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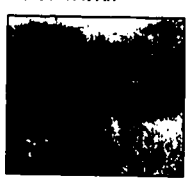
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Schools coalition chief resigns

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Dave Sass resigned Wednesday as executive director of the Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition, a sudden move that leaves the organization's future in doubt.

"It's time for new leadership," Sass said. "ARTEC is evolving; the board of directors wants a different set of leadership skills to address ARTEC's current challenges."

Move casts doubt on future of ARTEC

Assistant Director Claire Major has been named as interim director until the board's next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho.

The shake-up at the nonprofit coalition of regional high schools occurred just a week after another resignation — board member Ken Edmunds stepped down from his post.

Edmunds said differences in opinions in how to best lead ARTEC into its new phase are the cause for the string of departures. With its funds ever diminishing, the organization faces a crossroads.

Since its inception in 1998, ARTEC has accomplished much:
• Brought in "High Schools That Work," a school improvement program adopted by seven high schools

in the region, including Twin Falls and Glenns Ferry.

• Provided schools throughout the Magic and Wood River valleys with hundreds of thousands of dollars in technical equipment and training.

• Helped design technical programs in which now more than 1,400 students are participating in ARTEC-sponsored programs.

• Created a common school calendar for most school districts and CSI.

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Dave Sass

NOT EXACTLY CLEAN FREAKS



McKenna Lopez, 1, plays in the living room of her Twin Falls home. Brenda and James Lopez, seated on the couch, who say they keep a fairly tidy house, were given a 'slob' makeover by the producers of 'The Jenny Jones Show.' What started as a prank by their friends turned into a vacation for the Lopeses, with an all-expenses-paid trip to Chicago.

Practical joke turns into TV appearance

By Mark Heitz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It started out as a friendly jab between friends, but ended up with a Twin Falls couple getting a free trip to Chicago and an appearance on a nationally syndicated television talk show.

"It was like a mini-vacation for us," James Lopez said Thursday as he sat in a mildly cluttered living room with his wife and two of the couple's three children.

The Lopeses today will be featured on "The Jenny Jones Show." The topic: slobbish couples.

"We've always had this little inside joke. We kind of tease them, because they're messy,"

On the air

Twin Falls couple James and Brenda Lopez will be featured as part of today's episode of "The Jenny Jones Show" on TV. The program's title: "Hey Slob, Get a Life! You Need a Makeover, and That Goes Double for 'Our Wife!'" Locally, the show airs at 11 a.m. on the Fox network.

said Marsha Low of Twin Falls. She and her husband, Brandon, are close friends of the Lopeses. And when they heard Jones' show was looking for clutter-prone couples, they decided to call the show's producers and nominate the Lopeses for an appearance.

"He waxes his car, like three times a week."

— James Lopez, on his friend Brandon Low, who, along with his wife, Marsha, 'turned in' the Lopeses to the Jenny Jones show for messy housekeeping

"It was kind of a practical joke," Marsha Low said. "I never, ever thought they would really

be on there."
While the Lopeses aren't neat freaks, they don't really measure up to the repulsive standards the show was supposedly seeking, she said.

"They are always chasing after the kids, so they don't have time to clean the house."

The Lopeses said they admit the Low's keep strict housekeeping standards by comparison.

She decorates like Martha Stewart," Brenda Lopez said. "She's better than Martha Stewart. She's awesome."

"He waxes his car, like three times a week," James Lopez said.

As for the show, which was actually taped last month, much

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U.S. sees key date in late January as turning point in dispute with Iraq

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has set the last week in January as the make or break point in the long standoff with Iraq, and is increasingly confident that by then it will have marshaled the evidence to convince the U.N. Security Council that Iraq is in violation of a U.N. resolution passed last month and to call for the use of force, officials said Wednesday.

In a boost to the administration's position, Hans Blix, the United Nations' chief weapons inspector, plans to tell the Security Council Thursday that

Saddam's plans — A3 Americans' views — D6

Iraq failed to account fully for chemical and biological bombs and warheads it had assembled in the past as well as materials it bought that could be used to produce more of them, according to U.N. and administration officials.

After Blix offers his preliminary assessment in New York of the arms declaration that Iraq submitted 10 days ago, Secretary of State Colin Powell plans to deliver the administration's reac-

tion at the State Department in which he will publicly declare that Iraq failed to fully disclose its past and present weapons programs, officials said.

In disclosing their plans, administration officials offered the clearest timetable to date of how they would like to see the inspections process brought to a head. They are pointing to Jan. 27, when Blix is scheduled to make his first substantive report to the Security Council on Iraq's weapons declaration as well as the Baghdad government's cooperation with inspectors already

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Report: Robbers included employee

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A robbery last month at a Twin Falls pizza restaurant was likely staged, according to police reports.

Twin Falls police on Tuesday arrested Twin Falls residents Roman Vela, 19, Jeraldo Avila, 21, and Wayne Lawrence, 19, in connection with a Nov. 19 heist at Papa John's Pizzas on Blue Lakes Boulevard, according to police reports.

All three were charged with burglary and held in the Twin Falls County Jail, said Twin Falls police Sgt. Dan McAtee.

One of the men — police declined to identify which — works at the restaurant, McAtee said. Statements made to detectives by one of the suspects indicate that the employee agreed to stage the robbery with the other two, he said.

None of the men are suspected in any of the other recent robberies and burglaries in Twin Falls, including a knife-point holdup at a 7-Eleven store in Twin Falls that same night, McAtee said.

Research brings hope for cancer predictions

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Genetic researchers have developed what may be the most accurate method yet for answering a woman's scariest question about breast cancer: Will it spread and kill me?

By combining such a test with existing techniques, doctors could answer with greater certainty. That, in turn, could ease many women's fears and enable more of them to skip the grueling ordeal of chemotherapy.

The approach is still experimental, but researchers say a cancer genetic test could begin coming into use within the next several years.

And researchers say the technique could, in theory, be adapted

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ONE PROPOSAL



This is one of the proposed designs, by Foster and Partners, for the rebuilding of the New York World Trade Center area unveiled Wednesday in New York. For more, please see page D6.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Breezy with patchy sunshine. Highs near 34

Tonight: Fresh with increasing clouds. Lows near 20

Tomorrow: Breezy with a few snowflakes possible, but not likely. Highs near 36

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cool and mostly dry with fair skies

Highs from 25 to 35

Tonight: Areas of patchy fog and increasingly cloudy

Lows from 10 to 20

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with pockets of light snow in a-spiky. Highs from 20 to 35

IDaho's FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Perhaps a few morning flurries, otherwise partly cloudy and cool. A slight chance for snow will persist throughout the day Friday. Skies will become cloudy.

