledge ... that enemy aliens in the active service of a hostile state cannot seek post-conviction relief in the federal courts," they said in a court filing. "But it is quite another to suggest ... that any alien ... may be deprived of their liberty indefinitely by the United States military, with no legal process, simply by the expedient of bringing them to Guantanamo Bay."

"Congress has never so much as intimated, let alone made a plain statement, that aliens detained outside the 50 states have no right to seek the writ of habeas corpus," the filing said.

The appeals court should "recognize Guantanamo Bay for what it is: a fully American enclave with the basic attributes of full territorial sovereignty."

**Ivory Coast army claims it ousted rebels from city**

BOGUINE, Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast's army claimed Monday it captured a rebel-held western town, but insurgents said they were still in control and residents reported bursts of gunfire and sporadic shelling.

Hundreds of frightened civilians braved the gunbattles to flee — many walking south with only the clothes on their backs.

A senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said loyalist forces had retaken Man, a city of 135,000 people nestled among verdant mountains at the heart of the rich, cocoa-producing west. He claimed all the rebels had been killed or chased out.

But a spokesman for the rebels insisted they were in control. "It is the loyalist soldiers who fled," Guillaume Prosper Gbatto said by telephone.

It was not immediately possible to reconcile the contradictory claims.

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**Iranian university professor appeals death sentence**

TEHRAN, Iran — A university professor sentenced to death for insulting Islam remained defiant, but his lawyer appealed the verdict on Monday — the last possible day to challenge a case that has provoked protests by students and the intervention of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Lawyer Saleh Nikbakht said he appealed against the wishes of Hashem Aghajari, who wanted to challenge the judiciary to carry out the sentence. The 20-day appeal period ended Monday.

Aghajari, imprisoned in the western city of Hamedan, "believes the verdict is an insult to justice and should not be appealed," Nikbakht said at a news conference in Tehran, adding that he intervened, using his power of attorney, so as not to "give any pretext to the judiciary."

Khamenei, attempting to defuse the political crisis sparked by the case, had ordered the judiciary to reconsider the verdict. That had led many to expect a quick reversal, but the judiciary chief, Ayatollah Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi, said the

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## Four Palestinians die in West Bank, Gaza violence

JERUSALEM (AP) — Four Palestinians, including a teenager, died Monday in violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, while a U.S. group charged that Israeli forces destroyed a warehouse of food for needy Palestinians in Gaza.

Separately, Israel's military chief denied reports that he said Israel eventually would dismantle most Jewish settlements.

Israeli forces were involved in three of Monday's fatalities. The teenager was shot dead when rock-throwing Palestinians

clashed with Israeli troops.

The fourth Palestinian, a sanitation worker at the Erez crossing between Gaza and Israel, was killed when a mortar-fired by Palestinians at an Israeli position fell short of its target, Palestinian security officials said.