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Gore says he won't run in '04



Al Gore
Won't run for president in 2004

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Former Vice President Al Gore, who came agonizingly close to winning the presidency two years ago, said Sunday he will not have another opportunity to seek the White House. "I don't think it's the right thing for me to do," Gore said. He said a rematch with President Bush "would inevitably involve a focus on the past that would in some measure distract from the focus on the future that I think all campaigns have to be about."

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Gore won the popular vote by half a million votes in 2000 but conceded to Republican Bush after a tumultuous 36-day recount in Florida and a 5-4 Supreme Court vote against him. Gore's concession came Dec. 13, 2000, just over two years ago.

While saying he still had the energy and drive to run again, Gore told CBS' "60 Minutes" that "there are a lot of people within the Democratic Party who felt exhausted (by the

2000 race) ... who felt 'like, OK, I don't want to go through that again.' And I'm frankly sensitive to that feeling."

Gore said he thought he could beat Bush in a rematch, but then added it was unrealistic to say what would happen two years from now.

Gore said he thought the economy would be the primary issue in the 2004 race, noting that Bush's father had a soaring approval rating in the polls but then stumbled and lost in 1992 because of the sour economy.

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Hearing is set on Glanbia plans

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

GOODING - State regulators have issued Glanbia Foods Inc. a draft permit that if given final approval would allow the company to increase the amount of cheese and whey-processing waste water it uses for land irrigation.

Before the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality issues a final permit, the public has a chance to comment. A public meeting will be held Thursday night in Gooding. Written comments will be accepted through Dec. 27.

Glanbia spreads waste water over about 940 acres of farmland near its Gooding plant at an average rate of about 1 million gallons a day. The company wants to expand the practice by more than 500 acres to handle its waste water volume during the non-growing season. The draft permit allows for an increase up to 73.5 million gallons from Nov. 1 to March 1.

The company exceeded the terms of its existing waste water permit by 33 million gallons last year during the non-growing season - when the ground can be frozen and is void of crops and can't handle as much water. The company said it needs the expanded acreage to handle its waste water stream during the non-growing season.

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NEW TEST, SAME STORY



LAIS H. COLLIER/TIM SANDMANN

Blaine, T.F., Kimberly, Hansen score best on new ISAT

By Robert Myster
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho's new standardized test appears to be an accurate gauge of district performance, in that those districts that generally excelled on previous standardized tests continue to do so, and those who have struggled still do.

Results from the fall 2002 Idaho Standards Achievement Test show that Blaine County School District sits atop the perch of achievement in south-central Idaho, with the Twin Falls, Kimberly and Hansen school districts close behind.

At the other end of the spectrum, Glenss Ferry, Minidoka County and Shoshone school dis-

Check out the numbers

For ISAT scores from area schools, and how they compare to a multi-state average, please see Page A6.

tricts had the most trouble with the ISAT.

That's consistent with results found with the state's previous standardized test, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

While ISAT is still in the pilot phase - there were glitches in the system and lengthy delays in the results - most educators agree that the test functioned well enough to be an accurate assessor of student knowledge.

This fall semester, it was ele-

mentary school students who struggled on the ISAT more than the upper grades.

Jerome students, while overall scoring below average, typified the general trend of a gradual improvement in scores with each grade level. That is, while nearly each grade scored below its counterparts in other states, that gap diminished to the point that by the eighth and ninth grades, they outperformed their peers. In fact, while Jerome second-graders performed well below average, the ninth-graders tested in math at the 10th grade level.

Second-graders score low

The second-graders had the most problems on the test. Of 19 districts for which results were

available, only Valley, Buhl and Bliss had second-graders who tested higher than their peers in the 24-state pool.

And for half of the districts, the lowest scores on the ISAT happened with second-graders.

That was the case in Twin Falls School District, prompting school officials to figure out the cause of the second-grade doldrums.

Brett Gies, the district's data analyst, said one reason might be that for second-graders this the first time to take a test at a computer - a lengthy, comprehensive test taken in the first few weeks of school.

"It's a long time for a kid to sit, stare at the screen and work independently," Gies said. "It's a

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The truth about Long Dog Trail emerges

By Helen O'Neill
Associated Press writer

GREEN RIVER, Wyo. - Butch Brauburger had never seen his son so upset. Tears were streaming down Roger's face. There was a look of terror in his eyes.

Calm down, son, the father said. But Roger was a blubbing mess, ranting incoherently about guilt, about how he should have said something years ago, about how more lives were in danger. "I don't know what to do, Dad," he sobbed. "Tell me what to do. I'm lost..."

It was late at night on Jan. 3, 1999, and at first the father thought his son had been drinking.

But the more Butch Brauburger listened, the more he realized Roger was deadly serious. And that his son's life was in danger. There's one only thing to do, the father

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Second in a serial

This is the part two of "The Secret of Lost Dog" - a four-part serial narrative about the mysterious death and a reluctant witness. The story so far: Six-year-old, a young mother, and her 10-year-old son, hunted 100 miles down a road and by Long Dog Trail to a dead body near Green River, Wyo. A hiker, the body was found. It was a dog's body. The body was found. It was a dog's body. The body was found. It was a dog's body.



This is a view of the cliff at the end of Long Dog Trail outside Green River, Wyo. where Liana and Erik Duke fell to their deaths in August 1996. The cliff, pictured Sept. 25 over-looking the Flaming Gorge Reservoir on its far side.

Police investigate leads in Jerome hit and run death

The Times-News

JEROME - Police late Sunday were investigating a lead on a white sedan in Buhl in a possible connection to a hit-and-run accident early Saturday morning that killed a pedestrian in front of Spear's Manufacturing in Jerome.

But Jerome Police Detective Sgt. Dan Chatterton said it was unclear if the car was involved in the hit and run. He said police have followed up a number of leads on older, white, four-door sedans since Saturday's accident.

"We're building a lot of leads and we're following up on a couple possibilities but at this point we don't have any firm suspects," Chatterton said Sunday. "We encourage the public to continue to help us by calling in any information they might have."

Chatterton emphasized that the person responsible might not even realize he or she struck someone. Though the incident is being investigated as a homicide, if the driver comes forward right away to explain how he or she didn't realize a person had been hit, the police might reconsider, Chatterton said.

How to comment

A public meeting on a draft waste water permit issued to Glanbia Foods Inc. will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding, County Extension Office meeting room, 203 Lucy Lane in Gooding.

If the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality grants a final permit, the company will increase the volume of cheese and whey processing waste water used to irrigate company-leased farmland.

Written comment will be accepted through 5 p.m. Dec. 27. Find a copy of the draft permit and supporting documents online at www.deq.state.id.us/permits/permits.html#water.

Direct questions, requests or written comments to Dave Anderson at the DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office, 601 Pike Line Road, Suite 2, Twin Falls, 83301. Reach him by phone at 736-2190 or by e-mail at danderso@deq.state.id.us.

'Anyone who struck an object needs to contact the Jerome Police Department. ... if it truly was an accident there's no reason for the person not to contact us.'

- Dan Chatterton, Jerome police detective sergeant

"It's entirely possible that whoever is responsible for this didn't realize it was a person they struck," Chatterton said. "Anyone who struck an object needs to contact the Jerome Police Department. We're investigating this right now as a homicide but if it was truly an accident there's a reason for the person not to contact us."

Chatterton said police are not releasing the name of the victim until the family has been notified. Please see DEATH, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Rain showers are a very good possibility with windy conditions at times. Highs in the 50s.
Tonight: Rain mixing with a little snow. Lows in the lower to the mid 30s.
Tomorrow: Cooler with showers likely once again. Highs near 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Rain showers and windy conditions. Highs in the mid 40s to near 50.
Tonight: Lingering showers, possibly mixing with a little snow. Lows in the mid 20s to the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Flurries and snow showers are a good bet. Highs in the mid 30s to near 40.

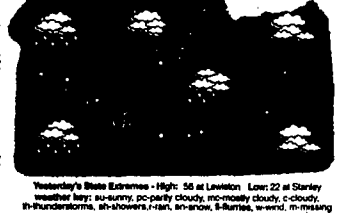
IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

The High Country will continue to be in a weather pattern that will bring in snow and rain showers. The showers could become heavy at times and with windy conditions expected, the roads could become icy.
Today Highs 22 to 30. Tonight's Lows 18 to 24.
BOISE: Mid temperatures will start out the work week, but with a good chance for rain showers and continued very breezy to windy conditions, it will likely feel much cooler than it actually is.
Today Highs/Lows 50 to 55 / 35 to 40

NORTHERN UTAH

The weather to begin the week will be a little unsettled with partly to mostly cloudy skies and perhaps a few developing light showers.



Yesterday's State Express - High: 50 at Lewiston. Low: 22 at Cloudcroft.
Weather: light to heavy snow, pc-pc-pc-pc, mostly cloudy, m-moderately cloudy, c-clear, b-breezy, sh-showers, dr-drizzle, s-snow, s-f-flurries, s-w-snow, m-mixing

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Death

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and an autopsy has been performed. The autopsy is scheduled for Tuesday.
The victim was a man in his 50s wearing dark clothing. He was walking toward the center of town about 1:30 a.m. Saturday morning on the east side of South Lincoln as he carried two sacks of groceries. He had been walking on a pedestrian/bike path but fell temporarily to cross over the Spear's Manufacturing driveway. The victim was found dead at the scene.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Breaking ranks, a veteran Senate Republican called Sunday for new leadership elections, saying Sen. Trent Lott has been so weakened by a race-based controversy that "his ability to enact our agenda" is in doubt.
"There are several outstanding senators who are more than capable of effective leadership. And I hope we have an opportunity to choose," said Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma, the outgoing GOP whip who nearly challenged Lott for leader in this fall.
Republican leader Lott, R-Miss., had no immediate reaction to the comments, which instead added a new dimension to his struggle to survive the fallout from remarks that touched on racial segregation.
At the White House, spokesman Taylor Gross said the administration does not react "to every statement put forth by every senator."

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The weather conditions at the time were rough, Chatterton said. The roads were slick because of freezing rain.
Chatterton said the vehicle probably sustained minor front-end damage on the right side. Police have determined that it was northbound.
Anyone with any information is to call Chatterton at the Jerome Police Department at 324-4326. He can also be contacted through the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center at 324-1911.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today: Rain likely with continued windy conditions. High 54, Low 34.
Tonight: Lingering showers. High 54, Low 34.
Tuesday: The rain and snow will likely continue. High 40/22, Low 33/22.
Wednesday: Cool, continued mostly cloudy. High 39/23, Low 37/24.
Thursday: Breezy at times with clouds. High 39/23, Low 37/24.
Friday: Another chance for a flurry of two. High 39/23, Low 37/24.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature: Yesterday's High 48, Low 40. Normal High/Low 36/20. Record High 53 in 1872, Record Low -9 in 1872.
Precipitation: Yesterday's Month to Date 0.21". Avg. Month to Date 0.57". Water Year to Date 2.66". Avg. Water Year to Date 2.66".
Humidity: Yesterday's High 68%, Low 40%. Today's Forecast Low 100%.
Barometric Pressure: Yesterday 29.91 in. 5 p.m. Yesterday 29.91 in.

Moon Phases: Dec 16 Full Moon, Dec 27 New Moon, Jan 2 First Qr, Jan 10 Full Moon.
Moons and Moonset: Today: Moonrise: 3:13 PM, Moonset: 4:55 AM. Tomorrow: Moonrise: 3:43 PM, Moonset: 5:59 AM.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, Wednesday. Cities include Boise, Burley, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Nampa, Pocatello, etc.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with columns for City, Hi, Lo, Precip. Cities include Boise, Burley, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Nampa, Pocatello, etc.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset.

Moonrise and Moonset, Snowpack, U.V. Index, Day Weather.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns for Today, Tomorrow. Cities include Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Fort Worth, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York, Omaha, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, ME, Raleigh, Sacramento, St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Washington, DC, Wichita.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with columns for Today, Tomorrow. Cities include Adelaide, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Bogota, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Chennai, Copenhagen, Dallas, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, London, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Moscow, New York, Paris, Perth, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney, Taipei, Toronto, Vancouver, Wellington, Zurich.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 8 p.m. today.
Yesterday's National Extremes: High: 82 at McAllen, Texas; Low: -1 at Fraser, Colo.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow. Cities include Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Regina.

Permit requirements

Waste water used for irrigation must be disposed from other property and water sources:
• 300 feet or more from houses.
• 50 feet or more from public access areas.
• 100 feet or more from natural rivers and streams.
• 50 feet or more from man-made surface waters.
• 500 feet or more from private wells.
• 1,000 feet or more from public wells.
• Signs must be posted near homes surrounding the perimeter of the irrigation site and at public access areas. At a minimum, postings must say "Do not enter, area used for land application of waste water."

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Glantia
In the growing season, the company has had enough farm acreage to handle its waste water, said Dave Anderson, the DEQ's regional engineering manager based in Twin Falls. Glantia must waste water with irrigation water to meet crop irrigation demands during the growing season.
With expanded acreage, waste water would supply about 15 percent of total irrigation water needed to grow the crops, according to a DEQ analysis of the company's permit application.
The proposed expansion area is half a mile south of the existing land application site. The company plans to lease the land with an option to buy. U.S. Highway 26 borders the property to the north and South Gooding Main Canal runs along or near the northern border.
As the DEQ proceeds with the permitting process, two neighbors are suing the agency over its procedures.
Fifth District Judge Barry Wood is hearing the case. He and Gooding contractor Ben Gnesa have filed separate lawsuits. They challenge the DEQ's policy that prohibits them from objecting to the proposal until a draft permit has been issued. Wood and Gnesa live next to the farm Glantia would use if its permit is expanded.
Salts, nitrates and phosphorus are the chemical components in the waste water that pose a threat to groundwater and surface water. The breakdown of organic matter is a potential source of odor.
Glantia owns plants in Gooding, Twin Falls and Richfield and is the largest food processor in the region at 7.7 million pounds a day. Its corporate parent, Glantia Pic, is based in Kilkenny, Ireland.
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Gore
Gore said he was making his decision "in the full awareness that it probably means that I will never have another opportunity to run for president." He likely would have been the party's early front-runner and his sudden withdrawal clears the field for other Democrats hoping to succeed a popular president.
Bush, whose approval rates are in the 60s, had almost a 20-point lead over Gore in polls that pose a 2000 rematch, with an even bigger lead over other Democrats. Gore and Bush were running even before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.
Party activists were critical of Gore for losing despite a booming economy and eight years of a Democratic administration. Gore even lost his home state of Tennessee, a victory there would have given him the White House.
After gradually re-entering politics over the past year, Gore campaigned for selected candidates this year, made trips to Iowa and New Hampshire, then spent the last month promoting a book on "I don't know" that he wrote with Tipper.

ISAT

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whole new experience for them."
Yet second-graders in the other states are doing the same thing with better results. So somewhere there is a misalignment, Gies said. Some concepts in math and language might have to be taught at younger age.
Another problem might be that the second-grade version of the test began with questions well above grade level, discouraging the students right away, said Dennis Sonius, principal at Hillsingside Elementary School.
For grades 2-9, the ISAT is a levels test, meaning that the questions grow progressively harder with each question answered correctly. A missed answer will generate an easier next question.
Sonius said the NorthWest Evaluation Association, the Oregon-based organization that designed the test and manages the data, will start the test off at a more reasonable level next time.
At the other end of the spectrum are 10th-graders with consistently higher-than-average scores. In each district, the highest scores were in 10th grade.
Part of that may be attributed to the test.
The 10th-grade ISAT is a mixture of levels test and standardized test, but the same questions for all students.

Common denominators

Of those local districts that performed relatively poorly on the

About the tests

With a whole new test come total new test scores.
After a decade of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, most have grown accustomed to seeing test scores in terms of percentiles. For instance, in ITBS if a district's eighth-graders scored 85 percent, that meant that those eighth-graders scored higher than 85 percent of eighth-graders nationwide. Or conversely, 15 percent of the nation's eighth-graders scored higher than those in that particular district.
The new Idaho Standards Achievement Test produces FIT scores. Simply put, they're firm numbers that indicate essentially if a student is performing at, below or above grade level.
For instance, if a second-grader scores 171.6 in math, that means he has scored the same as a "typical" second-grader from a pool of 323 school districts in 24 states. The numbers increase with each grade level. The 5, in math, a typical third-grader should score 229.7, a typical fourth-grader 200.4, and so on.
The mean score is the average, and it must show growth.