Today Highs 17 to 27 Tonight's Lows 3 to 13

BOISE: Partly cloudy, cool and mostly dry tonight. Cloud cover and increase tonight. The chance for freezing rain and snow will increase Friday into Saturday

Today High/Lows 28 to 36 to 18 to 26

NORTHERN UTah Partly cloudy, mostly dry and seasonably cool today. A growing chance for snow and cooler Friday through the weekend.

Today High/Lows 28 to 36 to 18 to 26

Weather key: sun=mostly cloudy, c=cloudy, b=bursts/droplets, sh=snow/rain, sh-snow=flurries, low=starburst, wind=direction, sh-snow=flurries, low=starburst, wind=direction

Yesterday's Base Elevation: High: 48 at Payette. Low: -2 at Starley

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Tonight Friday Saturday Sunday Monday. Includes icons for sun, clouds, and snow, and a table of high/low temperatures.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, and Pocatello with their respective forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities across the US like Atlanta, Baltimore, and Chicago.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities in other countries like London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP. Includes a map of the United States and a table of high/low temperatures for various cities.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists Canadian cities like Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.

Cancer

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ed for use with other types of cancer, too.

That date falls within the late January to early February window U.S. military planners have said is the optimum moment to launch an invasion of Iraq.

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Show

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of it is staged and exaggerated, the Lopeses said.

The clothes had to be turned back over after the show was done, but the Lopeses said the show's producers paid all the travel expenses for them and a friend.

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Lott issue could stall affirmative action plan

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The controversy surrounding Trent Lott may transform the political dynamics of a number of policy issues, from hate crimes to judicial nominations.

And the first casualty may be conservative hope that the White House would take a stand against race-based affirmative action in a pending Supreme Court battle.

Clinton: GOP treatment of Lott is hypocritical

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton says Republicans are hypocritical for berating Sen. Alberto Gonzales after arguing the administration should steer clear of the case.

While the Bush team has another month to decide on its position, the spillover from the Lott controversy has tipped the scales against the opponents of affirmative action, officials say.

ARTEC

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But some dreams went unfulfilled, too.

As such, of the 18 school districts that signed on as ARTEC members, only 13 remain, and those numbers are likely to grow smaller.

It had long been recognized that the state needs to support a rigorous academic plate for college-bound students, the majority of students left high school unprepared to enter the work force.

Correction

The Times-News incorrectly reported the time that story gene is held at the Filer Public Library. Story time will be held for pre-school children from 10:30 to 11 a.m. every Thursday.

Cancer

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Standard prediction factors include the tumor's size, how it looks under a microscope, and the patient's age, since breast cancer in younger women tends to be more aggressive.

Genetic researchers have begun to study potentially powerful new methods to predict survival chances of patients with breast, lung, immune-system, prostate and other cancers. Even though all these tests are expensive, they carry virtually identical genes, they differ widely in which ones are switched on or off at a given time.

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NATION

U.S.: Saddam plans 'scorched Earth' policy

Some Iraqi forces move to the west

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - U.S. intelligence officials warned Wednesday that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein plans to pursue a "scorched earth" strategy in any war with the United States and would destroy his country's oil fields, electrical power plants, food storage sites and other facilities while blaming U.S. military forces for the damage.

The officials, briefing reporters at the Pentagon, said they have evidence that Saddam, if he believes his government is about to fall, will try to create a humanitarian crisis that could slow any U.S. invasion and foster international opposition to the war. They also warned that Saddam likely will attempt to release biological or chemical weapons as a last desperate act.

The officials said they cannot

Searching for biological evidence

Inspectors are eager to return to known "dual use" sites - such as laboratories - that Iraq says make vaccines but which inspectors suspect make biological weapons.

Declared sites



SOURCES: Associated Press; GlobalSecurity.org; ESH

predict with certainty how germ or chemical agents Hussein might unleash or when or where. But

they said the likely targets would include U.S. forces and Israel and Kuwait and Iraqi civilians such as Shiite Muslims who have protested Saddam's rule in the past. Iraq has declared it has no stockpiles of weapons.

In preparation for such attacks, the officials said, Iraq has likely shifted some of its stores of anthrax, botulism, ricin and mustard gas nearer to the forces that would employ them. "Saddam's point of view is, you fight with everything you've got," one official said. "He might use it right away, but he'll certainly use it when he thinks he's about to fall."

Meanwhile, armored divisions of the Republican Guard have moved from their garrisons near Baghdad to Iraq's western desert in the most significant deployment by Saddam Hussein in two years, Pentagon intelligence officials said.

The movement of what appears to be several hundred soldiers, along with tanks and artillery, to

a location about 40 miles west of the Iraqi capital appears to be an effort by the Iraqi leader to flex his military muscles in response to increased U.S. preparations for war. "When you move this size of force, it's a great strain to the military, it's a great sign of resolve," a U.S. official said.

Similar U.S. intelligence assessments preceded the Persian Gulf War in 1991 that evicted Iraqi forces from Kuwait, but few proved accurate as U.S. and allied ground troops encountered relatively little Iraqi resistance. It was impossible to independently assess the reliability of Wednesday's comments by intelligence officials or the motivation for giving the briefing.

Although the Bush administration has an obvious interest in denouncing Saddam as it builds a public case for war, a military spokesman attributed the timing of the briefing to a buildup of reporters' requests for an assessment of Iraq's military strength and intentions in event of war.

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Lott decries lack of support coming from White House

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Sen. Trent Lott Wednesday lashed out at the White House for undermining his campaign to remain Senate Republican leader as pressure mounted on him to step down.

On a day when Sen. Lincoln Chafee, R-R.I., became the first Senate Republican to explicitly call for his ouster, Lott struck back at the White House for making negative comments about him in recent days.

"There seems to be some things that are seeping out of the White House that have not been helpful," Lott told reporters in Biloxi, Miss.

He also voiced his concerns in a phone call with White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, Republican sources said.

Lott's friends say he is upset at the White House not only for refusing to support him as leader but also for what they regard as behind-the-scenes efforts to push him out.

Lott, on several occasions in the past two years, has risen to the debate over authorizing the use of force to depose Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer Wednesday denied that President Bush or his aides are trying to undermine Lott's bid to remain leader. But numerous White House officials and top presidential advisers have told the Washington Post in recent days that the Mississippi has become a hindrance to the Republican Party's goals, and should be replaced.

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Hospital chain settles with feds in fraud probe

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - HCA, the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain, agreed Wednesday to pay the U.S. Justice Department \$631 million to settle allegations of health care fraud, ending nearly a decade of federal investigations.

The settlement of the civil charges still needs formal approval from the Justice Department and courts. But it would bring to \$1.7 billion the amount HCA has paid or agreed to pay the government in civil fines and criminal penalties in recent years.

Whistle-blowers accused HCA of filing false claims for reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid and paying kickbacks to doctors so they would refer patients to its hospitals.

Under the settlement, HCA, which operates 180 hospitals in 23 states and England and Switzerland, did not admit to any wrongdoing.

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NATION/WORLD

Russia warns of 'new senseless arms race'

MOSCOW - U.S. moves to build a missile defense system will impede the fight against terrorism and lead to a "new senseless arms race," Russia warned Wednesday after the United States said it will start work on deploying the first interceptors in 2004.

Russia has long criticized American efforts to build a missile defense system, which was made possible after Washington withdrew from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty that expired in June.

The government stepped up its anti-missile rhetoric after President Bush on Tuesday ordered the U.S. Defense Department to begin work within two years on deploying the first interceptors that are to form the base of the system.

The United States maintains that a missile defense system is necessary to protect the country against possible attack, primarily from rogue states that could possess ballistic missiles.

Energy Department denies it will dip into oil reserves

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration sought to counter industry rumors Wednesday that it might release oil from the government's emergency reserve to make up for lost Venezuelan imports.

Currently lending or exchanging oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is not an active consideration, the Energy

Nation/World in brief

Department said in a statement. But the statement did not categorically rule out using the reserve in the future and said the department continues to monitor the situation in Venezuela and its possible impact on U.S. markets.

Venezuela's oil exports have all but stopped because of a 17-day-old strike against the regime of President Hugo Chavez. The country's oil output, which had been nearly 3 million barrels a day, has dropped to 400,000 barrels.

Hamas leader indicted on terrorism-related charges

DALLAS - The leader of an Islamic militant group, his wife, and five brothers who work at a Texas company were indicted on charges of money laundering and sending computers to Libya and Syria, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Wednesday.

Earlier, four of the brothers were arrested in Texas by federal anti-terrorism agents. The fifth brother already was in custody. The brothers worked at Infocom, a computer company in Richardson, Texas, a Dallas suburb.

The brothers arrested included the company vice president, Ghassan Elashi, 48, also identified as a director of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. The foundation

was shut down in December 2001 after the Treasury Department accused the self-described charity of being a front for the Palestinian militant group Hamas and seized its assets.

The government's case against the Holy Land Foundation was based in part on a 49-page FBI report that said Hamas members met with Elashi and other Holy Land officials in 1993 to discuss raising money for the families of suicide bombers.

Halliburton Co. settles asbestos claims for billions PITTSBURGH - Halliburton Co. said Wednesday it has agreed to pay about \$4 billion in cash and stock to settle hundreds of thousands of asbestos claims against it.

The company said at least 75 cases, including pending cases, were agreed to the settlement. Representatives for the Houston-based oilfield-services company once led by Vice President Dick Cheney were in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Pittsburgh on Wednesday to settle most of the pending asbestos

cases against the company and one of its former subsidiaries. Most of those claims were inherited four years ago when Halliburton - which also operates a huge engineering and construction business - acquired rival Dresser Industries Inc. for \$7.7 billion. Cheney ran Halliburton at the time of the purchase.

Mayors survey: Housing aid, food requests rose in 2002 WASHINGTON - Requests for emergency food and housing assistance rose in dozens of cities this year and is likely to continue into 2003 as the economy continues to struggle, said a U.S. Conference of Mayors study released Wednesday.

Emergency food requests rose about 19 percent this year, according to the survey of 25 cities. Meanwhile, demand for emergency shelter increased in 19 of the 25 cities, by an average of 19 percent.

High-housing costs, low-paying jobs, and the economic downturn were among the reasons highlighted for the increases.

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China launches TV quiz show

SHANGHAI, China (AP) - Who wants to be a millionaire? Pretty much everyone in China, and communist leaders are urging them on. Now, the latest Chinese television game show is offering cash-hungry citizens a path to riches.

"Everyone Wins," unveiled Wednesday in the booming city of Shanghai, is billed by its creators as the first TV quiz show in the world that enriches viewers as well as contestants.

The show, which debuts on New Year's Day in Shanghai, looks familiar enough: Seven players in a studio compete for cash prizes by answering questions on everything from history to science.

But there's a twist, which executives at Shanghai Oriental Television say they hope will prove irresistible to viewers in this money-mad city of 17 million.

At show's end, the final digit of each player's score will be strung together to form a seven-digit "lucky number." Viewers who can match all or part of it with a personal number - a home phone number, an official ID, a utility bill, even a car license plate - will collect up to \$500.

That's about four months' salary, even by the standards of China's wealthiest city.

"People in Shanghai are going to like this," predicted Teng Junjie, an executive director at Shanghai Oriental Television.

Shanghai, mainland China's financial capital, is an apt location for launching a show that markets the enthusiasm of greed to the masses.

The unremitting construction of shining skyscrapers and shopping malls in this former hotbed of communist radicalism attests to its



A man stands below a billboard featuring bank notes from around the world at an exhibition in Beijing in September. A new television game show called 'Everyone Wins' is being launched in Shanghai.

China's 1.3 billion people into a low middle-class lifestyle by 2020.

single-minded focus on higher standards of living - a mindset Chinese leaders want to spread across the land.

"To get rich is glorious," the late supreme leader Deng Xiaoping proclaimed in the 1970s when he abandoned China's experiment with communist utopianism for the profit motive. Those have been the nation's marching orders ever since.

Rising living standards have helped keep the Communist Party in power despite popular resentment over corruption and the 1989 killings of pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

Deng's wisdom was reaffirmed last month at the party's congress, where President Jiang Zemin - whose legacy is based on building the nation by making money - promised to lift most of

Pakistanis beat woman, arrest her for adultery

MULTAN, Pakistan (AP) - A Pakistani woman who was ordered beaten by a village council after she confessed to having an affair has been arrested on charges of adultery, police said Wednesday.

Two of the men who had a role in the punishment also were arrested, police official Riaz Ahmed told The Associated Press. Adultery carries a maximum punishment of death by stoning, but such punishments have never been enforced in Pakistan.

The woman, Mumtaz Mai, 45, was beaten up and had her hair shorn Monday on orders of a village council in Chaddar Bhandra, 280 miles south of the capital, Islamabad.

In addition, Mai's lover was forced to marry his 3-year-old

daughter to her 4-year-old son as compensation for her lost honor.

The council was convened by Mai's husband, Mohammed Hussein, to punish her for the affair with Ghulam Mustafa.

Hussein said he at first suspected Mustafa of kidnapping his wife, but when he found her with him in a nearby city, Mai confessed to the affair, Ahmed said.

After the council verdict, several men - including Mai's brother - beat her and cut off her hair. The brother and the council leader who issued the sentence were both arrested by police on charges of public humiliation, Ahmed said.