Minidoka County educators will be happy.

That's the same approach taken by Glenns Ferry Superintendent Karen Ernest. "I don't like to make excuses," Ernest said. "Even if our test scores are below average, we are moving in the right direction."
There is reluctance among educators on placing too much emphasis on the test scores.
Even a high-performing district such as Hansen downplays its achievements. Although its second-graders suffered along with the rest, Hansen's fifth-graders had the highest average among their peers in the Magic and Wood River valleys.
"Let's great results, but it's only a portion of the picture," Superintendent Dennis Coulter said.
However, like it or not, test scores mean everything now in this new "No Child Left Behind" era. Whether a school is labeled "failing" is based on its overall ISAT scores.

Ernest recognized the new demands placed on schools, and the importance of overall improved student performance, so that indeed no child is left behind.

"We need to do more, but we're already doing a lot," Ernest said. "This is going to take a whole lot of work by a whole lot of people."

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Gore's withdrawal opens door for others

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore's decision to forgo the 2004 presidential race opens the field for lesser-known Democratic candidates and complicates President Bush's re-election strategy. The candidates are vulnerable Gore gave way to fresher faces. "The devil we know is gone," Republican pollster Whit Ayres said. Democrats applauded Gore's decision, both for the political implications. The early departure frees up legions of activists and donors who would not commit to other candidates until they knew his plans. It also ensures there will be no

Bush-Gore rematch, a prospect that had worried many Democrats. "Given his obvious ambivalence about running, he has done the party a great favor by leaving early and creating a wide-open field that will allow somebody else to emerge," said Joe Lockhart, who was White House press secretary for President Clinton. The Democrat who stood to gain the most from Gore's decision is his former running mate, Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman. He had vowed not to challenge Gore for the nomination, and is expected to soon announce his candidacy. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, who alone with Vermont Gov.

Howard Dean has already jumped into the race, might be able to take advantage of the short window of time when the field is small. North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, who has sent strong signals that he is likely to run, was mentioned by several activists who discussed the need for a new face for the party. Gore's departure leaves more room on the party's left for Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt, a longtime ally of organized labor who is considering the race. Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota is expected to announce his plans next

month, but GOE victories in November's congressional elections hurt both Gephardt and Daschle. The White House had no comment Sunday, but the president's political advisers have privately said they relished another shot at Gore. Despite disclaimers by Gore, some Democrats said they expected to see him run again — perhaps in 2008 when Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton from New York is said to be considering a race of her own. And opting out of the 2004 race may be the best way to reinvent his overly political image, they said.

Truth

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said. You have to go to Mont. ... Mont Mecham is a grizzled 53-year-old veteran lieutenant with the Green River Police Department, a formidable presence with his tough exterior, his searing blue eyes and the neckbeard he wears like a badge of honor. "Bad day on the job," he growls, describing the night five years ago when a burglar suspect shot him through the throat and left him for dead. He's had nine surgeries since then, and still doctors can't figure out how to fix the nerve damage that leaves his back in constant pain, his arms stiff and ice cold.

ed, Brauburger said. A few days later he laid out a detailed plan. Brauburger could go to Duke's apartment on Idaho Street and hide behind a shed where Duke would leave a .22-caliber Ruger rifle. Then, during a family barbecue, Brauburger could shoot the wife and child in the head, shoot Duke in the leg, spray a few neighborhood kids and make his getaway. Duke would pay him with the insurance money he got for Liana and Erik. "I told him he was nuts," Brauburger said. "If he was that unhappy, he should get a divorce."

iously at the phone on the wall. There was nothing to indicate that it was used as a recording device, but the cops swarming around the tiny house were reminder enough. His heart beat wildly; beads of sweat broke out on his forehead. He didn't feel right and he was sure his voice didn't sound right. It was noon on Jan. 8, 1995, and Brauburger was about to place the fourth recorded call to Duke in three days. Everyone — the cops, FBI, and Brauburger himself — sensed that this call would be the last. They had too much to lose if Duke got suspicious.

"Dude, I did NOT do that..." "No, I thought you said you did that..." "NO!" The cops signaled to him to stay calm. They showed handwritten notes across the table, but Brauburger was too distracted to read them. Oh God, he thought. Bob's on to me. I'm a dead man... The cops were thinking the same thing. "There was no doubt in my mind that someone was going to get killed unless we could stop it," Mecham said later. "Either the parents, or Roger..." It was time to make their move. Trembling, Brauburger listened over the phone as FBI agents and police burst in on Duke in Houston. He heard Duke cry out. In the background a dog barked. Then the phone went dead. The arrests were all over the news in Texas and Wyoming. Bob Duke was charged in federal court with conspiracy to use interstate telephone lines to plot his parents' murders. Mike Duke was charged with failing to report the plot. (The brothers declined to be interviewed for this story.)

Mecham knew Brauburger and Bob Duke. His son, now a cop, had gone to school with them. As kids, the three sometimes hung out in Mecham's basement. Nice kids, Mecham thought. Roger was a bit of a hell-raiser, but the others had turned out OK. For years, Mecham had been bothered by the deaths of Liana and Erik Duke. Too many things didn't add up. It didn't make sense for a family to be out on the cliffs in the first place. No parents in their right minds would allow a child to run around up there.

I can't do that, Duke told him. My parents would hate me. Three weeks later Liana and Erik were dead. Brauburger's face was full of panic as he turned to Mecham. "I knew right away it was no accident," he said. "But I didn't know what to do. I had to do it." "Why didn't you go to the police?" Mecham asked. Brauburger was incredulous. "It was my word against Bob's," he said. "Who would have believed me?"

The previous calls had gone well — chillingly well. Duke talked about setting a date for the murders, about using a .22-caliber rifle, about the need to get into the house when both parents were out because his father had a gun, about the need for both brothers to have alibis. He talked about money — \$20,000 if Brauburger did the job himself, \$5,000 if he acted as a driver for someone else. Police and the FBI were satisfied they had enough to arrest Duke on conspiracy charges for plotting to kill his parents. But they wanted more. They wanted him to mail something — a key or money — physical evidence to strengthen their case.

"Dude, I did NOT do that..." "No, I thought you said you did that..." "NO!" The cops signaled to him to stay calm. They showed handwritten notes across the table, but Brauburger was too distracted to read them. Oh God, he thought. Bob's on to me. I'm a dead man... The cops were thinking the same thing. "There was no doubt in my mind that someone was going to get killed unless we could stop it," Mecham said later. "Either the parents, or Roger..." It was time to make their move. Trembling, Brauburger listened over the phone as FBI agents and police burst in on Duke in Houston. He heard Duke cry out. In the background a dog barked. Then the phone went dead. The arrests were all over the news in Texas and Wyoming. Bob Duke was charged in federal court with conspiracy to use interstate telephone lines to plot his parents' murders. Mike Duke was charged with failing to report the plot. (The brothers declined to be interviewed for this story.)

"Two bodies, one eyewitness, no forensic evidence," he said. "It wasn't right." But Mecham couldn't investigate because the case fell into the jurisdiction of the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Department. Frankly, he told friends there, Mecham had done a better job. About a week after the deaths, out of curiosity, Mecham drove to the end of Lost Dog trail. He crept to the edge and peered over the ridge where the bodies had fallen. "I was looking at the murder weapon," he said.

Mecham knew Brauburger and Bob Duke. His son, now a cop, had gone to school with them. As kids, the three sometimes hung out in Mecham's basement. Nice kids, Mecham thought. Roger was a bit of a hell-raiser, but the others had turned out OK. For years, Mecham had been bothered by the deaths of Liana and Erik Duke. Too many things didn't add up. It didn't make sense for a family to be out on the cliffs in the first place. No parents in their right minds would allow a child to run around up there.

Even more, they wanted Duke to say something on tape to implicate himself in the killing of his wife and child. "No, I haven't said a word to no one." But the question made police nervous, too. They assigned extra patrols around the homes of Duke's parents and the Brauburgers. And they stalked out Duke's Houston apartment, ready to burst in at a moment's notice. In the little kitchen in Green River, the air was thick with tension. Brauburger took a deep breath and dialed the Houston number. "Hey, what's up?" he asked Duke. They bantered a bit about work, and then Brauburger got to the point. "Hey," Brauburger said. "Uh, is there any way we can make it look like an accident, like you did with your wife and child?" There was a moment of silence. Then Duke exploded.

Tomorrow. This guy is not going to get away with this, the investigator says.

"I need to talk to you as soon as I can," Brauburger said. "I've got something super-scary to tell you." It was the day after Brauburger had talked to his father. Over the telephone, Mecham could hear the terror in Brauburger's voice. Mecham thought straight to the construction site where Brauburger was working. In the police car, Brauburger poured out his story. His old friend Bob Duke had been calling him from Houston, he said. At first it was just small talk about work and what he and his brother Mike were up to. But lately the talk had turned ugly.

Mecham rolled his eyes. "What are we going to do?" he snapped. "Let Mom and Dad die, like the wife and kid?" That night, police taped a call between Roger Brauburger and Bob Duke. The conversation rambled. The details were vague. But a date for the killing was set, just three weeks away. It was enough for Mecham to believe — everything that Brauburger had told him. The next day, Mecham drove 273 miles to Chayenne and played the tape for the FBI.

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He stared at the phone on the wall. There was nothing to indicate that it was used as a recording device, but the cops swarming around the tiny house were reminder enough. His heart beat wildly; beads of sweat broke out on his forehead. He didn't feel right and he was sure his voice didn't sound right. It was noon on Jan. 8, 1995, and Brauburger was about to place the fourth recorded call to Duke in three days. Everyone — the cops, FBI, and Brauburger himself — sensed that this call would be the last. They had too much to lose if Duke got suspicious.

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What was the plan? In the police car, Brauburger spluttered out the words as if he still couldn't believe what Duke had told him. "He said, 'I'll pay you \$20,000 to kill my parents.'"

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It was the summer of 1996. Brauburger had been hanging out with Duke, watching movies, talking their crazy hit-man talk. Suddenly Duke turned to him and said, "Would you kill my wife and child for \$15,000?"

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Simpson names military academy nominees

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, announced nominations to U.S. military academies, including several Magic Valley students.

"I am impressed by the quality and character of our youth in Idaho. Now more than ever, we need young Americans to serve our nation in the most noble way," Simpson said in a news release. "I'm pleased to nominate these fine young men and women."

Local nominees include Zachary Bloomfield of Bellevue; the Army and Merchant Marine; David Plotts of Declo to the Army; Daniel Shull of Gooding to the Army and Merchant Marine; Joseph DiFrancesco of Sun Valley to the Army; Christopher Wilson of Twin Falls to the Army and Navy; Chase Webster of Rupert to the Air Force; and Scott Heins of Rupert to the Navy.

Students were selected on the quality of their application, scholastic achievement, references and extracurricular activities. While a congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance to the service academies, many of Idaho's nominees are selected for an appointment.

T.F. City Council will hear drinking water plan

TWIN FALLS — Mike Schroeder of the city's water department will present a drinking water protection plan to the City Council today at its regular meeting at 5 p.m. in the council chambers.

The council will also consider a request by EJM Engineers Inc. for Stonebrook Developers Inc. for a one-year extension of the approval of the final plan for Stonebrook Subdivision No. 6.

In addition, the council will consider finalizing a loan agreement with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for waste water treatment plant improvements.

Hazelton City Council will hold special hearing

HAZELTON — The City Council will hold a meeting today at 7 p.m. to allow the community to comment on the purchase of a city police car.

The current city police car is eight years old with 150,000 miles on it. Police Chief Kelly Bangert said similar vehicles in other police departments usually begin to require serious maintenance work with that much mileage. Things such as transmissions and engines are usually expected to be replaced after that amount of wear, he discovered when he asked around.

Bangert said he has two bids for the car to consider. One is from a Ford dealership for \$27,106, and the other is from a Chevrolet dealership for \$28,322.73. Bangert said the vehicles are similar in meeting the necessary requirements. Bangert also said he has spoken with the city's bank and that a municipal lease is possible.

Blaine groups look to create activity center

HAILEY — The Blaine County Recreation District and Blaine County Youth Advisory Council are seeking Request for Proposal submissions to convert 4,000 square feet of the existing Wood River High School into a youth activity center.

A portion of the old high school is planned to be converted to a youth activity center to be operated by the recreation district when the new high school is completed.

The recreation district enlisted the services of the youth advisory council to lead in the new facility, which will be funded through grants, fundraising efforts and donations. For information, call 788-2117.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak **
Upper Snake River	65%	20%
Salmon Falls	63%	17%
Salmon	58%	14%
Dalet	58%	12%
Big Wood	70%	16%
Little Wood	75%	17%
Hays/Fork/Teton	82%	18%
72	73%	16%
Little Lost	50%	13%

**As of Dec. 15. A comparison of both snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.

Source: Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

Officials: Date rape drugs hit Wood River

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — A conference focusing on date rape drugs will be the first step toward developing a comprehensive drug prevention, enforcement and treatment plan for the Wood River Valley.

The conference, scheduled Feb. 6, will feature Trinka D. Poratta, a former detective with the Los Angeles Police Department's narcotics division. Poratta successfully initiated legislation in California to control flunitrazepam, also known as "roofies," and gamma hydroxy butyrate, or GHB, and has assisted other states in doing the same.

She is considered a nationally recognized expert on other trendy drugs, such as Ecstasy, Special K and LSD.

Similar conferences will be held in Twin Falls and Burley but will be tailored differently to meet the special needs of those communities. Burley's drug problem, for instance, is concentrated in its Hispanic population, according to John Hathaway, director of the Region 5 office of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Hathaway said Health and Welfare is concerned that the date rape drug is making its way into rural communities such as those in Blaine County. Case in point: the arrest this week of several young men in connection with the reported rape of a 16-

year-old girl in Mountain Home. The woman was reportedly intoxicated and unaware of the attacks.

The drugs, which can be slipped into people's drinks when they're not looking, wipe out a victim's memory for 72 hours, Hathaway said. One cheerleader lost her ability to walk, talk and see after she overdosed on the drug.

Teen-agers are buying these drugs and others containing GHB over the Internet. Often they're disguised as something else — such as muscle stimulants. By the time a teen-ager has used them for a week, he's hooked.

Cases have recently been reported on the Camas Prairie and in Jerome, Twin Falls

and Burley, said Bev Ashton, who works for the state.

"I don't know that we've ever seen anything as insidious," Hathaway said. "We want people to know this isn't your garden variety snake."

Blaine County police officers, school officials and social workers are particularly concerned about their youth because of a HealthNet survey of student attitudes and behavior reported last April. More Blaine County students reported getting drunk and using marijuana and other illicit drugs than their counterparts in seven other south-central Idaho counties, such as Twin Falls and Cassia.

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S.V. souvenirs: New puzzles, games feature resort

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley is in pieces.

Puzzle pieces, that is. The queen of America's ski resorts is headed for the game table this Christmas, thanks to two new puzzles and a game created by two Sun Valley-area residents.

One 500-piece puzzle features Ketchum photographer Jack Williams' photograph of a sheep wagon and band of sheep set against a backdrop of golden aspen along Trail Creek and a snow-covered Baldy.

The other 500-piece puzzle sports the runs and lifts on Sun Valley's trail map with the resort's trademark sun logo.

Its creator, Ketchum architect Jolyn Sawrey, also is marketing a board game based on Sun Valley's ski and runs.

"It's the locals' version of 'Chutes and Ladders,'" said Sawrey, who also created a puzzle based on Park City's trail map.

Sawrey devised the game, "Lifts and Runs," after seeing a trail map poster on a friend's wall.

"I said, 'Why don't we play a game,'" recalled Sawrey, a game enthusiast. He and his friends bought stickers, which they plastered on the trail map poster. After 15 revisions, they presented the idea to Hemingway Elementary School students who were doing a class assignment on designing games.