Shortly after the council's ruling, an Islamic cleric in the village performed a marriage ceremony

between Mai's 4-year-old son and Mustafa's 3-year-old daughter. Mustafa's family also agreed to give Mai's family a bull cart and some land as compensation.

Children are often promised in marriage at a young age in Pakistan, with the union consummated later. Ahmed said authorities are asking Islamic scholars whether the forced marriage was legally valid.

Violence against women is common in Pakistan, especially in conservative rural areas.

The independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan said in a report last week that at least 461 women have been killed by family members in so-called "honor killings" this year, an increase from 372 reported the year before.

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EDITORIAL

Boise mayor may not survive his bad choices

There was a time when Boise Mayor Brent Coles was among America's most prominent mayors. A former president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Coles was regarded as a potential pick to head the Drug Enforcement Administration.

But problems continued to accumulate. Additional reviews of travel expenses showed a \$150 dining bill for Coles and Lyman at a clothing-optional Key West, Fla., resort. The visit was especially questionable considering Coles' opposition to public nudity in Boise.

Our view: Boise Mayor Brent Coles will have a hard time emerging unscathed from queries into his exorbitant travel expenses. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Reviews showed Coles has overspent numerous times on travel expenses and has handed bonuses to employees that exceed city guidelines. And now there are media reports that the state is looking into the possibility of Coles authorizing purchases of computers for employees' personal use.

Coles shook up Lyman to resign as chief of staff. But that won't solve Coles' predicament.

Coles, who has served as mayor since 1993, should know the ethics rules that come with safeguarding the people's funds. He has violated one of the first rules of politics: Don't use public money for private purposes. Such lapses are not readily forgiven in a city and state that demand conservative fiscal management.

Once considered a conservative and upright leader, Coles now stands tainted by suspicions of hypocrisy, immorality and even corruption. As mayor of Idaho's capital city, his embarrassing Boise residents and all Idahoans — and especially himself.

It's hard to see how he can continue as mayor under those circumstances.

GOP wants retribution for Byrd's comments

The 83-year-old senator, asked about the state of race relations in America, offered his opinion: "They are much much better than they've ever been in my lifetime."

The venue was the television show "Fox News Sunday." The month was March 2001. And the speaker was the senior Democrat in the Senate, the white-haired, Scorpions-questing Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia.

JOHANNA NEUMAN

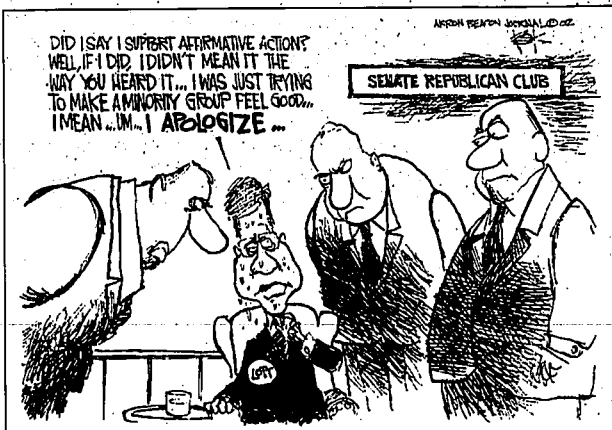
Alerted to the eye-popping phrase by a Fox producer, Byrd issued an apology even before the taped interview was aired. A few newspapers condemned his use of the ugly epithet, and the incident passed from the headlines.

Some Republicans, rolled by 10 days of national angst over Trent Lott's comments that the nation would have been better off if Strom Thurmond's 1948 segregationist campaign had prevailed, are digging up transcripts of the Byrd interview.

With Lott's fate as majority leader — and even as a senator — hanging in the balance, Sen. Mitchell McConnell, R-Ky., is talking about censuring Byrd. In a town where moral equivalence is always a danger, the national conversation about race seems to be provoking an almost biblical instinct to extract an eye for an eye.

To conservatives such as William Bennett, author of "The Character Book of Virtues," the treatment accorded these two men of the South — Lott, the son of a sharecropper, Byrd, a former member of the Ku Klux Klan — speaks volumes about the double standard that a liberal media accord Democrats and Republicans. "We have standards, and they don't," said Bennett, who has called for Lott to step down. "We say we are sorry and wonder if people should step down. That's why the American people respect our values."

To liberals such as Roger Wilkins, author of "Jefferson's



Pillow: A Black Patriot Confronts the Myths of the Founding Fathers, the two statements are not even on the same page. "Byrd is just an eccentric old guy who insists on hanging around and has no real power," said Wilkins, adding he would not want to befriend Byrd. "Even though he used the phrase 'white niggers,' he spoke approvingly of racial progress."

So heated has the racial rhetoric become that partisans are using the Lott controversy to settle old scores. Rush Limbaugh, the firebrand talk show host, has taken to the airwaves in recent days to rail that Lott's comments, which he finds "indefensible," are being used to "tarnish all Republicans and all the people in the South as racists, nicks good of Duke boys, singing 'Dixie Alabama' and drinking with their friends in low places."

To liberals, Byrd's use of a racial epithet provoked a controversy over a word that inflames deep passions, they argue, while Lott's unleashed a debate about segregation. "There's no moral equivalency," said David Bosisio of the Joint Center for Political

and Economic Studies, a research organization on black issues. "It's the difference between using a racial epithet when referring to himself and expressing a repugnant sentiment about desegregation against the country's norms."

Nonsense, counters Bennett, who calls the word a vulgarity and argues that Democrats don't care about standards "unless someone is about to be indicted and go to jail." He mentioned former President Clinton.

For the last two weeks, as Lott has apologized repeatedly, Byrd has remained silent, and declined an interview request Tuesday. In his apology in 2001, Byrd said the phrase he used on television, which he didn't define, "dates back to my boyhood and has no place in today's society."

And Senate Democratic staffers point out that the greatest distinction between the two remarks is in the contrition that Byrd long ago expressed, and the voting record his conversion made possible.

In his more than 40 years in the Senate, Byrd has supported many of the bills that Lott is now apologizing for opposing. Byrd voted to extend the Voting Rights Act, to

create a national holiday on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, for the Fair Housing Act. In the current Congress, supporters note, Byrd scored a 79 percent rating from the NAACP, while Lott earned 12 percent.

Now, Lott says he wants to make amends for some of his votes. "Forgive my mistake and see if I can make a difference," he said in a nationally aired interview on the Black Entertainment Television network Monday night.

To McConnell, that apology should be enough, and he is making vague threats that other senators aside from Byrd might be vulnerable to a counterattack if the pressure on Lott continues. "There are other members of the Senate who have engaged in similar kinds of statements, big mistakes in recent years and have apologized," he said Sunday on ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos." "Interestingly enough, the apologies have been accepted, and they've moved on."