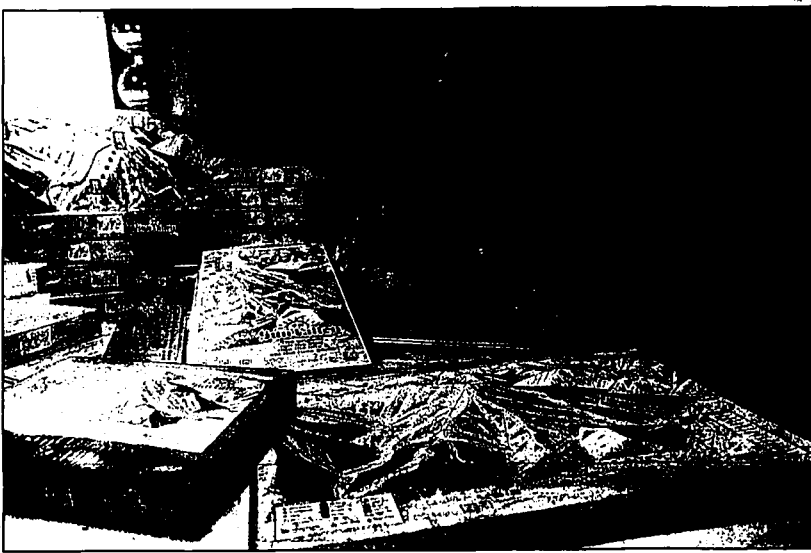
The kids played it and wrote reviews from which Sawrey made still more changes.

"The kids' input gave me the idea for the '100 percent Certified Fun' logo," he said, pointing to a gold seal on the game.

"The game — and its accompanying puzzle — should provide perfect crash courses for first-timers to Sun Valley who can bone up on the mountain in their hotel rooms before even hitting the lift line. Ditto for longtime skiers and snowboarders for whom the game will provoke nostalgia.

The idea behind the game is to ride all the lifts and runs on the corresponding runs as you attempt to be the first to get back to Ketchum.

It's not as easy as it might be



Ketchum architect Jolyn Sawrey is the creator of a jigsaw puzzle featuring Sun Valley's ski lifts and runs. Sawrey's is one of two recent Sun Valley-themed puzzles to hit the market.

Finding the puzzles

Summer Baldwin's scenic Baldy puzzle costs \$10. The puzzles are available at F-Stop, Chapter One Bookstore, Chateau Drugs, Silver Creek Outfitters, Ex Libris and Jane's Paper Place in Ketchum. Jolyn Sawrey's puzzles cost \$15 and his games \$20. They're available at Chateau Drugs, Jane's Paper Place, The Toy Store, Main Strip T's and Chapter One Bookstore. You can also buy them via www.trailmapgames.com.

three spaces. Oh, and did we mention that you'll have to shepherd your family around the mountain? All while participating in devious little strategies to slow down your opponents.

Ketchum Realtor Summer Baldwin, whose Sun Valley Puzzle Company created the scenic puzzle of Sun Valley, did another Sun Valley puzzle in 1995 while still a student at Wood River High School. She sold 2,500 of the "Ultimate Baldy Challenge" puzzles, which sported a black diamond interposed over Baldy.

She decided to make 3,000 new puzzles after shopkeepers insisted the resort needed another puzzle.

"Puzzles are popular because they're an inexpensive, nice quality gift that anyone can

enjoy," said Baldwin, who also created a puzzle for the Jackson Hole area while in college. No sooner had Baldwin finished speaking than Ketchum resident Nicole Brown picked up one of her puzzles.

"Oh, I love puzzles. And this one captures the area. What a great souvenir," she exclaimed.

Puzzle historian Anne D. Williams says puzzles have long served as both an educational tool and a means of boosting one's self-esteem during hard times. She credits European mapmakers with creating the first puzzles in the 1700s by pasting maps onto wood and cutting them into small pieces to educate schoolchildren about geography.

Puzzles became adult fare in the 1900s, during which newstands offered the "Jig of the

Week" and drug stores even rented puzzles out. Puzzles' popularity increased during the Great Depression because they offered a sense of accomplishment to people who were out of work, Williams said.

Personalized puzzles have started to come into their own, with die-cutters offering to laminate pictures onto cardboard and cut them with their 500-ton presses. But Sawrey says he has been able to track down surprisingly few souvenir-type puzzles like those he and Baldwin are offering.

"I just think they're a fun thing to do during Christmas," said Sawrey, who created his puzzle as a fund-raiser for his son's junior hockey team. "Which of us haven't played games and worked puzzles during the holidays?"

'NIAGARA OF THE WEST'

Albert D. Richardson of the *New York Tribune* was the first to make the comparison between Shoshone Falls and those at Niagara in his home state.

In the summer of 1865, while traveling from Salt Lake City to Boise, the journalist's stagecoach stopped overnight at Rock Creek Station.

Desirous of seeing the great falls, he arranged to have the stage driver make a detour on the following day for that purpose.

"The start" was made before daylight the next morning, after the passengers had spent a restless night sleeping on a bed of hay in the rear coach. The journalists' lanes waded peering, recalling how the tall sagebrush had loaded the air with a heavy perfume; how the cloud of spray from the waterfall could be seen at a distance of six miles, and



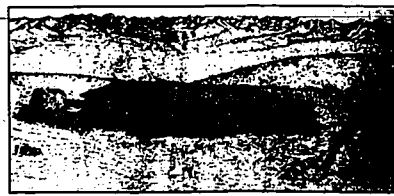
Remnants of Camp Reed

At the time of Twin Falls' founding, the workforces thrown up by soldiers at their camp on Shoshone Creek could still be seen, a short distance above a Shoosho Ranch corral at the timberline.

how its "eternal roar" could be heard clearly at three miles. In the romantic fashion of

Indian bodys were also frequently found in that area — some seated in graves and surrounded by personal effects, and others in the crevices of rocks, covered with timber and stones.

Victorian-era writers, he made the claim that the Indians called the falls Pah-chu-lah-a — a "gift of



Above, Desert Station, first known as Canyon Station, was built atop Rock Creek canyon in 1864 following the start of the stage line between Salt Lake City and the Dalles. One, this is artist H. S. Raymond's conception of Old Desert Station.

Left, this view from above Shoshone Falls was taken from a photo by Tim O'Sullivan. The article accompanying this engraving in *Harpers New Monthly Magazine*, September 1865, was the first to use the term "Niagara of the West."

the Great Spirit." The stage line had been established just the previous year, 1864, after Ben Holladay, who operated the overland line to California, was awarded a contract to carry tri-weekly mails between Salt Lake City and The Dalles, Ore.

The line was run through Boise to service the booming mining camps in the Boise Basin and

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SERVICES

Francis Ladore Jones of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at the Gooding LDS Church... Barbara Ann Betty of Pocatello, the family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. today at Colonial Funeral Home...

Twin Falls; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home... Arthur C. Kimball of Buhl, celebrant of life at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First Church of the Nazarene...

Wednesday at Demary's Gooding Chapel; burial at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding... Eileen Tussey of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Dec. 23 at the First Christian Church in Buhl...

CSI TODAY

Holidays: 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium... Wednesday Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 256... Thursday Idaho Conservation League overview of pending Idaho legislation, 5:30 p.m., Taylor 258...

of Education graduation party, 7 p.m., Evergreen atrium... "Season of Light," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium... Huggie Bears Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113... Saturday United Church of God meeting, 9:30 a.m., Aspen 145...

ON THE AGENDA

Today Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse... Tomorrow Tuesday Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., district office... Wednesday Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall...

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Portrait of Mary I. Gibson
Text: home and his own home, both of which he was proud of. Roger is survived by his wife, Diana Parvin of Shoshone, his parents, Wanda Nadeen Stumpf of Wendell and Ted Stumpf of Jerome...

RUPERT
Portrait of Floyd 'Mike' Weeks
Text: Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Shelley Third Ward on North Park. The family will be in the Annie Little Butte Cemetery, in Oak of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Aspen Home Health and Hospice, 3210 Washington Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404.

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Portrait of Sharon Mae Borrowman
Text: Sharon Mae Borrowman, 66, of Shelley died December 14, 2002 at her home in Shelley from cancer under hospice care. She was born March 21, 1936 in Menan, Idaho to Ephraim L. Merrill and Wanda (Harris) Merrill. She grew up in Menan and attended school in Menan and Rigby and graduated from Idaho Falls High School. She married Donald C. Borrowman April 8, 1953 in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Mary I. Gibson
Portrait of Mary I. Gibson
Text: Mary I. Gibson, 82, of Hansen, died Saturday, December 14, 2002, at Budgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Mary was born September 15, 1920, in Mount Etna, Iowa, to Daniel R. and Sarah Canna Perry. On March 28, 1942, she married Tom Gibson at Tappan, Oregon. Mary was a member of the Kimberly Christian Church and the Hansen Friendship Club.

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DEATH NOTICES

Darla Kay Galvan
TWIN FALLS - Darla Kay Galvan, 42, of Twin Falls passed away Saturday, Dec. 14 at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.
Edith Ina Klug
TWIN FALLS - Edith Ina Klug, 87, of Twin Falls died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2002 at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Blaine County rec district offers winter activities

The Blaine County Recreation District will offer snowshoeing, ice skating and other recess from school activities over the Christmas break for youngsters in grades one through six. The Idaho Corps of Discovery, sponsored by Lallman, Feltman, Peterson & Company, include snowshoeing.

Governor extends passport program

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has extended a program that encourages Idahoans to explore their state. The Idaho Corps of discovery Passport program was slated to end Dec. 31. But now it has been extended through Dec. 2006. "The Idaho passport program is a celebration of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery expedition," Kempthorne said. "It is only fitting that the program should coincide with the Lewis and Clark bicentennial Commemoration."

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Bill Dorman

HANSEN - Bill Dorman, 64, of Hansen, Idaho, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2002 at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho. Graveside services will be held Saturday, Dec. 21, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the Twin Falls Cemetery under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

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HOW THE SCHOOLS STACK UP

Here are average scores for south-central Idaho school districts on the fall 2002 Idaho Standards Achievement Test, compared with average scores from 323 school districts in 24 states, according to the Northwest Evaluation Association. The ISAT aims to show year-by-year student growth in the subjects of math, reading and language.

The first set of columns shows the district's average scores. The second set of columns shows whether each score is

above or below the 24-state mean score for the same subject and grade level.

Multi-State Mean Scores

Grade	Math	Read	Lang
Second	177.6	177.7	180
Third	189.7	188.7	191.6
Fourth	200.4	198	200.9
Fifth	208.9	205.2	207.3
Sixth	215.2	210.5	212.2
Seventh	220.9	214.4	215.2
Eighth	227.2	219.3	218.7
Ninth	228.8	221	220.4
Tenth	232.7	223.1	222.2

Comparison With Multi-State Mean

Grade	Math	Read	Lang	Ave
Second	-0.1	3.2	0.7	1.3
Third	-1.6	1.5	2.2	0.7
Fourth	0.8	2.9	0.2	1.3
Fifth	-2.9	-1.2	-1.1	-1.7
Sixth	-4.8	-2.4	-3.9	-3.8
Seventh	3	3.1	-1	1.7
Eighth	3.2	2.4	-0.5	1.7
Ninth	5.3	2.7	2.8	2.8
Tenth	7.7	2.5	0.7	3.6

BRAG Index: 0.3

District Scores

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	37	177.5	180.9	180.7
Third	42	188.1	190.2	193.6
Fourth	38	203.2	200.9	201.1
Fifth	48	206	204	206.2
Sixth	47	210.6	208.5	207.3
Seventh	50	223.9	215.5	214.2
Eighth	51	230.4	220.7	218.2
Ninth	46	231.2	218.3	217.4
Tenth	59	240.4	225.6	222.9

CASSIA COUNTY

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	348	174.7	173.7	176.1
Third	363	189.7	188.3	190.8
Fourth	366	197.7	196.2	198.3
Fifth	403	206.2	203.9	205.6
Sixth	376	212	209.8	211.4
Seventh	397	218.2	212.6	215.1
Eighth	385	224.3	216.7	217.9
Ninth	426	229.7	221.8	221.5
Tenth	401	237.3	228.9	224.9

Math Read Lang Ave

Grade	Math	Read	Lang	Ave
Second	-2.9	-4	-3.9	-3.6
Third	0	0.4	-0.8	-0.4
Fourth	-2.7	-1.8	-2.6	-2.4
Fifth	-2.7	-1.3	-1.7	-1.9
Sixth	-3.2	-1.4	-0.8	-1.8
Seventh	-2.7	-0.8	-0.1	-1.2
Eighth	-3.1	-1.6	-0.8	-1.8
Ninth	-0.1	0.8	1.1	0.6
Tenth	5.2	5.8	2.7	4.6

BRAG Index: -0.9

HANSEN

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	20	174.5	176	176.9
Third	32	189.5	188.7	193.9
Fourth	28	201.7	201.2	203.7
Fifth	32	211.2	208.4	211.9
Sixth	27	213.9	210.6	214.5
Seventh	27	220.7	216	216.5
Eighth	32	227.3	218.5	220.2
Ninth	23	232.6	217.5	218.6
Tenth	22	246.3	230.9	228.1

Math Read Lang Ave

Grade	Math	Read	Lang	Ave
Second	-1.2	-2.7	-3.1	-3
Third	-1.2	0	2.3	0.4
Fourth	1.3	3.2	2.8	2.4
Fifth	2.3	3.2	4.6	3.4
Sixth	1.3	0.1	2.3	0.4
Seventh	0.2	1.6	1	0.8
Eighth	0.1	0.2	1.8	0.7
Ninth	2.8	3.5	-1.8	-0.4
Tenth	13.6	7.8	6.9	9.4

BRAG Index: 1.5

JEROME

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	229	172.8	172.5	173.7
Third	233	188.8	184.9	187.1
Fourth	225	198.1	193.6	197.4
Fifth	234	205.1	203	205.1
Sixth	217	213.9	207	206.2
Seventh	253	219.6	210.9	212
Eighth	221	229.9	215.5	217.7
Ninth	230	233	221.5	220.3

Math Read Lang Ave

Grade	Math	Read	Lang	Ave
Second	-4.8	-4.8	-3.9	-4.5
Third	-2.9	-1.6	-4.5	-3
Fourth	-2.3	-0.6	-3.8	-2.1
Fifth	-3.8	-0.1	-2.2	-2
Sixth	-3.7	-1.3	-3	-2.7
Seventh	-1.3	-2.4	-3.2	-2.3
Eighth	2.7	-0.6	-1	0.4
Ninth	3.2	-0.7	-0.1	0.8

BRAG Index: -2

MINIDOKA COUNTY

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	299	173.7	171.5	173.7
Third	325	187.2	183.5	187
Fourth	1390	197.8	193.6	197.8
Fifth	367	205	200.5	202.9
Sixth	342	206.4	206.7	208
Seventh	321	217.7	211.6	212.2
Eighth	333	221.6	213.5	214.2
Ninth	318	226.1	217.8	217.1
Tenth	364	234.4	226.2	223.3

Math Read Lang Ave

Grade	Math	Read	Lang	Ave
Second	-3.9	-4.2	-4.3	-4.5
Third	-2.9	-4.2	-4.6	-4.1
Fourth	-2.5	-4.4	-3.1	-3.3
Fifth	-3.9	-4.7	-4.4	-4.3
Sixth	-5.8	-4.8	-4.2	-4.9
Seventh	-3.2	-2.8	-3	-3
Eighth	-5.6	-4.8	-4.5	-5
Ninth	-3.7	-3.2	-3.3	-3.4
Tenth	1.4	2.1	1.1	1.5

BRAG Index: -3.6

OLEVNS FERRY

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	35	172.8	170.4	172.8
Third	44	185	185.7	187.7
Fourth	49	192.4	192.2	192
Fifth	37	196.5	194.5	196.7
Sixth	35	205.1	201.7	203.4
Seventh	49	212.3	207.8	207.7
Eighth	49	218.6	212.9	215.4
Ninth	31	226.4	215.2	215.2
Tenth	55	235.5	NA	223.9