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LETTER

Silent Congress pay raises demand taxpayers' attention

Here were in the month of Christmas and it should be noted that a short while ago some people we know quite well have received their Christmas gift somewhat early. You will note that there was very little publicity given to their stocking stuffer. And now that our economy is quite fluid, meaning that it is going down, that is, there is no noise about this. What I am writing about is our greedy lawmakers. You might not know that Congress, if they do not want to accept an automatic pay hike, they must vote against it. How about this? Can you imagine going to your boss and telling him that you don't want your wage to be increased, and if you don't, you will get automatically? Well, that is what their position is in our Congress. In order to keep this process somewhat secret, they made this a normal process so maybe the voters wouldn't notice. Now, of course, they do not publicly have to vote themselves an increase in their pay.

According to the National Taxpayers Union Foundation, pay for Congress averaged \$81,803 from 1900 to 1988. A new law passed by our congressmen has increased their salaries 58 percent from \$89,500 in 1989 to next year's whopping \$154,700. Of course, they claim that they are just keeping up with inflation. Guess you will be surprised that an amendment to block this year's and next year's congressional pay raises was defeated. Surprised?

ROBERT A. JOHNSON
Hansen

Republican senators will be thorough on Sen. Lott

The nation is watching a rapidly developing political situation unfold. It changes every day as new logs are added to fuel the fire of this controversy, and a statement that would have been timely yesterday doesn't necessarily cover the whole issue today.

I am, of course, referring to the country's reaction to an inappropriate and distasteful comment made by Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., the Senate Republican leader, at the 100th birthday celebration of Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., on Dec. 5.

As reported in this paper, I have expressed that while I do accept Sen. Lott's apology, I feel that it is appropriate and very important that the Republican conference meet to deal with the issues surrounding the majority leader.

Senate Republicans are taking a serious and thoughtful effort to examine the man we unanimously chose to lead us in the new Congress. I have been fully engaged with my colleagues on this all along. In fact, as a leader in the party, I organized the first opportunity — in the form of a conference phone call — after Lott's apology for all Republican senators to discuss this matter and its effect on our ability to move the president's agenda. I continued working with my colleagues through the weekend, and it left little room for me to provide a play-by-play analysis

to the media. Republicans have set a date for a meeting on Jan. 6 to come together and decide officially how our party will deal with Sen. Lott. To consider the future of our party leadership without every Republican member being present is not fair, and it cannot be accomplished until January.

I do not know what the results of that meeting will be, but I am sure that discussions will be thorough and thoughtful and any actions taken will have serious weight behind them. I have been dealing with this issue since day one and will continue to be engaged as this situation continues to progress.

SEN. LARRY CRAIG
Washington, D.C.
(Editor's note: Sen. Larry Craig is Idaho's senior senator and the No. 3 Republican in the U.S. Senate.)

Snowmobilers treat White Cloud region with respect

Growing up in Twin Falls, Idaho, was wonderful as a child in the 70s. I looked forward to each day for the opportunity to try something new. Some of my passions early on were to recreate in the mountains with four-wheelers, motorcycles, horses, hiking and snowmobiles. My grandfather owns a cabin in the White Cloud Mountain area, where we used to enjoy all these family events. My family left Idaho in 1988, and that is when I

started reflecting back on the good old days. I met my wife and moved back to the Twin Falls area in 1998, telling her of the quality of life that we would have and the memories we could create in the mountains. I immediately joined Twin Falls County Search and Rescue and the local snowmobile club. We dug in and started getting involved.

My wife and I look forward each year to traveling in the White Cloud Mountain area for snowmobiling. We as a family want to make it publicly known that we do not support the closure of the White Cloud Mountain area. The snowmobile population that I personally know is careful of how we treat the animals and surrounding mountains during our time there. Our tracks do not last! We as residents of Idaho should stand strong and deny non-residents of Idaho the right to tell us what will be done with our wilderness areas.

JUSTIN FREDERICKSON
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Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Justin Frederickson is the president of the Magic Valley Snowmobile Club.)

Hispanic caucus should pay for bilingual ballots

So Idaho needs to have voting guides and ballots written in Spanish now. That would be politically correct. Virtually all Hispanic

(American citizens) are quite often bilingual, therefore understand and read English. Is this just to put the gringos' buttons on the taxpayers' expense? Let the Hispanic caucus pay for it if they need to see voting ballots in Spanish. California ballots are printed in so many languages that it takes a half hour just to find English (this country's language). In Orange County, Calif., several thousand votes were cast illegally (non-citizens) when Loretta Sanchez went against Congressman Bob Dornan. Those ballots were for Sanchez, and she won, but nobody went to jail.

Could that happen here? You bet. My son-in-law is from one of the Azore Islands, where only Portuguese is spoken (he also speaks Spanish quite well), but now that he is an American citizen, he speaks English without any trace of an accent (that doesn't necessarily mean anything). My son-in-law also works long hours but manages to make it to the polls in time to vote on an English-written ballot.

Also, Hispanic caucus sounds like segregationist. Didn't a Republican senator just get in trouble for making (sort of) pro-segregation statements while honoring another senator? Americans, ain't that what we are?

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OPINION

A stagnant economy may hit Bush



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

One of the year's remarkable stories was the ease with which George Bush insulated himself from a faltering economy. Perhaps Americans were preoccupied by terrorism and Iraq. Perhaps they felt he shouldn't be blamed for the lameout of the 1990s. Either way, Bush must fear that his good fortune can't last. Hence, he fired economic advisers Paul O'Neill and Lawrence Lindsey. The trouble is that what ails the economy can't be quickly fixed by a change in faces or even policies. Call it the New Stagnation.

It defies normal labels. Statistically, we may have a "recovery" or a "stubborn economy." In 2002, the economy's output (gross domestic product) grew slightly more than 2 percent. This suggests recovery. But the growth wasn't fast enough to increase either jobs or profits. Employment is still about 1.6 million below the peak reached in early 2001. Corporate profits are about 10 percent below their record, which occurred (get this) in 1997. This suggests recession.

Economically, we're treading water. In our prosperous society, recession is no tragedy. It doesn't signify mass poverty. Most people have jobs — 134 million of us. But psychologically and politically, stagnation alters us.

During the boom, the dominant emotion was envy; people worried they weren't getting richer as fast as everyone else. Now that's superseded by fear. Among obvious losers: recent high school and college graduates struggling to find jobs; manufacturing workers suffering huge employment losses (2 million since mid-2000); many middle-aged workers nudged unwillingly into early retirement.

For others, expectations have been downsized. Less can be afforded; choices have to be made. In 2002, the stock market lost 19.6 percent or \$2.5 trillion (through Dec. 16), says Wilshire Associates. It's the third consecutive year of losses. Charities receive less. So do governments, in tax.