Math Read Lang Ave

Grade	Math	Read	Lang	Ave
Second	-4.8	-7.3	-7.2	-4.4
Third	-4.7	-3	-3.9	-3.9
Fourth	-6	-5.8	-5.9	-7.6
Fifth	-12.4	-10.7	-8.6	-10.6
Sixth	-10.1	-8.8	-8.8	-9.2
Seventh	-8.6	-6.6	-7.5	-7.6
Eighth	-8.3	-8.4	-3.5	-5.7
Ninth	-3.4	-1.5	-4.2	-2.8
Tenth	8.8	1.7	2.9	5.9

BRAG Index: -2.9

GOODING

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	88	178.3	171.8	175.1
Third	90	185.1	186.1	190.5
Fourth	75	196.1	191	196.1
Fifth	93	205.7	202.8	206
Sixth	96	209.9	207.3	207.7
Seventh	113	219.2	212.8	213.3
Eighth	97	225.5	216.9	216.3
Ninth	94	230	220	219.8

Math Read Lang Ave

Grade	Math	Read	Lang	Ave
Second	-2.3	-5.9	-4.5	-4.2
Third	-4.6	-2.6	-1.5	-2.9
Fourth	-4.3	-7	-4.8	-5.4
Fifth	-3.2	-2.4	-1.3	-2.3
Sixth	-4.3	-3.2	-4.5	-4.3
Seventh	-1.7	-1.6	-2.1	-1.8
Eighth	-1.7	-1.4	-2.4	-1.8
Ninth	0.2	-1	-0.6	-0.5

BRAG Index: -2.9

HAGERMAN

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	31	173.1	172.2	170.9
Third	26	187.8	185.6	190.8
Fourth	35	196.2	196.3	200.3
Fifth	30	204.7	203.3	203.4
Sixth	27	218.7	214.4	218.9
Seventh	29	224	215	217.1
Eighth	44	230.4	218.2	218.7
Ninth	23	234.4	224.5	223.5

Math Read Lang Ave

Grade	Math	Read	Lang	Ave
Second	-4.5	-5.5	-3.6	-4.5
Third	-2.1	-3.1	-0.7	-2
Fourth	-4.2	0.3	0.4	-0.2
Fifth	-4.2	1.9	3.9	-3.3
Sixth	-1.5	3.9	2.7	2.3
Seventh	-3.1	0.6	1.9	-1.9
Eighth	-3.2	0.9	-1.3	-1.2
Ninth	4.6	3.5	3.1	3.7

BRAG Index: 0.3

The Idaho Standards Achievement Test

Test program produces a swarm of numbers - but no simple comparison to show how your child's school district stacks up. Professional educators are still struggling with how to interpret the data.

The BRAG Index

So, in an attempt to provide a crude comparison, The Times-News created the "Ballpark Rough Average Gauge." We give our index a humorous name (BRAG) to remind readers that it's strictly informal and unscientific. It gives an overall figure for each district, but no one should take it too seriously.

FILER

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	81	174.9	177.5	177
Third	86	199.9	199.6	202.1
Fourth	95	206.8	204.7	205.6
Fifth	112	209.3	207.9	208.1
Sixth	109	220.1	213.7	214.6
Seventh	105	228.3	218.2	217.8
Eighth	121	232.4	223.5	222

BLISS

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	12	180.1	182.7	180.2
Third	12	181.9	181.3	183.8
Fourth	12	204.9	198.8	204.7
Fifth	14	211.4	202.2	203.9
Sixth	14	214.4	208.2	206.9
Seventh	14	219.3	204.6	206.1
Eighth	13	228.5	218.8	214.7
Ninth	18	229.9	220.6	218.4

MURTAUGH

Grade	Students	Math	Read	Lang
Second	17	178.4	176.3	178.5
Third	8	192.1	193	194.3
Fourth	12	199.9	197.2	199.1
Fifth	19	200.4		

Coming Tuesday

The results of another AFC showdown on Monday Night Football.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“It will really be a blessing in disguise. The strike will make it virtually impossible to get to a Knick game.”

San Francisco columnist Jerry Perisho on an anticipated transit strike in New York

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Dan Marino is the NFL's all-time leader in passing yards (61,361) and touchdowns (420). Who is the all-time leader in passing efficiency?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball Hagerman at Camas County, 6 p.m. Camas County JV at ISDB, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Stadlers beat Irwins in playoff

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas — Kevin Stadler made an 8-foot birdie putt to force a playoff Sunday, then father Craig Stadler holed a 30-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole to win the Father-Son Challenge.

Steve and Hale Irwin birdied the first eight holes on the back nine, but their only par allowed for a playoff at the Ocean Club Golf Course.

UCLA downs Stanford for men's soccer title

DALLAS — UCLA scored with two minutes left Sunday and again beat Stanford 1-0, this time to win the men's NCAA soccer championship.

Defenseman Aaron Lopez knocked in a free kick from midfielder Ryan Putagang with one touch into the right corner of the goal in the 88th minute.

This was the third meeting between UCLA (18-3-3) and Stanford (18-5-2) this season. The Bruins won all three meetings by 1-0 scores.

Durazo sent to Oakland in four-team trade

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Erubiel Durazo was dealt by Arizona to Oakland on Sunday as part of a four-team trade that sent pitcher Elmer Dessens from Cincinnati to the Diamondbacks.

Toronto sent shortstop Felipe Lopez to the Reds, and the Blue Jays get a player to be named from the Athletics.

Durazo, 28, hit .261 last season with 15 homers and 48 RBIs in 222 at-bats, competing for playing time with Mark Grace. Oakland general manager Billy Beane said he expects Durazo to be the regular designated hitter, and he can also fill in for Scott Hartsbarg at first base.

Lopez, 22, batted .227 with eight homers and 34 RBIs. Dessens, a 30-year-old right-hander, went 7-8 with a 3.03 ERA in 30 starts.

“He fits into the rotation behind co-aces Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson.”

Compiled from wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Steve Young, with an efficiency rating of 96.5. Joe Montana is second at 92.3 and Marino third at 86.4.

Double bogey sinks U.S. at World Cup

The Associated Press

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico — Japan's Shigeki Maruyama and Toshiimitsu Izawa shot a 6-under par 66 and won the World Cup Sunday when the American team of Phil Mickelson and David Toms made double bogey on the final hole.

Japan won the two-man event with a score of 36-under par. The United States team, which shot par or better through the first 17 holes of the round, shot a final round 65 and finished the tournament at 34-under.

South Korea, which shot 6-under on Sunday, and England, which was 4-under for the final round, tied for third at 30-under for the tournament. Defending champion South Africa shot a final round 66 and finished at 29-under. The final round was played in alternate shot format. Mickelson and Toms, who started the

Golf

day three shots back of Maruyama and Izawa, came to the par-4 18th with a one-shot lead before Mickelson hit his tee shot into the rough. Toms then pulled his shot left of the green. The ball skipped along the edge of the green before rolling into a rock-filled hazard.

“We played good,” said Toms. “Didn’t make a bogey all week and then finished with double bogey on the last hole. I hit a difficult shot but, at the same time, just a bad shot.” Playing in the group behind the Americans, Maruyama rolled in a birdie putt at the par-3 17th to tie the U.S. at 36-under.

After taking several minutes to decide what to do, Mickelson took a drop. His fourth shot ran about 15 feet

past the pin and Toms’ putt for bogey slid by the right side of the hole.

Maruyama then hit a great approach shot on the 18th, giving Izawa an easy 2-foot putt for par.

The American team took its first lead of the tournament on the par-4 13th, where Toms and Mickelson birdied and Maruyama and Izawa made double bogey. The Americans made birdie to go to 35-under.

Mickelson, one of the best wedge players in the world, hit his shot within 5 feet of the hole and Toms made the putt.

Japan made birdie at the par-5 12th. Maruyama’s second shot at the 13th bounced into a bunker behind the green. Izawa then hit his shot across the green and into some high grass, short of a hazard. Maruyama’s chip shot left his partner with a 5-foot putt, which Izawa missed.



Japan's Shigeki Maruyama celebrates his win in the final round of the World Golf Championships in Mexico.

Brazil wins the big buckle

Texas cowboy wins first world all-around title at National Finals Rodeo

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Trevor Brazile of Anson, Texas, won his first world all-around cowboy title Sunday, finishing the 10-round National Finals Rodeo with \$273,997 to edge Jesse Ball of Camp Cook, S.D., by \$14,051.

“I’ve been dreaming about it since I was a little kid,” said Brazile, who won \$79,157 in calf roping and finished third in that event. “My only goals now are how many of them I can rack up.”

Ball entered the NFR in first place and qualified in two events, bull riding and saddle bronc. Ball won \$65,608 at the NFR.

“I had already been making plans for an all-around world run for next year because they had kind of written me off,” said Brazile, who also won \$47,871 in steer roping and \$41,527 in team roping. “I had some bad things happen earlier in the week. As far as the all-around goes, this is what I’ve spent my whole life working for.”

Glenn O’Neill of Didsbury, Alberta, won the final round of saddle bronc riding with an 87 to take his first world title with \$236,030.

O’Neill also won the average and thwarted Dan Mortensen’s bid to match Casey Tibbs’ record of six saddle bronc titles.

Bobby Mote of Redmond, Ore., won the bareback round and session title, finishing with an 88. Mote earned \$174,376 on the season, including \$63,849 in the NFR.

Blue Stone of Ogden, Utah, won his second straight bull rid-



Trevor Brazile took second in the calf roping in Sunday's final round to win the world all-around title at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

ing world championship with \$157,707 and also finished first in the average.

In steer wrestling, Sid Steiner of Bastrop, Texas, won his first world championship, taking the final round with a 3.3-second run. Steiner, who won \$162,516 on the season, also won the average and won \$87,802 at the NFR.

Fred Whitfield of Hockley, Texas, won his sixth world calf

roping championship with \$217,537 and also finished first in the average.

Speed Williams and Rich Skelton, of Llano, Texas, won their sixth straight team roping titles, breaking the record set by Jake Barnes and Clay O'Brien Cooper.

Williams won the header title with \$167,406 and Skelton took the heeler crown with \$167,761.

J.D. Yates and Bobby Harris won the average and Daniel Green of Oakdale, Calif., and Kory Kootz of Sudan, Texas, split first in the final round with Tee Woolman of Llano, Texas, and Mike Beers of Powell Butte, Ore.

Charmayne James of Grand Prairie, Texas, won her 11th barrel racing championship, but her first since 1995, with \$186,403.

Valley sweeps invite

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

MURTAUGH — Valley turned up the defense and battled a taller Carey squad to a draw on the boards in the second half to scratch out a 68-62 boys basketball win in Murtaugh's Holiday Tournament. The championship ended after deadline Saturday night.

Valley (4-2) took a 50-45 lead into the fourth quarter as the Vikings limped the Panthers to a number of one-shot-and-done possessions. Michael Grant then took over, hitting two 3-pointers to make it 60-35 with 1:38 left.

“He had a couple early that kept us in it,” said Valley head coach Bernard Mussmann. “We did a lot better job limiting their shots in the second half. They are very physical and have guys who get a lot of rebounds.”

Kyle Thibault sealed the win with a clutch basket drawing the foul for an old-fashioned 3-point play, making it 66-61 with 22.2 ticks remaining. It was unusual, considering the Vikings hit 10 from long range, including five by Grant.

Carey came out on fire, led by Shawn Hennifer, who scored 10 of his team-high 23 points in the first quarter. Valley battled back, with Kyle Anderson hitting a 3-pointer at the first quarter buzzer to make it 19-15.

“They are a well-balanced team that came out and did some good things,” Mussmann added.

Two free throws by Anthony Nelson in the final 20 seconds made it 30-28 Carey at halftime. Anderson and Grant combined for 15 of their team’s 23 third-quarter points to give the Vikings a five-point lead heading into the final quarter.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Fins win AFC showdown

The Associated Press

MIAMI — While Ricky Williams played only a supporting role Sunday, plenty of Miami Dolphins had a big day — even Dan Marino.

Relying on six defensive backs and a fierce pass rush, Miami slowed Rich Gannon’s pursuit of Marino’s NFL record for yards passing in a season and limited the league’s top-ranked offense to 218 yards in a 23-17 victory.

Jason Taylor had three of Miami’s five sacks, giving him a sack in a team-record seven consecutive games, and Patrick Surtain’s interception ended Oakland’s final bid for a comeback. Gannon threw for just 204 yards, and needs 676 in the final two games to break Marino’s record of 584 set in 1984.

With the victory, Miami (9-5) tied the Raiders (9-5) for the best record in the AFC with two regular-season games to go.

Williams totaled a relatively modest 101 yards rushing, ending



Miami receiver Cris Carter hauls in his first touchdown pass of the season in the Dolphins win over Oakland Sunday.

his streak of consecutive 200-yard games at two. But Chris Chambers caught seven passes for a career-high 138 yards, and Cris Carter made his first touchdown reception since coming out of retirement.

Williams totaled a relatively modest 101 yards rushing, ending “We knew coming out we were

going to have to make some plays in the passing game,” said quarterback Jay Fiedler, 7-1 this year as a starter.

He threw for 237 yards and directed a 97-yard touchdown drive, the Dolphins’ longest since 1989.

Seahawks prevail in Battle of the Birds

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Michael Vick came through, then Shaun Alexander did him one better to win the game for Seattle.

After Atlanta’s Jay Feely missed a 36-yard field goal on overtime, Alexander ran 27 yards for a touchdown, giving the Seahawks a 30-24 victory Sunday.

“I have to shoulder this burden,” Feely said. “That’s my job, to make field goals.”

Vick, who did little right through 3.5 quarters, helped the Falcons tie the game with a 12-yard TD pass to Trevor Gaylor with 17 seconds left in regulation. He then drove his team to the 18 in the extra period to set up Feely’s try.

But the kick bailed wide right, and the Seahawks (5-9) quickly made Atlanta pay. Matt Hasselbeck completed a

21-yard pass to Koren Robinson on third-and-6, and Alexander did the rest. On second down, he broke through the middle and easily outran the defense to hand the Falcons (8-5-1) their second straight loss.

It was the 22nd overtime game of the season, breaking the NFL record set in 1995, and no team has contributed more than the Falcons — 1-2 in four OT games.

There has been at least one overtime game in 12 of the 15 weeks this year. Vick was 21-of-38 for 240 yards, and he ran for 40 yards on 13 carries. He injured his throwing hand in the second quarter, hitting a helmet on his follow-through, but stayed in the game. Hasselbeck finished 22-of-31 for 298 yards and a touchdown.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Winter baseball meetings come to life

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The winter meetings sprung to life Sunday night after 2.5 days of inactivity, with Edgardo Alfonzo signing with San Francisco and four quick trades that sent Erubiel Durazo, Jeremy Giambi and Rey Ordonez to new teams.

bly minor league pitcher Jason Arnold - to the Blue Jays. Boston acquired Giambi from Philadelphia for pitcher Josh Hancock. Tampa Bay got Ordonez from the Mets for two players to be named; and St. Louis received Brett Tomko from San Diego for Luther Hackman in a swap of right-handed pitchers.

Also, free agent shortstop Deivi Cruz agreed to a one-year contract with Baltimore. Pittsburgh reached a preliminary agreement with outfielder Matt Stairs on a one-year deal worth \$900,000.

Orlando Hernandez, first baseman Nick Johnson, outfielder Juan Rivera, another prospect and money to Edgardo Alfonzo's salary, a baseball official said on the condition of anonymity. Hernandez made \$3.2 million last season and is eligible for salary arbitration.

Idaho State men down Cal St. Fullerton. FULLERTON, Calif. - Marcelino Fuelle scored 20 points and Scott Henry added 17 points and 11-rebounds in Idaho State's 79-70 win over Cal State Fullerton Saturday night.

Boise State beat Idaho 75-70 Saturday night to sweep the season series. Defares was 11-of-21 from the field and had seven rebounds for the Broncos (5-2) who could beat the Vandals 75-67 Nov. 30 in Boise.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association All-Time Franchise Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., and various statistics.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Western Conference Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., and various statistics.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Eastern Conference Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., and various statistics.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

College Basketball Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., and various statistics.

BASEBALL

Baseball Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., and various statistics.

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Soccer Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, D, Pts., and various statistics.

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Hockey Standings Table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pts., and various statistics.

SCORES AND STATS

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Table listing TV programs, channels, and times, including Football, Basketball, and other sports.

Football

Table listing football games, teams, and scores, including Patriots vs. Titans, ABC, 7 p.m.

Baseball

Table listing baseball games, teams, and scores.

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Area ski report

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Top-ranked Wildcats hold off No. 8 Longhorns

TUCSON, Ariz. - Jason Gardner scored six of his 13 points over the final 2-03, including two 15-foot jumpers that put Arizona up for good, and the top-ranked Wildcats beat No. 8 Texas 73-70 Sunday.

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Mets trade Ordonez to Tampa Bay Devil Rays

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The New York Mets took another step in reducing their payroll and shedding one of their problem players, trading Rey Ordonez to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Sunday.

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BSU Bronco men edge Idaho Vandals

MOSCOW, Idaho - Bryan Defares scored 28 points as Boise State University's men's basketball team edged the Idaho Vandals 75-70 Saturday night.

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Murtaugh 60, Cole Valley Christian 49

MURTAUGH - Red Devils forward Matt Newkirk pumped in 17 inside white post Roseborough and guard Cody Perkins added 10 points to lead 3-1 Murtaugh to a 60-49 win in the boys' third-place game of Murtaugh's Holiday Tournament.

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Carey 58, Cole Valley Christian 43

MURTAUGH - Jesse Molyneux and Ginger Bingham each scored 14 points to lead Carey to third place at Murtaugh's Holiday Tournament Saturday night, downing Cole Valley Christian 58-43 in girls basketball play.

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OTHER VIEWS

Government acts swiftly to begin smallpox shots

Deseret News (Salt Lake City)

Most likely, the details of the procedures for how the government inoculates people against smallpox aren't terribly important. Georgia is planning to vaccinate only about 500 people during the first round, while Louisiana will do up to 20,000. But as a practical reality, the moment the nation embarks on a smallpox program, the enemy will remove their arrows from its quiver.

The government is acting responsibly by beginning this program. Only a few vials of smallpox exist in the world, but no one is sure in whose hands some of them reside. Some experts believe Iraq and North Korea possess the disease and would be willing to put it into a form that would infect large numbers of Americans in the event of a war. Given the desperation Saddam Hussein is likely to feel if the United States tried to remove him with force, it's not far-fetched to imagine him unleashing whatever devastation is at his disposal.

The Bush administration should be commended for organizing inoculations so quickly and efficiently. The next step, however, should be to prepare those who are vaccinated for the potential side effects, and to provide compensation to people who may have serious reactions, or even die, as a result.

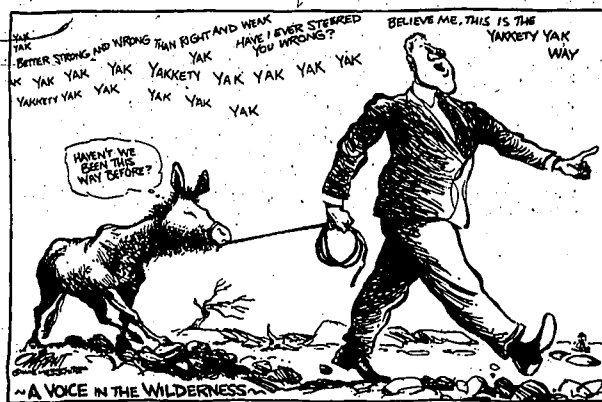
Americans have forgotten what smallpox, and its vaccine, were like. The disease was eradicated once completely in 1981, but the vaccine hasn't been used regularly in the United States since 1971. Today, some people foolishly refuse to inoculate their children against some diseases because of the minuscule chance of a bad reaction. Smallpox shots were much more dangerous.

The Washington Post recently quoted the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases as saying, "In the 30 years since we had routine vaccination, the public's tolerance level has gone way down." In other words, this is a shot that deserves some respect. Two hundred healthy young people were recently given vaccinations as part of a government study. One third ended up missing a day of work because of fever or swollen arms. Seventy-five of them had fevers and blisters so severe doctors worried about serious infections, the Post reported.

That's how it was in the old days, too. Some people even died from the vaccine. It was a difficult price to pay to rid the world of smallpox, but it was a necessary thing. The same could be said of today's need to begin vaccinating again.

If anyone released this deadly disease on the world again, it would be a testament to mankind's incredible capacity toward cruelty. But the world has already seen what today's terrorists and despots are capable of doing. No one should argue with the need to be prepared.

Their view: This guest editorial from the Deseret News in Salt Lake City says the safety of smallpox vaccinations is well worth the potential side effects. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



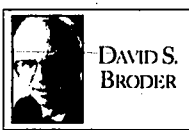
Clinton keeps his bully pulpit

When I finally got around to reading the post-speech that former President Bill Clinton gave in New York earlier this month, it came as something of a surprise. The news coverage focused on his statement that Democrats were "missing in action on national security" issues during the midterm election and must fight to reclaim that territory from President Bush and the Republicans to have any chance to win in 2004.

The irresistible Clinton sound bite was this: "We (Democrats) have got to be strong. When we look weak in a time where people feel insecure, we lose. When people feel uncertain, they'd rather have somebody who's strong and wrong than somebody who's weak and right."

While reporting that little aphorism, savants passed over big parts of Clinton's characteristically sprawling address to the Democratic Leadership Council, one he was reading from "handwritten notes." I wrote out this morning after coming back late from Mexico last night. But it's worth wading through. What made Clinton's reputation as the most successful Democratic politician of his generation was mainly his record in domestic policy. And for this reader, at least, it is the economic and social policy sections of the speech that compel attention from his party. Whether offering original ideas or repackaging others' proposals, Clinton continues to challenge conventional wisdom.

For example: In the last campaign, Democrats saw their share of the senior citizen vote continue to decline, despite all their scare talk that Republican plans to "privatize" Social Security would



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destroy the most important part of that safety net.

Clinton bluntly says Democrats should stop defending the status quo and instead consider changes that would "increase the rate of return on Social Security. They could follow the model of the government employees' retirement system (as long-championed by some conservative think tanks) and give people the option, "with 1 or 2 percent of the payroll tax" to invest in one of three mutual funds "that almost always perform as well or better than the market," while at the same time permitting cautious investors the option of buying government bonds, so they could "get the guaranteed Social Security return and 100 percent safety."

That was one of the possible changes recommended last year by a presidential commission chaired by former Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York. But few Democrats have embraced the idea or buckled down to the task of figuring out how to finance the transition to that new system without reducing benefits to those either on Social Security or soon to join its ranks. So they have left the door open for Republicans to champion a reform that is attractive to many younger workers.

More congressional Democrats agree with Clinton's idea that tax cuts should be designed to "jounce

the economy" now without "creating long-term fiscal irresponsibility." The way to do that, he says, is to freeze the scheduled reductions in the Bush tax plan at least for the top rate of income taxes - affecting the half-percent of Americans with annual incomes above \$400,000, saving \$1.4 trillion over the next 20 years. Instead, Clinton urges passage of short-term tax breaks for consumers and businesses that would feed straight into the economy.

On the corporate accountability front, Clinton suggests that Democrats support a requirement that stock options be exercised "over a long period of time to build employee loyalty and the strength of the company," rather than insiders "just taking the money and running... leaving everybody else high and dry."

On welfare reform, one of the great policy changes of the Clinton years, the former president now says, "We need an honest analysis (of) what's happened to people in this downturn. Do we need to provide more incentives than we are presently providing to help poor people who fall into the cracks?"

There is more in Clinton's speech. A reminder that as long as this fellow is around, the Democrats will not suffer a shortage of ideas.

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The blessings of liberty, law

Four years ago the Cato Institute published a handsome, pocket-size edition of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution that was smaller than a U.S. passport. Included was a preface that related the two documents through their underlying principles.

We had no idea what the demand for such a pocket Constitution might be. So at first we sent it free to justices, judges, members of Congress and the executive branch, and assorted state officials. Then we posted it at Cato's Web site, and over time we made it available for sale at stores like Restoration Hardware, Borders Books and Amazon.com. To date, we have sold and distributed more than 3 million copies. Now the stores are telling us, as the holiday season approaches, "We need more. That's an encouraging sign for liberty."

ROGER PILON

The attacks of Sept. 11 brought a spike in flag sales. Yet the flag is still just a symbol. It symbolizes the principles the Declaration sets forth and the Constitution secures in law. If flag sales and Constitution sales are any sign, it seems that Americans are coming to realize how fragile our way of life is, and how important it is to understand and protect the principles of government that preserve it.

Let's review those principles. In the Declaration, Thomas Jefferson set out certain "self-evident truths," the foundations of freedom: "that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." What that means is that we're free to pursue happiness as we wish, by our own lights, provided we respect the equal rights of others to do the same.

Our basic political principle, Jefferson went on to say, is equally simple: "That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed." Government is thus twice limited: by its end, to secure our rights; and by its means, to which we must consent if government is to be legitimate.

Those two basic political principles and limited government, have inspired millions around the world, people clamoring to be free and to live under free governments. They have seen especially what the American experiment has taught, that the principles of liberty must be secured in law, in a constitution that protects them through the rule of law.

It was James Madison who brought that about. When the Founders met in Philadelphia in 1787 to draft the Constitution, they understood that government is both necessary and dangerous; necessary to secure our rights, but dangerous too, because government unrestrained could easily trample rights in the name of securing them. They drafted a document that both empowered and limited government.

The Constitution was not perfect, to be sure. It took a civil war and the Civil War amendments to end its obnoxious recognition of slavery. Moreover, we've often ignored its principles in practice. By and large, however, the Constitution has served us well, enabling us to flourish under the blessings of liberty and law. As we gather with family and friends over the holidays, we would do well to count those blessings and give thanks that we continue to live under a constitution of liberty.

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Government needs more bipartisan work

On Dec. 9, *The Times-News* printed a story about incumbent Democrat Sen. Mary Landrieu winning re-election over Republican Suzanne Terrell and Democrat Rodney Alexander winning an open seat in Congress over Republican Lee Fletcher (Louisiana). This is something all Americans should be thankful for. Why? Because under the current Democrat and Republican government at the national level and also in some states, the Republican Party rules almost to a dictatorship status. These Democratic wins are only two wins, but each win for a Democratic senator or congressman helps to balance the Senate and Congress.

This same article quotes the current president (Republican). He says, "...looks forward to Congress returning and working in a bipartisan way with Republicans and Democrats,

including Sen. Landrieu." This president is possibly beginning to understand that Congress and the Senate needs a balance.

Based on this statement, "working in a bipartisan way," I hope he realizes what he has said (if he actually said it).

When Congress and the Senate begin their session in January 2003, politics should be put aside and business tended to with the best interest of the American people at heart.

This past week in Idaho, the Legislature met to choose leadership positions. Because of one party being in control, the members of this political party were biting each other on the neck.

I am not defending the Democratic Party or trying to down the Republican Party. I am talking about balance.

One thing I will say that is not an opinion but a fact based on history: The Democratic Party has always been considered the party for the working class, the

common people of America. This can be verified from observation and information in encyclopedias.

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Opposition to dairies is built on many myths

Through the many anti-dairy problems is real for a select few, there are a small number of people and groups that have talked loud and often to make the dairy odor problem seem bigger than it really is. Forty-eight percent of all dairy odor complaints in Idaho were generated by 12 families.

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Myth: Implementing tougher regulations on the dairy industry will not impact the growth of dairy in our state. Fact: Idaho is beginning to appear more negative in the eyes of many dairymen. One 3,000-plus cows dairy farmer recently told me that he is actively looking to move his dairy out of the state. Why? Because he believes Idaho is trying too hard to regulate the dairy industry. Myth: If dairies do leave Idaho, the impact on the economy won't be that large. Fact: It is estimated that the dairy industry in Idaho employs approximately 15,400 people and generated cash receipts of around \$1 billion in 2001. This \$1 billion in milk receipts contributed more than \$2 billion to the economy of Idaho (through the multiplier effect).

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In my conversations with dairymen, I have found that, on the whole, they are willing to live with reasonable regulations. Next month, I'll comment on what I think is reasonable.

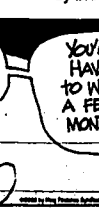
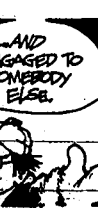
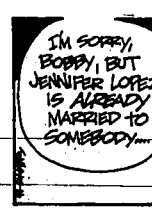
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WORLD

Arafat to bin Laden: Leave Palestinian issue alone

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is demanding that Osama bin Laden stop using the Palestinian struggle for statehood as a reason to conduct terror activities against the West, a London newspaper reported Sunday.

Arafat spoke out against the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States soon after they occurred last year. The Palestinian Authority has consistently rebuffed efforts to link its actions against Israel to the al-Qaida terror campaign.

Arafat's latest statement, his strongest yet, followed twin attacks last month against Israeli targets in Kenya. A Somali-based terror group with links to al-Qaida claimed responsibility for the attacks and dedicated them to the Palestinians.

In an interview with The Sunday Times at his Ramallah headquarters, Arafat accused bin Laden of exploiting Palestinian suffering to garner more support in the Arab world.

"Why is bin Laden talking about Palestine now? Bin Laden never, not ever, stressed this issue, he never helped us, he was working in another completely different area and against our interests," Arafat said, according to the report.

"I'm telling him (bin Laden) directly not to hide behind the Palestinian cause," Arafat said.

A Palestinian official repeated that position on Sunday.

"The Palestinian Authority and other Palestinian groups have all declared that they are fighting the occupation of the land of Palestine and not anywhere else," said Ahmed Abdel Rahman, an aide to Arafat.

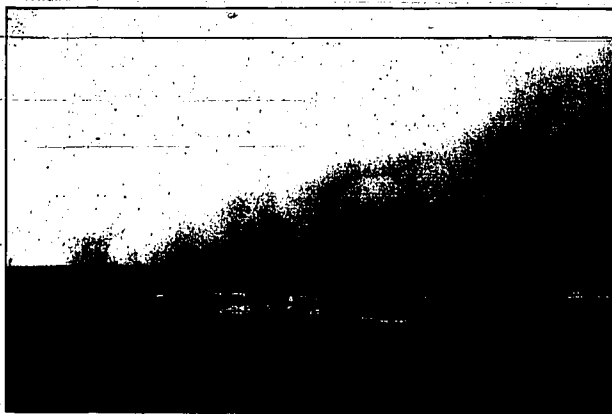
The Israeli government has sought to link its conflict with the Palestinians to the U.S.-led fight against al-Qaida. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, blaming Arafat for more than two years of Middle East violence, has tried to convince the United States that Palestinian terrorism is in the same category as al-Qaida terrorism, but the U.S. government has not gone along.

Recently the Israelis claimed that al-Qaida members had infiltrated into the Gaza Strip, but the Palestinians hotly denied that.

"We are not fighting the entire world, civilization and people," Abdel Rahman said. "We don't want our just cause to be used as a cover by Sharon and his government to continue their escalation — as though if the U.S. is fighting al-Qaida in Afghanistan, so Israel is fighting al-Qaida in Palestine."

Ten Kenyans and three Israelis were killed in the Nov. 28 suicide bombing at a hotel frequented by Israeli tourists, and two missiles narrowly missed a Tel Aviv-bound Israeli airliner that had just taken off from Mombasa with 271 people on board.

DUST STORM



A huge dust cloud rolls over the Australian town of Griffith, 248 miles southwest of Sydney, late last month, after high winds whipped up top soil dried from a prolonged drought. Australia is in the grip of a devastating drought, one of the worst on record, slashing agricultural production across the country.

Police foil bomb plot aimed at U.S. diplomats

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — In a foiled suicide bomb plot, Islamic militants planned to ram an explosives-laden Volkswagen into a car carrying U.S. diplomats in Karachi, Pakistani police said Sunday.

Police said they arrested three men Friday and Saturday and seized about 250 sacks of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer used in explosives. They said the suspects had been trained at a camp in Afghanistan run by Islamic militants fighting Indian rule in the disputed province of Kashmir.

"They were preparing for the attack on American diplomats in the coming days, and they had the car bomb ready," provincial police chief Kamal Shah told a news conference.