The economy's doldrums can be blamed on the following: corporate corruption (Enron, WorldCom etc.); uncertainty over war in Iraq; the threat of terrorism; high oil prices. All are said to corrode confidence. Probably they do. But all are con-

venient scapegoats, minimizing stagnation's deeper causes. These lie in the collapse of the 1990s boom.

In the boom, consumers spent more and saved less, because their stock portfolios (a repository of savings) grew spectacularly. In 1992, Americans saved \$414 billion from their incomes; by 2001, annual saving had fallen to \$170 billion. Now, stock portfolios have shrunk. People are replenishing their savings to pay for college tuition or retirement. Consumer spending will suffer.

The same thing happened to businesses. As the stock market rose, so did their pension funds. Companies could reduce annual contributions without jeopardizing the funds' solvency. This boosted profits and left more money for investment in computers, buildings, factories — whatever. Now, lower stock prices require higher pension contributions: \$80 billion more a year, according to economists at Goldman Sachs. This will hurt investment spending, which is already suffering from overcapacity.

Or consider state governments. During the boom, surging tax revenues allowed spending increases and tax cuts. No more. Slipping revenues are forcing tax increases and spending cuts. In 2002, spending rose 1.3 percent.

The final element in the New Stagnation is a weak global economy. Ideally, the United States would export its way out of trouble. But Japan and Europe are floundering. Latin

America is chaotic; Brazil strains to avoid default. Outside Japan, Asia is stronger. But that's little help because these countries run trade surpluses and (especially China) attract investment from elsewhere. Indeed, the danger of deflation — a decline in prices — arises from too much worldwide industrial capacity chasing too little demand.

What can Bush do? Not much. He can propose tax cuts. In principle, these might help, especially if focused on middle-class consumers. But benefits could be offset by the boom's destructive aftershocks. For all the criticism, it's worth recalling that the Federal Reserve is the government's chief instrument for influencing the business cycle. The overnight fed funds rate is at its lowest level in 44 years, says economist Jack Lavery. If Al Gore were president, the economy would be in roughly the same spot.

No matter. Sooner or later, Bush may be held responsible. He must hope that the normal mechanics of recovery (people and companies repaying debts; surplus factories being shut) prevail. But against that is the possibility that the housing boom, which sustained the economy through refinanced mortgages and higher home prices, may falter. Economic forecasts for 2003 envision sluggish growth or a "double dip" recession. Either may feel like a third year of stagnation, which is almost un-American.

People don't want to fight over pieces of the same pie. They want a larger pie. Someone is supposed to provide it. One can abide the idea that the economic bust, like the preceding boom, is not well understood or easily controlled. But the evidence suggests just that.

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 Hagerman at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
 Wood River at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
 Filer at Buhl, 7:30 p.m.
 Idaho Falls at Burley, 7:30 p.m.
 Mountain Home at Jerome, 7:30 p.m.

High school girls basketball

TFCFA at ISDB, 6 p.m.
 M.V. Christian at Hansen JV, 7:30 p.m.
 Castleford at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.
 Carey at Camas County, 7:30 p.m.
 Rockland at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.
 Shoshone at Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.
 Hagerman at Murtaugh, 7:30 p.m.
 Buhl at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.
 Wood River at Gooding, 7:30 p.m.
 Madison at Madison, 7:30 p.m.
 Mountain Home at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Former CSI coach will be honored

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Dave "Soupy" Campbell, who coached the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team from 1980-1983, will be one of three meners inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame on Monday, March 17.

Campbell's CSI teams went 80-19 in three seasons, and went to the national tournament twice. Campbell, who also coached at New Mexico Military Institute and Western Nebraska Community College, has a 565-209 career record over 23 seasons. He has assisted at Duke, Tulane and Clemson and is the current Director of Basketball Operations at the University of Nebraska.

Also to be inducted in March are Don Klass and Lowell Roumph.

Idaho's Yo Murphy signs with Chiefs

KANSAS CITY — Former University of Idaho wide receiver Yo Murphy has signed a two-year contract with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Murphy, 31, was released by the St. Louis Rams a month ago, after a college career that placed him third on the Vandal all-time receiving list. Murphy played two years in the Canadian Football League before joining the Minnesota Vikings in 1997.

He played a year in the NFL Europe, returned to the United States in 1999 to play with Tampa Bay and Minnesota again before spending 2000 with the short-lived XFL.

He joined the Rams in 2001.

Carnell brothers win state boxing titles

POCATELLO — Jesse and Jayce Carnell won their respective divisions at the Idaho State Silver Gloves tournament in Pocatello on Saturday.

Jayce Carnell, 10, defeated A.J. Vasquez of Helena, Mont., for the 60-pound crown. Jesse Carnell, 12, took a unanimous decision over Scott Czyczynski of Red Lodge, Mont. in the 75-pound class, improving to 5-1.

Both boys are members of the Brit-Cam Boxing Club in Jerome.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Tournament Park, now part of the California Institute of Technology campus.

Astros add Kent to already potent offense

Red Sox sign reliever Timlin, infielder Jackson

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former NL MVP Jeff Kent agreed Wednesday to an \$18.2 million, two-year contract with the Houston Astros, and the Boston Red Sox agreed to deal with reliever Mike Timlin and infielder Damian Jackson.

The 34-year-old Kent, who won the NL MVP award two years ago, hit .313 last season with 37 homers and 108 RBIs, helping San Francisco win its first NL

pennant since 1989.

"This was not in our plan, was not in our budget and was not on our radar screen," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "I would dare say, after Nolan Ryan, this is the most significant free-agent acquisition that this franchise has ever acquired."

Kent, Biggio and Jeff Bagwell combine to give the Astros a formidable middle of the lineup.

"This team has an opportunity

to do some great things," Kent said.

San Francisco prepared for Kent's departure by signing Ray Durham, who can play second base and the outfield, and Edgardo Alfonzo, who can play second or third.

Kent will play second base with the Astros, Hunsicker said. Biggio, a four-time Gold Glove winner, will shift to the outfield. Biggio began his career as a catcher.

Timlin agreed to a \$1.85 million. Please see MLB, Page B5



Giants second baseman Jeff Kent stretches for a ball June 4 in San Diego. Kent signed a two-year deal with the Houston Astros Wednesday. AP Photo

Kimberly pins Filer, Buhl



Kimberly's Kris Newberry gets thrown by Filer's Brad Silvester during their match Wednesday in Filer. Newberry went on to pin Silvester in the second round of their match as Kimberly won the tri-meet, beating the host Wildcats 70-12 and Buhl 48-27. Buhl beat Filer 52-18.