"They were surveying for appropriate place" on one of the main roads in this southern port city, frequently used by diplomats, he said.

Shah said one of the suspects, Asif Zaheer, was linked to a May suicide bombing outside a hotel in Karachi that killed 14 people, including 11 French engineers. "Asif Zaheer is an expert in explosives, and he was the man who prepared the car for suicide bombing at the Sheraton Hotel," Shah said.

Police said they had no immedi-

ate evidence of links between the foiled plot and the al-Qaida terror network.

"We cannot rule out a network of al-Qaida in Karachi," he said. "But there is no concrete evidence yet."

The plan apparently involved loading the nose of the rear-engine Volkswagen bug with explosives, waiting for a diplomatic vehicle to pass and ramming it to detonate the bomb.

The would-be attackers apparently decided on their plan after a June bombing outside the U.S. Consulate in Karachi killed 12 Pakistanis but no Americans.

"Assessing the strength of the U.S. consulate building, we decided to target American diplomats as they traveled on city roads," Shah quoted Zaheer as telling police.

He said Zaheer had no apparent links to the consulate attack but wanted to drive the planned suicide car bomb personally to ensure the plot succeeded.

The 250 35-pound sacks of fertilizer — not all of which would have been used in the car bombing — could produce a huge explosion, Shah said. Zaheer told investigators it was twice the amount of explosives used in the May bombing.

Earlier Sunday, authorities had

announced the arrests of three men Saturday in connection with the May suicide bombing, but it was not immediately clear if they were same three suspects discussed in the press conference.

Iraq angers Russia by cancelling contract

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia angrily assailed Iraq on Sunday for its decision to cancel a major oil contract with a top Russian company — a surprise slap from an ally as Moscow pushes for a political settlement in the Iraq standoff with the United Nations.

Abbas Khalaf, Iraq's ambassador to Moscow, said earlier Sunday that the Iraqi government had severed the 1997 contract with Russia's largest oil company, Lukoil, because it had failed to start work at the West Qurna-2 field.

He shrugged off Lukoil's claim that the deal was hampered by U.N. sanctions against Iraq.

"Lukoil has made no investment whatsoever, it has just signed the contract and left," Khalaf said at a news conference, adding that other Russian companies had worked in Iraq despite the sanctions.

Moscow responded to the cancellation, first announced Thursday, with its harshest criticism of Baghdad to date.

"Such a move can only be interpreted as running contrary to the friendly character of Russian-Iraqi relations and the level of bilateral cooperation in different areas," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The ministry strongly backed Lukoil, saying that "no Russian company can violate the sanctions regime." It said the problem cannot be solved by unilateral action

and urged Baghdad to talk to Lukoil to resolve the dispute.

The ministry said Russia was particularly annoyed by the cancellation after its opposition to unilateral U.S. action in Iraq. "It evokes bewilderment that the step was taken at the moment when Russia was trying to defuse tension around Iraq and striving to solve the Iraq issue by peaceful political means together with other countries," the statement said.

Russia last month backed the U.N. Security Council's tough resolution demanding Iraq comply with weapons inspectors, but warned the United States against using force without explicit U.N. approval.

Lukoil vice president Leonid Fedun described Iraq's decision to break the contract with his company as "an attempt to somehow influence or even punish the Russian side for its, as Iraq sees it, failure to prevent the U.N. Security Council from voting on sending weapons inspectors to Iraq," the Interfax news agency reported.

Khalaf flatly rejected allegations that the decision had anything to do with politics.

He said he was aware of reports that the company was talking to the United States in a bid to secure its interests in Iraq if Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein is ousted, but refused to comment.

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Econ 101: Supply, demand and prayer

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Yes, things are bad. The question is, how much worse will they get? Will we see a repeat of the Great Depression, with business people leaping from windows? What if they work in modern buildings where the windows don't open?

These are the questions that ordinary Americans like you are asking about the economy. You want simple, straightforward, completely unsearched information about the economy, and you want it - above all - in the Q and A format.

Q. What, exactly, is wrong with the U.S. economy?

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A. The best way to understand the economy is to think of it as a horse. This economic "horse" has four legs: (1) Government spending, (2) Business spending, (3) Consumer spending, and (4) eBay. If you remove any one of these legs, the horse will run slower; if you remove two, the horse, which is not a complete idiot, will bite you on the arm and attempt to hop away, generally in a circular pattern.

Q. Are you going to get irate letters from PTAs?

A. Of course. But the point is that the U.S. economy is now teetering on one leg, which is consumer spending. Despite the fact that their financial outlook is dire, American consumers are still buying things, and for a very sound economic reason.

Q. They have tiny brains?

A. In many cases, yes. But the main cause of consumer spending is the superb work of the Federal Technology Obsolescence Board, or FTOB (pronounced "frob").

Q. What is the FTOB?

A. It is a secret, quasi-governmental body whose mission is to convince consumers that they need to buy things to replace perfectly good things that they already own. The FTOB got us out of the recession of the early 1980s by promoting the compact disc; this caused Americans to buy CD versions of all their record albums, spending, according to the Department of Commerce, \$117 billion on Fleetwood Mac alone. The FTOB is currently stimulating the economy with a bold three-pronged program designed to convince consumers that they must: (1) replace all their CDs with something called "MP3"; (2) replace their VCR machines, and all their videotapes, with something called "DVD"; and (3) replace their film cameras with "digital" cameras, which consumers believe are technologically superior, despite the fact that only 3 percent of all consumers can figure out how to get the pictures out of the camera, which means most people show you their vacation shots of the Grand Canyon by making you squint at the little screen on the back of the camera, which is the size of a Cheer-L. The entire U.S. economy is now based on consumers buying these things. Ski resorts will soon be built on mountains made entirely from discarded, but fully functional, VCRs.

Q. What does "VCR" mean?

A. Nobody knows. It's like "paradigm."

Q. I have noticed that, the longer I stay alive, the less money I have saved for retirement. Why is this?

A. You probably have a 401(k) plan, which is a type of plan where your balance gets smaller each month and eventually disappears altogether, like a pizza in a men's dormitory. Financial experts recommend the 401(k) as an investment vehicle for people who are going to retire in time and plan to retire in 1973. People going FORWARD in time are better off with the 401(k) plan, which actually gets larger each month.

Q. How do I get one of those?

A. By writing to PEZA.

Q. What do you see ahead for the economy?

A. I see a period of belt-tightening.

Q. You mean consumers will have to budget carefully?

A. No, I mean they'll have to use home-made tortionettes, because they won't be able to afford health insurance.

Q. But with the market down, isn't this a smart time to buy stocks?

A. Definitely. There has never been a better time.

Q. Which ones do you recommend?

A. I will sell you mine.

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SWALLOW A CAMERA?

New, hi-tech approach can help find what ails your small intestine

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Your small intestine reaches up to 28 feet in length, yet, fits nicely inside your abdominal cavity. But all that footage makes it hard to find a problem.

Now, like the miniaturized submarine in the 1966 sci-fi movie "Fantastic Voyage," there's technology to lend a hand.

It's called capsule endoscopy. The size of a large vitamin pill, it contains a tiny video camera, two batteries, a radio transmitter and a computer chip.

And you swallow it.

Once swallowed, the capsule begins its own fantastic voyage through all of the twists and turns of your innerspace.

Dr. Ted Rea, a Twin Falls gastroenterologist, says the camera snaps two pictures a second for a total of about 58,000 images on its journey. Receivers are placed along the patient's torso, and the photos are uplinked to a small hard-drive that the patient wears for eight hours.

"I then bring the hard-drive back and we download it into a computer process, and it converts these two pictures per second into a video," he said. "I then watch the video, which takes 45 minutes to an hour and a half to view."

That's the good news. The bad news is that this procedure doesn't replace the much-dreaded screening colonoscopy.

"Some people were hoping it would replace it, because nobody's real fond about having the prep and having the endoscopy in their colon," Rea said.

This technology is used to identify lesions beyond the reach of the scope. So most people given the test have already had some form of endoscopy, either of the colon or stomach. The doctor is looking for lesions not identified with this.

Capule endoscopy is used to look for Crohn's disease, small bowel tumors and vascular malformations.

If it were possible to view the stomach and colon with this, Rea says, it would be a nice advancement. But although the camera is good enough to accomplish these tasks, the problem yet to be overcome is the tumbling, flipping over and turning from side to side in these areas. The lumen - the inner open space of an organ - is larger in the stomach and in the colon than in the small intestine.

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Above, Trudy Ghens holds the sensors for the capsule endoscopy device which is designed to supplement, but not replace, a colonoscopy. The patient swallows a specially designed capsule after the sensors have been placed on the trunk of the body and wears a special harness for eight hours. A picture of inside the intestines is transmitted through the sensors to a recording device and then the information is downloaded into a computer for analysis. Right, the "pill" that the patient swallows is a tiny camera. Each capsule costs \$450 and is not reused.



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Many over 50 still shy from colorectal screenings

The Orange County Register

When he underwent a colonoscopy last summer, President George W. Bush underscored a message that many people over 50 need to heed: If your colon and rectum haven't been checked for cancer, don't wait.

A screening may save your life.

An independent panel of medical experts reinforced as much this month when it recommended that all adults older than 50 get colorectal screening. This is the strongest stance on screening yet by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, whose report appeared in the journal Archives of Internal Medicine on July 16.

This bolsters similar recommendations from groups such as the American Cancer Society and the American Gastroenterological Association, said Dr. Steven Woolf, a member of the task force.

The importance of early screening also figured in celebrity Sharon Osbourne's continuing battle with colorectal cancer. Osbourne, who stars in MTV's "The Osbournes," was diagnosed after a colonoscopy in June and recently underwent surgery.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, but more than half of adults older than 50 have not had colorectal screening.

Many technologies, including virtual colonoscopy and genetic tests, are being studied to improve screening for this cancer.

Despite awareness efforts of organizations such as the cancer society, several hurdles to screening remain.

Access to health insurance is an issue, according to a study published in this month's American Journal of Preventive Medicine. Some adults may not have access to Medicare, which covers all four types of colorectal screening tests for beneficiaries. Medicare also covers a screening colonoscopy every 24 months for beneficiaries at high risk for colorectal cancer and, since July 2001, once every 10 years for beneficiaries not at high risk.

Visiting your doctor regularly for a checkup - not just when you have a medical problem - makes a difference. The same study looked at 1,002 Massachusetts residents older than 50 and showed that those adults who regularly see their doctor for preventive health visits are more likely to be currently screened for colon cancer.

Physicians are powerful motivators for getting patients screened for colon cancer," said Jane Zapka, professor of medicine at the University of

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Guy's turn: Retailers respond as young men take interest in clothes

Knight Ridder Newspapers

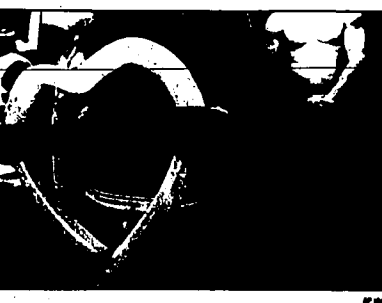
KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Victor Ross glides briskly through Independence Center mall outside Kansas City with the ease of a young man who just bought the place.

He lives more than an hour away, but often on Saturday afternoons he and his friends are here on the outskirts of Independence, Mo., traipsing through cool stores such as Abercrombie & Fitch, Pacific Sun or Hot Topic.

In Abercrombie, he likes the cargo pants - "a must" for all the pockets. Dito for cable sweaters and faux sheathling coats. Across the way at Pac-Sun, the colorful jerseys with logos are cool.

But as for his own wardrobe, it is a bit more diverse. His favorite things include a pine green '80s penny polo shirt his grandfather passed down, plaid pants he was thrilled to find at a vintage store and an authentic military pea coat his friend's grandfather gave him.

Ross, 18, a high school senior, is one of an apparently growing number of young men who have distinct tastes in dress and shop



Jesus Carter models at the entrance of Abercrombie & Fitch inside the Steeplecher Center in Frisco, Texas. Venerable retailer A&F has become a popular shopping mecca for young men, the fastest-growing segment of the retail fashion market.

for clothes with, well, if not the passion, certainly the will traditionally credited to young women.

The young men's market is the hottest in the men's industry, second only to the young women's arena, says Marsha Cohen, co-president of NPDFashionware, a division of NPD, which tracks market data.

"A lot more young people are

coming into the store, shopping," says Todd Epperley, sportswear buyer for Kansas City's Halls, a specialty store.

"They're looking more for personal identity," he says, and are attracted by such trends as retro and denim.

Consider Ross again. When he wants to look really good, he wears his baby-blue button-down

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These tips can help you recognize quality fabric

A reader recently commented on my September column about quality fabric, and asked me to elaborate on the subject. One of her questions was: "How do we know what's worth a higher price?"

California sewing expert Claire Shafer says: "In learning to recognize fabric quality, check the weave, printing and finishing. Good dyes penetrate fabric so the color is clear on the back as well as the face.

"In a plain fabric, the weave should be uniform, without patches of light and dark. Hold it up to the light to check. Threads should be fine and closely spaced. Sometimes the country of origin makes a difference, too."

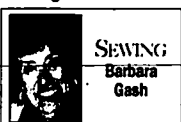
More tips: "Squeeze fabric in your hand to see if it springs back with few creases (unless it's linen, of course.)

"Test for fraying by scraping your thumbnail across warp threads to see if they separate.

"Plaids, checks and stripes - that are woven in are better quality than similar ones that are just printed on the fabric.

"Knits should have good shape retention (resiliency), and the ribs should be straight, not skewed.

Messe Wilson, owner of Fabric Gallery in Williamston,



SEWING
Barbara Gash

Mich., emphasizes the importance of good dyes. To test through repeated uses. She recommends the fine weave cottons by Liberty of London and the quilting cottons by Hoffman of California.

"If the yarns are dyed before being put on the loom, the colors are distributed throughout, and will remain true longer."

Wilson adds that better fabrics often have multiple processes in the production. "A more complex weave helps with drape and means less wrinkling. Also, a longer staple yarn used in the weaving gives a softer, finer hand."

The bottom line, she says - and I agree wholeheartedly - is to "sew on the best you can find, or sew for a particular project."

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HEALTH & FASHION

Scientists still debate caffeine's effect on health

Newsday

The act of balancing caffeine's pleasure versus its harm is one every coffee or tea drinker knows well. But scientists have taken the discussion in new directions — to an examination of the impact of caffeine on health, far beyond the immediate litters.

They have spent decades putting caffeine — the ingredient in coffee, tea and also cola that delivers the buzz — under the microscope. And so far their efforts have yielded mixed results. Though recent studies have reported on potential health benefits from consuming coffee — in fact, lots of it — there are others that find it can be unhealthy.

So what's a coffee drinker to do?

Interviews with half a dozen researchers yielded sage advice: that two to three cups of either filled coffee, tea or cola a day is probably safe.

About two cups of a caffeinated beverage — around 300 milligrams — can nudge the brain's arousal system and bring on alertness, scientists say.

Thousands of studies have examined the effects of caffeine. Recent findings have been the result of the most popular research method on humans: asking them to recall how much they drink. And because memories can be faulty, the results don't represent science at its most definitive.

Some of these recent studies are findings suggesting that four or more cups a day may have value. The one with the most dramatic conclusion reported that such consumption over time had improved the memory of women.

Scientists at the University of



Caffeine-rich coffee may have several health benefits — and unknown risks.

California in San Diego studied 1,500 people over 50, asking about coffee-drinking habits over their lifetime. Volunteers who said they drank six or more cups a day performed better on six of the 12 tests gauging their ability to think and react, compared with those who drank less coffee. But the effect was found only in women, and one subset performed the best: elderly women (over 80) with a long, sturdy history of coffee-drinking. They outperformed the others on 11 of the 12 tests.

The interpretation, according to scientists, is that coffee "may

have a protective effect on the cognitive decline associated with aging."

But why only for women? As a mild stimulant, caffeine works on the brain chemical acetylcholine, which is involved with attention and memory. It's possible, the investigators reason, that the female brain, known to be more vulnerable to Alzheimer's, may be aided by caffeine's role on the brain system that regulates the chemical.

Another study concluded coffee may reduce the risk of gallstones, this time in both men and women. Yet others have hinted at possible benefits at protecting

against Parkinson's disease and diabetes.

But over the years caffeine has also been linked to miscarriages, infertility, cancer, birth defects and heart disease. But the scientific evidence isn't strong, according to Dr. Herbert Muncie, a professor and chair of family medicine at the University of Maryland. Muncie has an interest in nutrition, and caffeine tops his list. "Caffeine is the most researched chemical in the world, but people keep raising questions," said Muncie, who limits his intake to two to three cups a day.

St. Benedicts offers 'Baby and Me' class

St. Benedicts Family Medical Center will offer a "Baby and Me" class from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Beginning Discipline."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Learn CPR

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants.

Cost is \$25. Preregistration is required, call 737-2007.

Alzheimer's support

SunBridge Care Center and Rehabilitation will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

For more information, call

To do for you

Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8645.

Arthritis exercise

South Central District Health and BridgeView Estates will offer the Arthritis Foundation's People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE) class from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, starting Jan. 6, 2003, at BridgeView Estates.

Tami Pearson, a certified PACE instructor, will lead participants through a series of range-of-motion and muscle-strengthening exercises.

Participants must register by Friday. For more information or to register, call Susie Beem, arthritis program coordinator for South Central District Health, at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 33303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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GOODING — Chuck and Stacy Turner announce the engagement of their daughter, Dallas Louise Turner, to Shelby Jon Scoffield, son of Jon and Wendy Scoffield of Thatcher.

Shelby is a graduate of Gooding High School and is currently attending Brigham Young University-Idaho.

She is employed at Melaleuca in Rexburg, where she is doing

her internship. Gooding is a graduate of Bear River High School and is currently attending BYU-Idaho.

He is employed at Zollingers Manufacturing in Rexburg.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Logan LDS Temple.

A reception will be held from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at the Basque Cultural Center in Gooding.



Shelby Scoffield and Dallas Turner

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shirt with a white T-shirt. And sometimes for fun, he throws a tie over a collared shirt. He makes his own jewelry, including a suede band for his watch and the leather choker at his neck.

He is a Lenny Kravitz kind of guy, he admits. He likes to mix things up spontaneously.

"I just put on what I feel like," Ross says. "I don't think about it."

Charles Lavole-Wheeler, who just turned 15, at home in his new Brand store on Kansas City's Country Club Plaza. Some days he and his friends entertain themselves trying on clothes in the retail stores.

But if you don't buy anything, after awhile they kind of want you to leave," he says.

At Lucky, he likes the colorful logo shirts embellished with sayings such as "Aren't You Lucky?" or "Lucky's Chop Shop."

"It shows you have a sense of humor," Charles says with a dimpled grin. It's the same reason he likes his Tommy Bahama bowling shirt decked with a martini glass on the back.

As for jeans and khakis, they don't interest him. "They're just jeans. They don't say anything."

But he is attracted to the knit cap lined with orange, his favorite color, and he playfully pulls it down over his spiked hair. Clothes, he explains, are not an effort to get attention. They're a way to say you're your own person.

"It's just what you like. What you feel comfortable in." And if he and his mother disagree on his purchases, they negotiate. "She'll say, 'It looks good but it's expensive. Then I'll tell her how it would look good with other things... If one of us doesn't like it and it's expensive, there is no way we'll get it.'"

Tim Lee, 17, and a high school junior, has taken a more serious, stand-up approach to clothes since he started working at the Polo-Ralph Lauren store on the Country Club Plaza about a year ago. "I don't think I respected things I do now."

Standing in front of a three-way mirror in the store, he poses in some of his favorite items — a pullover gray knit vest, cotton striped dress shirt and black

trousers.

"I started paying attention to what I got. And I look at all the catalogs we get here at work."

He soon learned to choose his investments carefully. "I'm working to build a wardrobe of pieces I can count on having for a long time," he says with the sincerity of an applicant in a college interview.

For school, he may wear jeans, khakis, sweats and sports shirts. But in any event, "I like to stand out a little bit."

"Image is everything to a kid," says Cohen of NPDFashionworld. "When kids reach a certain age, they find the best way to express themselves is with apparel."

It allows for individuality, and it gives him a chance "to engage with a group."

Young people are now exposed to so many more images than their parents or grandparents, Cohen says. They see movies, videos, video games and MTV, and they develop a diversity of interests. All those images have an impact.

David Spangler, an executive with STS Market Research, agrees. Boys and young men are interested in three things — sports, music and clothes, in varying order.

"They want to impress girls,

and they do that with those three things," he says.

It's unfortunate that the young men's apparel industry has not been able to create new trends with the same appeal of the baggy, hip-hop look that has dominated the youth market for more than a decade, says Spangler, a former Levi Strauss executive. Many companies, including Levi, have tried and failed. Baggy (or what Spangler calls "loppy") has been so successful, in part, because it is not likely to be adapted by adults.

Meanwhile, some companies, even on an upscale level, are making a special effort to reach the young. Burberry and Zegna have tried to couch merchandise in youthful, hip terms, Epperley says.

The young, passionate consumer is growing up, and most will be moving into the work force eventually. Spangler says retailers such as Abercrombie and American Eagle are adding categories of less casual, more serious sportswear for a more formal dresser.

In short, the thriving young men's market is worth trying to hold. "Boys are a positive new phenomenon," Spangler says. "They have made an effort to say, 'I really want to look cool.'"

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HOW HOSPITALS FOUL UP



Nurses and emergency room technicians work on a patient in the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. A new study shows that medication errors occur in hospitals with alarming frequency.

Study indicates frequent goofs in administering medication

The Washington Post and Los Angeles Times

Hospital medication errors occur with alarming frequency, studies have shown, causing thousands of injuries and deaths each year. New research has pinpointed exactly where, and how often, those mistakes occur.

United States Pharmacopoeia, which establishes quality standards for medicines, announced the results last month of the most exhaustive study to date on hospital medication errors. The report said most errors involved the omission of prescribed drugs, dispensing the wrong drug, improper dosages and failure to properly administer prescribed medications. Such information is essential to devising effective strategies to prevent mistakes, said Diane D. Cousins, a USP vice president.

Since a 1999 Institute of Medicine report, which revealed that at least 7,000 Americans die each year from medication errors, hospitals have sought ways to increase patient safety. The new findings show errors are still rampant and underscore the need for patients to be vigilant, even in a setting that seems to be safe, the study's authors said.

The report analyzed medication mistakes in 2001 at 368 community, government and teaching hospitals nationwide, representing slightly more than 6 percent of the 5,890 hospitals in the United States. Of the 105,603 errors recorded, most were corrected before harm was done, but in 2.4 percent of the cases, patients were injured. Some required prolonged hospitalization in intensive care, and 14 died.

Most of the injuries were

caused by improper administration techniques, such as the incorrect dilution of intravenous drugs or improper dosages of drugs. Incorrect computer entries, poor communication, inaccurate records in patient charts and unclear handwriting were other sources of errors.

The report also identified five "high alert" medications — insulin, morphine, potassium chloride and the anticoagulants heparin and warfarin — that have a higher risk of patient injury when dispensed incorrectly. Because the drugs are so often used, the potential for harm is significant.

Errors administering these medications were responsible for nearly 28 percent of medication errors that resulted in extended hospitalizations and death. Insulin alone accounted for about a third of that figure.

Consumers have a responsibility as well, Cousins said, and need to be well-informed and aware of what medicines they're being given. One mishap, for instance, was averted by a patient who noticed a pill was a different color from the one the nurse had dispensed earlier.

"Patients should know what medications they're taking and be involved," Cousins said. "In the case of an acutely ill patient, a friend or family member should be their advocate."

But patient awareness is only part of the solution, experts say. "Hospitals and state oversight agencies need to be more proactive," said Michael R. Cohen, president of the nonprofit Institute for Safe Medication Practices in Huntington Valley, Pa. "If efforts were focused on these known hazards, errors could be drastically reduced."

Endoscopy

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The capsule remains oriented in the small intestine, because the fit is tight.

An Israeli company, Given, produces the capsule, using a computer chip manufactured by Micron in Boise. It's been available about two years, and in use in clinical practice for about six months.

Rea has performed about a dozen of these tests, and finds the device produces excellent pictures.

Ernest Ziniv, 68, of Jerome, was Rea's first patient to try the procedure a couple of months ago. Ziniv hadn't been feeling well, and a blood test revealed that he was bleeding internally — so much so that he required three pints of blood.

Tests, including an MRI and a colonoscopy, were done, but the cause of the blood loss remained elusive.

The doctor said, "The next thing is an exploratory (operation) — go ahead and open you up."

Ziniv said, "Then this little tablet came hopping along and he said, 'You're just the one I'm going to try this on.'"

The capsule endoscopy shows Ziniv has vascular malformations and ulcerations in his

small intestine.

"Fortunately, once we ruled out that he was malignant, we became comfortable with just supporting him, and time has been a big healer for him and he's done well," Rea said.

X-rays of the small intestine catch about 5 percent of disease, Rea said; capsule endoscopy can find more than 60 percent.

"It's still not foolproof, but in people who have obscure hemorrhage and we haven't been able to figure out, it's answering those questions," he said. "And it also will answer maybe some of the questions of people that have diarrhea."

Occasionally, the procedure can cause an obstruction in people who have Crohn's disease or who have had previous intestinal surgery. Time usually resolves the problem, Rea says, but if not, surgery is required. Often, these surgeries resolve the original problem.

"I don't like that to happen, we'd like it to pass on through and to tell us, 'Here's the disease that needs to be operated on,'" Rea said. "But sometimes, it brings it to fruition sooner."

Times-News correspondent Juan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

Screenings

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Massachusetts, who conducted the study.

People may not be aware of the options or may have misconceptions, said Dr. C. Gregory Albers, medical director for GI (gastrointestinal) diagnostic services at University of California Irvine Medical Center in Orange. Because colon cancer involves the body part that deals with stool, some people can be shy or squeamish about screening. Some people are wary of discomfort or are worried that some methods are invasive, Albers said. They may be uncomfortable with the process of removing waste from the colon in preparation for the tests or the concept of examination instruments being inserted into the colon and rectum.

So which method is best?

There isn't enough information to recommend one screening method over others, said Woolf, of the task force. He suggested that all older adults discuss with their doctors which of following well-studied options is appropriate for them: fecal occult blood testing

(FOBT), flexible sigmoidoscopy, a combination of FOBT and flexible sigmoidoscopy, double contrast barium enema or colonoscopy.

The panel did not include a much-publicized newer technology called virtual colonoscopy in its recommendation. Studies are needed on whether this method reduces death rates from colorectal cancer, Woolf said.

Each method has benefits and risks, according to Albers and the task force:

- **FOBT:** non-invasive, cost-effective, but can yield a significant number of false positive results, and patients tend to comply poorly with the recommended yearly schedule of testing.
- **Flexible sigmoidoscopy:** cost-effective, takes less than 10 minutes; biopsies can be taken and small polyps removed, but visualizes only the left colon (which means cancers in the right colon can be missed); detects only half of polyps, can cause moderate discomfort such as gas pains, may be less accurate for people with diverticulosis, hysterectomy and other surgeries involving the

digestive system, may be limited by poor bowel preparation.

- **Double contrast barium enema:** tends to detect large polyps but misses smaller precancerous ones, can be moderately uncomfortable, takes up to 30 minutes. Not recommended often, Albers said.
- **Colonoscopy:** detects large and small polyps, smaller doctors to remove polyps at the same time, which can prevent colon cancer but can cause mild discomfort (depending on doctor's skill, anatomy and sedation of patient) and carries a 1 in 4,000 risk of puncturing the colon.

If any of these screening methods — except colonoscopy — shows suspicious results, then a colonoscopy usually is recommended to find out more.

Among the technologies being developed for screening colon cancer, virtual colonoscopy or CT colonography is the subject of much media hype and speculation. It is being touted as an alternative to colonoscopy, but doctors are divided on this issue.

Some patients are having virtu-

al colonoscopy performed because they have had unpleasant experiences with conventional colonoscopy, have heard about the non-invasive aspect of the virtual version, or were referred by their doctors, said Dr. Daniel Weissberg, medical director for Vital Imaging in Orange, Calif., a facility that offers virtual colonoscopy.

Virtual colonoscopy has several advantages over conventional colonoscopy, Weissberg said. Preparation is less difficult, the exam does not use invasive instruments so there's no risk of puncturing the colon and there's little or no patient discomfort.

The patient follows a low-residue fluid diet for two days and takes a laxative the day before the exam and a suppository the morning of the exam, Weissberg said. "Some patients find this easier than drinking a gallon of special fluid the day before the exam."

The patient may feel fullness from the puffs of air that come from a tube placed inside the rec-

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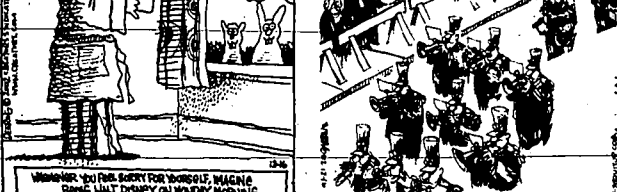
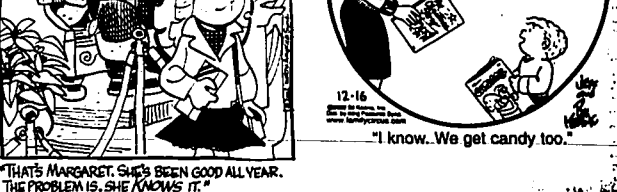
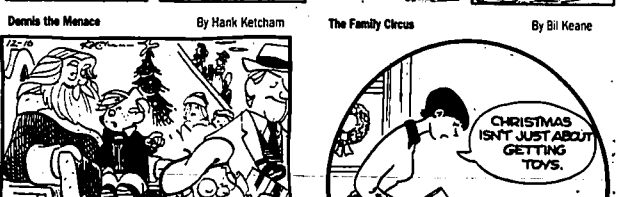
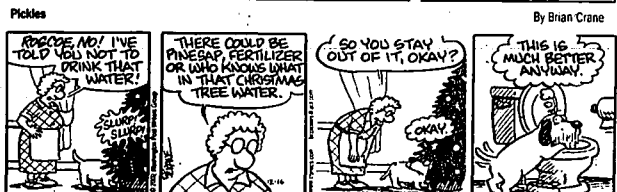
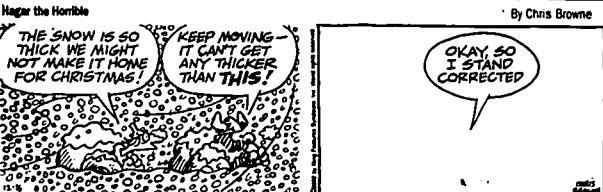
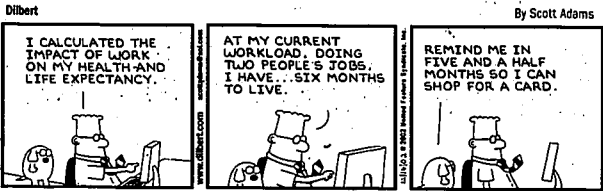
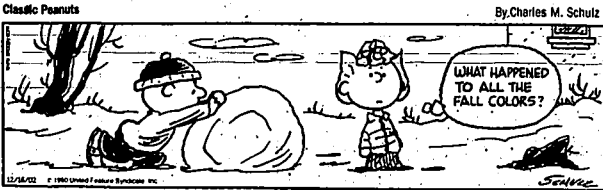
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COMICS





The Buhl School District and Buhl Chamber of Commerce honored student academic achievement. Pictured are, from left, front row: Tracy Franson, Sherry King, Micah Alexander, Mike Barker and Johanna Hiatt. Back row: high school principal Terry Adolfsen; district athletic director Gary Moon; middle school principal Byron Stutzman; Popplewall Elementary principal Helen Brown; curriculum director Mary Wiggins; school board chairwoman Pam McClain; special education director Mike Gernar; and superintendent Rick Hill.

Buhl students earn kudos for academics

BUHL - At a Buhl Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Buhl Schools Superintendent Rick Hill recognized five Buhl High School seniors for academic achievement.