LISA H. COLLIER/The Times-News

Meet hints at exciting SCIC season to come

By Ely Gomer
 Times-News writer

FILER — If the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference wrestles out anything like the Filer tri-meet Wednesday, the conference promises to be exciting, to say the least.

Two-time SCIC champion Kimberly sent an early message Wednesday, sweeping both Buhl and Filer. The Bulldogs scored 12 wins in blasting host Filer 70-12 before slipping by Buhl, 48-27.

In the other match, Buhl beat Filer 52-18.

In the match of the night, neither Kimberly nor Buhl held a

distinct lead until after the upper weight. The lighter weights went back and forth, with Kimberly getting a pin and Buhl responding in turn. After 140 pounds, the teams were tied at 12. However, two Buhl forfeits at 171 and 189 pounds, coupled with three more pins by Kimberly (31, 2-0 SCIC) smothered any hope the Indians had of a victory.

Bulldog coach Troy Palmer said that numbers were an asset for Kimberly, who got four forfeits total against Buhl.

"Depth-wise, we have the wrestlers to fill in all the weights," he said. "Twenty-four points came via forfeit."

Bulldog wrestler Kris Newberry agreed with his coach.

"We're strong all the way through the weight classes," he said.

Buhl coach Stacey Wilson said the numbers will change later in the season as three Indians are ineligible until January.

"We got three of our guys back on Jan. 15 because of ineligibility," he said. "And we have one moving to fill in one of the holes for the Bear-Cat this weekend."

Kimberly opened the night against Filer. The Bulldogs took two forfeits from Filer to start the match, and never looked back.

2002-03
Wrestling Preview

Friday: A look at the Class 3A, 2A and 1A programs.

taking three pins in a row by Kyle Gardner, Chad Watts and Trevor Hollibaugh for the 30-0

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E. Illinois, McNeese St. lead I-AA All-Americans

ISU lineman Allen makes second team

The Associated Press

Quarterback Tony Romo led Eastern Illinois to the playoffs for a third straight season and Wednesday he was among three Panthers on The Associated Press' I-AA All-America team.

The three-time Ohio Valley Conference offensive player of the year was joined on the 26-player team by running back J.R. Taylor and linebacker Nick Ricka.

McNeese State, which plays Western Kentucky for the I-AA national title Friday night, also had three players on the team — strong safety Hadley Prince, linebacker Roderick Royal and center Jason Davis.

Romo, a 6-foot-3, 215-pound senior, threw for 2,950 yards and 33 touchdowns in leading Eastern Illinois to an 8-4 regular season and a playoff berth. Two losses were against I-A bowl teams — Kansas State and Hawaii. In a 48-9 playoff loss to Western Illinois, Romo threw for 215 yards and a TD.

Villanova quarterback Brett Gordon made the second team, and Grambling State's Bruce Eugene was on the third team.

Taylor ran for 1,522 yards and 18 touchdowns for Eastern Illinois, which averaged 37.7 points per game. Ricks, the OVC's top defensive player, had 149 tackles, including 20 for losses.

Jay Bailey of Austin Peay was the other All-American running back. The 6-0, 205-pound senior

Please see IAA, Page B2

WSU promotes defensive coordinator

Doba will take over as head football coach

By John K. Wiley
 Associated Press writer

PULLMAN, Wash. — Longtime defensive coordinator Bill Doba was hired Wednesday as football coach at Washington State following Mike Price's departure for Alabama.

"We didn't have to go farther than across the street from Mike Price's house," WSU athletic director Jim Sterk said. Doba, 62, has been defensive coordinator since 1994, was among the first assistants Price hired when he arrived at WSU in 1989.

The 62-year-old Doba has never been a college head coach. He was the last remaining member of the original staff Price hired when he arrived at Washington State in 1989.

"This is the dream of a life-

Price will coach Cougars in Rose Bowl

The Associated Press

Before he walks the same sideline as Paul "Bear" Bryant, Mike Price will take one more stab at immortality at Washington State when he coaches the Cougars in the Rose Bowl.

Washington State has not won a Rose Bowl since 1916, when it beat Brown.

Price accepted the head job at Alabama on Wednesday, but only after he negotiated an agreement with WSU athletic

director Jim Sterk that he would lead the No. 7 Cougars against No. 8 Oklahoma on Jan. 1 in Pasadena.

"The players and team and coaches want to go there and have a goal of beating Oklahoma," Sterk said. "To do something different would be very destructive to the team."

New Washington State coach Bill Doba, Price's longtime defensive coordinator, endorsed the arrangement.

Cougar Price will coach the Rose Bowl team," Doba said.

Jim Sterk said.

Sterk told his players Tuesday he was leaving, and then headed to Alabama. He replaces Dennis Franchione, who left the Crimson Tide for Texas A&M on Dec. 5.

Please see WSU, Page B2

SPORTS

Spartan boys knock off Century

RUPERT - Kody Cole scored 15 points and Minico led off of 18 free throws in the fourth quarter to sports hold Century, 52-45, in boys nonconference basketball Wednesday in Rupert.

Wendell 69, Gooding 35 GOODING - Wendell hit seven 3-pointers in the first half setting the tone for its 69-35 victory over Gooding on Wednesday.

Valley 57, Aberdeen 53 HAZELTON - Valley defeated Aberdeen 57-53 in boys basketball Wednesday at Valley.

Missoula 82, Century 48 CENTURY - Benji Gray led the Spartans to a 48-82 loss to the Cougars at the home of the Cougars in Missoula.

Shoshone 63, Dietrich 31 SPOSHONE - Tony Periera and Kyle Bingham grabbed 11 rebounds apiece to lead Shoshone over Dietrich 63-31 in boys Northside Conference basketball on Wednesday.

Mountain Home 75, Twin Falls 66 MOUNTAIN HOME - Twin Falls' Dusty Scott pinned Alex Tortolano on 189 pounds, but that was the lone bright spot on an otherwise dreadful showing by the Bruins.

Carey 63, The Community School 52 CAREY - Carey defeated The Community School, 63-52, in boys Northside Conference basketball on Wednesday.

Rockland 77, Rockland 52 ROCKLAND - Raft River's Bryce Greenwood dominated Rockland with 21 points to lead the Trojans over the Bulldogs 77-52 Wednesday.

Wrestling Minico 61, Jerome 15 JEROME - Minico rumbled over host Jerome, 61-15, in their dual meet Wednesday.

Jordan scores season high as Wizards drill Grizzlies

WASHINGTON (AP) - Michael Jordan took over the game early, scoring 18 of his season-high 33 points in the first quarter Wednesday night as the Orlando Wizards extended their winning streak to three with a 118-100 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.



Washington's Michael Jordan shoots over the Grizzlies' Drew Gooden Wednesday in Washington.