Johanna Hiatt and Mike Barker earned honorable mention, and Tracy Franson was a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship program. The honors were based on their performance on the qualifying tests for the scholarships.

The Buhl High School volleyball and soccer teams earned recognition from the Idaho High School Activities Association, which selects varsity teams with the highest grade-point average as state academic team champions, Hill said.

Sherry King represented the volleyball team, which averaged a 3.75 GPA. Micah Alexander represented the boys soccer team, which had a 3.63 GPA.

GALC NAMES STANDOUTS



Seventeen-year-old Dan Alvarez and Kendall Turner are the students of the month for September at the Gooding Accelerated Learning Center. Turner is the daughter of Alecia and Mike Noble, and plans to graduate next spring and go to college. She is a part-time student, and said she likes the staff members and the ability to get her credits faster at the center. Alvarez is a full-time student, planning on graduating in 2005. He is the son of Evelia Lagunas, and likes the smaller classes. He plans on working after he graduates, and is taking classes in landscaping, humanities and welding.

GHS works with model for student motivation

Gooding High School is working with the High Schools That Work educational model. This is a model to help schools motivate their students to high achievement, and receive education that emphasizes rigor and relevance. Plus, parents become an active part in the student's educational program.

The Technical Assistance Visit that organizes the evaluation of the school system on the basis of the High Schools That Work criteria takes place Jan. 8-10, 2003. We are looking forward to knowing what we can improve upon to become an even more effective school.

SENATOR SCENE

Gayle Yakovac

The entire Gooding School District is engaging in another round of ISAT testing to help students and teachers determine what progress has been made in each student's case. The high school will complete this test in three days this round. We have tried several methods of student release for testing, and this is yet another try.

The Western States Academy of Performing

and Visual Arts, operated by Michael Clair, has given presentations at the school. This organization is establishing an independent two-year school to teach the finer skills of filmmaking and music recording. Students who want to pursue this field of endeavor will be able to pursue this educational program on their own time at this new local facility. The program is independent of Gooding High School, but has pledged guest speakers to the high school.

Gayle Yakovac is principal of Gooding High School.

BURLEY BANDS PERFORM CONCERT TODAY



The Burley High School Bobcat Band and Jazz Ensemble will present their annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. today in the King Fine Arts Center. The Jazz Ensemble will open the program with swing music and ballads. The award-winning concert band will present Leroy Anderson's famous "Sleigh Ride" and "Trumpeter's Lullaby," featuring senior Justin Long as trumpet soloist. As a tribute to the students who kept the band going strong during director Steve Floyd's illness and recovery, almost the entire concert will be directed by the students. Admission is \$5 for a family, \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Twin Falls High School celebrates teachers

From the first time a student walks into a classroom until his or her senior year files by, wonderful teachers are shaping and influencing his or her future.

Most students don't realize how much commitment and dedication their teachers must possess for their job. When students arrive in the mornings, their teachers are already there. When students leave and head home, teachers stay and put in long hours grading papers and planning their curricula. This may come as a shock, but teachers have homework, too.

It is very important for us to show our respect and gratitude towards our teachers. They give their time, and put in a lot of effort to help us achieve our goals and dreams.

The student council at Twin Falls High School set aside Dec. 9-13 as Teacher Appreciation Week. Each day was something different, and planned to show our teachers how much we care about them.

Monday was teachers' break day where they were given a rest while the students took over teaching their classes. Tuesday was apples and hugs day. Wednesday was presents day.



BRUIN BUZZ
Perri Gardner

Thursday was inspirational day. Finally, the teachers were served a catered breakfast on Friday morning.

The teachers enjoyed having a week dedicated to them. After all, who doesn't like to receive presents?

"It is really fun to get recognition from the students. We appreciate all the neat gifts," chemistry teacher Jo Marie Connor said.

The student council did an excellent job organizing Teacher Appreciation Week.

"Everyone likes to know they are appreciated. I think it helps boost school morale when the teachers know that their efforts are not going unnoticed," student body vice president Kylie Boggess said.

Perri Gardner is a staff writer with the Twin Falls High School Bruin News.

PLANTING PROMISES



Raft River High School freshman Eric Lock of Malta helps Raft River Elementary first-grader Kendall Gilbert plant a white daffodil bulb. Each student planted a bulb as they "planted a promise to be drug free." For his Eagle Scout project, Lock worked with elementary principal Jeff Birch and counselor Clara Whitaker to build a fence, plant trees and landscape the flower bed which is shaped like an American flag with blue hydracinth, white daffodils and red tulips, in front of the elementary school.

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JHS Choraliers spread Christmas cheer

The Jerome High School Choraliers have been sharing their musical talent all around the magic Valley.

They have performed at the Rotary Christmas party, Glanbia Foods, the LDS church, Assisted Living Home, Twin Falls Festival of Trees and Festival of Wreaths. The Choraliers audition choir is comprised of musically-talented students who study and perform jazz, African-American spirituals and Gospel songs, as well as classical and contemporary works. The group has won numerous awards, and has had



four students accepted to the All-Northwest Choir. Dana Sawyer, Jaime Walker, Brianna Boinger and Amanda Schmal. Danette Wagner's French classes will enjoy a Christmas party with a French theme! They are completing research projects

about French culture and history. French I classes are researching famous French people. French II classes are working on the cities of France and the ancient Roman influence in that area.

Next week, the penny wars will end, and the student council will deliver Christmas gifts to needy families in Jerome, purchased by the donations of change. We are looking forward to a joyous holiday!

Patti O'Dell is the Jerome High School principal.

Community

A page for you and your neighbors.



Kendra Barard, 8, a close friend of one of the four boys who died after falling through the ice into the Merrimack River on Saturday, is comforted by her grandmother Victoria Schrow, left, and neighbor Deborah Perez while Maria Delgado, background, stands nearby in Lawrence, Mass., Sunday.

LOST UNDER THE ICE

Mourners stream to river's edge where four boys fell through ice and died

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) — With a sudden impulse to slide on the river's ice, 11-year-old William Rodriguez scurried 25 feet from shore and, with his six playmates looking on, suddenly plunged through.

Moments later, he and three of the other boys who raced out to save him were trapped beneath the ice of the Merrimack River. On Sunday, a steady stream of mourners placed candles bearing the four boys' names on a muddy bank overlooking the place where they had played together the day before.

Mackenny Constant, 8, was the first to go after his friend. But in an attempt to throw him a jacket, Constant fell through himself. The other five, determined to pull their friends from the freezing water, locked arms and began to venture out. Soon, they too broke through the soft, one-to-two-inch sheet.

Ivan Casado, 9, closest to shore in waist-deep water, scrambled up the bank and went for help. He found a neighbor, Jacques Fournier, 63. "I ran to the river with rope. I tried to throw rope to them. The ice was breaking," Fournier said. "They looked very calm and were



A child is pulled from the Merrimack River by Lawrence firefighter Bill Cunningham Saturday in Lawrence, Mass.

saying, 'Sir, hurry up.' I was angry at the rope because I couldn't reach them."

Soon, four of the boys — Rodriguez, Constant, 9-year-old Victor Baez and Christopher Casado, 7, Ivan's brother — would slip below.

"My legs started to get stiff and I had a freezing headache," said the survivor, Francis Spraus, 9, told the Eagle-Tribune of North Andover. "I was hanging

on to Christopher but he started to slip under. I tried holding on to his hand, but it was like he let go."

Two of the boys were rescued by police, firefighters and paramedics who battled floating ice, driving rain and the muddy river bank.

"Everybody pitched in and worked together," said Lawrence Police Chief John J. Romero. "My heart goes out to the chil-

ren's families."

The other four were trapped under the ice for at least 10 minutes and were unconscious when they were finally pulled out, Romero said. They were later pronounced dead at hospitals.

Religious tokens, flowers and toys adorned the river's edge on Sunday. One sign read: "I will miss you my friend, Christopher, your friend Zachary."

"We're feeling a lot of pain but we're proud of them," said Eusebio Allicea, 36, the Casado brothers' uncle. "We consider them little heroes."

Christopher Santos, 10, said Baez was his friend.

"We built clubhouses together and rode our bikes together. I wish he was alive but he's not," he said.

School officials in the working class city of 72,000 people about 25 miles north of Boston planned to have grief counselors available at the schools where the boys were students.

After meeting with one of the families, Mayor Michael Sullivan described "people in shock."

"Here are some parents who lost their kids," he said. "There's nothing you could say that would make them feel better."

Over 200 passengers fall ill on another cruise ship

NEW ORLEANS — More than 200 guests on the cruise ship Carnival Conquest reported symptoms of a gastrointestinal illness on a voyage that ended Sunday, Carnival Cruise Lines said.

The company said it was treating the illness as a Norwalk-like virus, the same type of illness that has sickened hundreds of passengers on other cruise ships in recent months.

"I ran to the river with rope. I tried to throw rope to them. The ice was breaking," Fournier said. "They looked very calm and were

plans to withhold from California enough river water to supply 1.6 million households. The river now supplies water to 25 million people from Denver to San Diego.

Imperial Irrigation District officials were among those huddling in hotel conference rooms this weekend in advance of the annual Colorado River Water Users Association meeting.

Law's replacement calls for healing, reconciliation
BOSTON — The man put in charge of the scandal-racked Boston Archdiocese after Cardinal Bernard Law's resignation called for healing and reconciliation Sunday, drawing applause as he celebrated Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

"How many are brokenhearted, how many are captives of the crimes and the sins of sexual abuse against minors? How many have had their freedom curtailed because of injustice?" Bishop Richard Lennon asked.

It was Lennon's first appearance since the Vatican appointment of the archbishop's permanent successor to Law in named. "I pledge to do all that I can to be a shepherd of this great archdiocese, relying on the prayers, the support, the assistance of all of God's people,"

Nation in brief

Lennon, 55, told the parishioners.

Judge dismisses DUI case; LAPD tested wrong sample
LOS ANGELES — A judge dismissed drunken driving charges against a 20-year-old college student after DNA testing paid for by the young man's parents showed police had used the wrong blood sample.

The Los Angeles Police Department has also launched an investigation into the mix-up, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

The case began when Nick Bergamo was arrested May 25 on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. When blood test results came back they indicated Bergamo's blood alcohol level was nearly twice the legal limit.

Bergamo disputed the results, hired a lawyer and paid \$1,200 for DNA testing, an unusual step in alcohol-related court cases.

The DNA test showed the blood sample wasn't his, and the judge dismissed the charges earlier this month.

High school students name two girls 'cutest couple'
CRETE, Ill. — Their story has played out like the name of a popular lesbian movie: "The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls in Love."

It started last month, when the girls — longtime high school sweethearts — were voted "cutest couple" by their fellow seniors at Crete-Monee High School in the suburbs south of Chicago. Administrators balked, at

first. Then several students walked out of class to support the girls.

It is a drama that, for a time anyway, awakened this sleepy town, lined with antique shops, churches and cafes, and still surrounded by corn fields.

In the school, the girls' parents — though a bit shell-shocked — agreed to let a photograph of the couple appear in the school yearbook.

And last week, district superintendent Robert Berry wrote a letter praising the students at Crete-Monee High: "I am proud to say that while other schools continue to address issues such as alienation, bullying and hate crimes, we have a student body that not only accepts each others' differences, but also celebrates them."

Elephant at Miami zoo critically injures zookeeper
MIAMI — An elephant knocked a zookeeper down and repeatedly kicked him into a pile of rocks, critically injuring him, officials said Sunday.

A crowd of visitors, including zoo spokesman Ron Magill told WFOR-TV. He said the 20-year-old elephant stopped when another zoo employee started yelling at her.

The 31-year-old victim was knocked unconscious and suffered a laceration to his head and a back injury. He was in critical condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

The zookeeper had worked at the zoo for about two months. Metrozoo, in southwest Miami-Dade County, did not immediately return a phone call Sunday.

—compiled from wire reports

Study: Network news ignores Hispanics

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The booming U.S. Hispanic population has yet to be reflected in the news reports of the major broadcast networks and CNN, a new study says.

Out of about 16,000 stories on the evening newscasts of ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN last year, only 99 — 0.62 percent — were about Hispanics, according to the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

The number was a slight increase over 2000, when there were 84 such stories, or 0.53 percent, according to the highly critical "Network Brownout Report" released Monday.

"The networks' dismal record of covering the nation's fastest-growing minority group undermines the information needs of all U.S. residents and distorts the public discourse so necessary for any democratic society," said the association's president, Juan Gonzalez.

Hispanics now represent 12.5 percent of the U.S. population, and their numbers have increased nearly 60 percent since 1990 to 35.3 million.

What news stories the networks did carry on Hispanics often tended to be stereotypical and unflattering, the study said.

"Stories about Latinos frequently used the image of the border to suggest a divide between the Latino and non-Latino populations and to define Latinos as illegal immigrants," the association said.

ABC had the most stories about Hispanics, 31, followed by NBC with 24, CBS and CNN had 22 each, the study found.

A lack of newsroom diversity is a major reason for the scant number of Hispanic-related stories, the association said.

Two of the networks reported

that they are taking steps to improve their coverage, including hiring more Hispanics.

"I think the report is important in that it points out the work that all media organizations need to do to create greater diversity within our ranks, in our newsrooms, among our producers and in our correspondents and anchors," said ABC spokesman Jeffrey Schneider.

He noted that Hispanic reporters Barbara Pinto and Taina Hernandez were among recently hired correspondents.

"NBC News is very cognizant of the growing importance of Hispanics in America," that network said. "Last year we increased the number of Latino-related stories, and we recently acquired the Spanish language network, Telemundo, which is now being integrated into the NBC News family."

A CBS spokeswoman said the report was being studied and the network had no immediate comment. A call to CNN was not immediately returned.

For the second consecutive year, the study found protests over U.S. military exercises on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques was the dominant story about Hispanics, with 25 reports. The other leading story topics were government (15), migration (11) and sports (five).

One area of improvement was cited. The number of Hispanic-related stories in which Hispanics were interviewed was 67.6 percent, compared with 24.4 percent in the 2000 study.

The report for the 1,700-member association was prepared by Serafin Mender-Mendez of Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Conn., and Diane Alverio, a past association president.

NASA plans to launch ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite on Thursday, sending the satellite on a three-year mission to measure changes in the ice caps that blanket Antarctica and Greenland.

The satellite beams a laser off the Earth's surface, bounces it off a solar panel, and then reflects it back to the satellite. Coupled that information with the position and direction of the satellite reveals exact minute changes in the elevation of the surface being hit. That long those numbers, the amount of ice sheets will allow scientists to gauge if they are shrinking.

Satellite follows overlapping tracks that cover the entire polar region.

SOURCE: NASA

NASA launches satellite to keep tabs on ice sheets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA scientists hope to get new insight into the future of global ocean levels with the launch this week of a laser-equipped satellite designed to measure the waxing and waning of the planet's largest ice sheets.

The Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite, or IceSat, is intended to spend a minimum of three years making nonstop measurements of the elevation of the ice sheets that blanket Greenland and Antarctica.

"That will help answer the question of whether those layers of ice, which are up to two miles thick in places and contain an estimated 8 billion cubic miles of fresh water, are growing or shrinking."

"Very simply, we do not know" said Jay Zwally, the mission's project scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. "Not only do we not know what is happening today, we don't know what is going to happen in the future."

IceSat is scheduled for launch aboard a Delta II rocket Thursday from Vandenberg Air Force Base on the central California coast. Joining it atop

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The Delta II is the \$16 million Cosmic Hot Interstellar Plasma Spectrometer satellite, or Chispas, which will look at the glow of the interstellar medium, the gas that fills the space between the stars.

The question that the \$282 million IceSat project is designed to answer is important: If more ice melts off the sheets than piles up as snow, the water would contribute to the already measurable rise in global sea levels. Scientists fear that rise could flood coastal regions and upset the ocean circulation patterns that play an important role in determining climate conditions.

Sea levels currently are rising about 0.8 of an inch every decade. About half of that rise is attributable to the melting of small glaciers and the warming of the oceans, which expand as temperatures rise. The cause of the other half is unknown, although ice sheet melting is suspected.

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Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South

Table with columns for South, West, North, East and rows for Pass and NT (Not Trump).

Opening lead: Club three

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