SALT LAKE CITY - Pat Garrity scored 24 points and Shawn Kemp had 14 points and 12 rebounds as the Orlando Magic avenged their 50-50 loss for the first time this season.

PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson scored a season-high 40 points, reaching the 40-point plateau for the 51st time.

BOSTON - Eddie Jones scored 21 points to lead Miami to a rare road victory as the home crowd turned against the Celtics.

CLEVELAND - Chauncey Billups scored eight consecutive points in overtime and finished with 23.

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No. 4 Pittsburgh stops Darby, Ohio State

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Brandon Knight scored 17 points, had six assists and teamed with teammate Julius Randle to shut down Ohio State star Brent Darby as No. 4 Pittsburgh beat the Buckeyes 69-49 Wednesday night.

Top 25 college basketball their seventh straight. Timmy Bowers scored 11 points and Derrick Zimmerman had 10 assists for the Bulldogs (7-1), who held Georgia State scoreless for more than seven minutes in the second half.

Women's basketball No. 1 Duke 106, Fla. International 58 DURHAM, N.C. - Alana Beard and Iciss Tillis each scored 21 points and combined for 10 steals to lead No. 1 Duke to a 106-58 victory over Florida International on Wednesday night.

Lady Vols (8-1) beat the Cardinal (5-1) for the sixth consecutive time. Ashley Robinson and freshman Shanna Zollman each scored 10 points for the Lady Vols.

Wrestling Continued from B1 lead. Nate Auth put a stop to the Bulldogs' streak, however, pinning Curtis Giles in 2 minutes, 56 seconds for Filer's first points. Later at 215 pounds, Justin Walker scored Filer's only other win, pinning Justin Roberts in 2:44.

Buhl's match against Filer was eerily similar to Filer's match with Kimberly. The Indians (1-1, 1-0 SCIC) took two forfeits before securing three straight pins by Dave Alves, JD Gould, and RC Sison.

Wrestling Kimberly 43, Buhl 27 Buhl's match against Filer was eerily similar to Filer's match with Kimberly.

Wiersma said he was focused on wrestling, and not ready to accept the conference's outcome.

Newberry said Wednesday's win against Buhl showed Kimberly is ready to defend its SCIC title for a third consecutive year.

"Our goal is to be conference district champs, and be in the top three at state," he said.

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WSU

The Cougars (10-2) had one of the top defenses in the Pac-10 this season, allowing 82 rushing yards and 21 points a game.

During his 14 years at Washington State, Doba was known for building good defenses out of sometimes marginal players.

SCORES AND STATS

Lightning tie Carolina, remain atop division

RALEIGH, N.C. — Brad Richards scored in the first period for Tampa Bay, and Martin Williams' shabazz allowed just one goal against Carolina for a third straight game in a 1-1 tie Wednesday night.

The tie kept the Lightning three points ahead of second-place Carolina in the Southeast Division. Tampa Bay also has 5-1 and 2-1 wins in the first two months of the season over the Hurricanes who got their goal from Jan Havlac.

Radek Bank scored two goals, including an empty netter, as the Senators beat the Devils for the second time in five days and won for the fifth time in six games. Shaun Van Allen got the equal goal, which was the game winner.

Senators 3, Devils 0
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Martin Hovlat set up two first-period goals, and Patrick Lalime had 27 saves to lead Ottawa over slumping New Jersey.

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Sabres 4, Bruins 2
BUFFALO, N.Y. — Chris Gratton scored his first goal in nearly a month and added three assists as the Buffalo Sabres defeated the slumping Boston Bruins 4-2 Wednesday night.

J.P. Dumont, Taylor Pyatt and Stu Barnes also scored for Buffalo, which got its eighth victory of the season.

Mike Knuble and Sergei Samsonov, back after missing four games with a wrist injury, scored for the Bruins.

Maple Leafs 2, Panthers 2
SUNRISE, Fla. — Jaroslav Bednar scored in the third period, and Roberto Luongo had 29 saves as Florida rallied to tie Toronto.

Jay Bouwmeester also scored for the Panthers. Mark Sundin and Tie Domi had goals for the Maple Leafs.

Area ski report

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 Bluebird, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. / 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. / 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. / 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. / 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. / 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Murtaugh announces all-tourney teams
MURTAUGH — All-tournament teams for junior varsity and varsity boys and varsity girls were recently announced following the Murtaugh High School Holiday Basketball Tournament last Friday and Saturday.

The varsity boys team consisted of Michael Grant and Kevin Thibault from Valley, Murtaugh's Ben Roseborough, Ty Simmons of Carey and J.P. Sach of Cole Valley Christian.

Named to the varsity girls team were Mandy Malone and Katie Wood of champion Valley, Ginger Bingham of Carey, Lacey Perkins of Carey and Jamie Henson of Valley.

NBA news Heat's Riley \$50,000 for criticism

NEW YORK — Miami Heat coach Pat Riley was fined \$50,000 by the NBA on Wednesday for saying game officials are being unfair to his team because of a "diallike" eye over the years.

Riley made the comments after a 97-92 loss to the New York Knicks last week.

UCLA hires Karl Dorrell as football coach

LOS ANGELES — Former UCLA wide receiver Karl Dorrell was hired Wednesday night as the Bruins' 15th head coach, becoming the fourth African-American coach in Division I.

In his third year as wide receiver coach for the Denver Broncos, the 39-year-old Dorrell succeeds Bob Toledo — fired nine days earlier after seven years on the job.

Former Olympian Johnson breaks hip in ski accident

DENVER — Olympic downhill gold medalist Bill Johnson, who suffered a severe brain injury during an attempted comeback nearly two years ago, broke his left hip in a skiing accident over the weekend.

He was in fair condition Wednesday, a nursing supervisor at St. Anthony's Central Hospital said.

Avalanche hire Hartley after slow start

DENVER — The Colorado Avalanche fired coach Bob Hartley on Wednesday, just two seasons after he led them to their second Stanley Cup title in six years.

Assistant coach Tony Granato will replace Hartley.

Hartley led Colorado to the 2001 Stanley Cup and four straight trips to the Western Conference finals, but couldn't get the Avalanche to break out of their early season slump.

Woods, Sorenstrom win writers' awards

HOUSTON — Tiger Woods was voted PGA Tour player of the year Wednesday by the Golf Writers Association of America, the fourth consecutive year he has won the award.

Annikka Sorenstrom won the LPGA Tour player of the year for the second year, while Hale Irwin won the award for the Senior PGA Tour.

They will be honored at the GWA's annual awards dinner April 9 at Augusta, Ga.

Nuggets, Rockets, 76ers agree to three-way trade

The Nuggets, Rockets and 76ers agreed to a three-way trade Wednesday that sends James Posey to Houston, Kenny Anderson to Philadelphia and Mark Bryant and Art Long to Denver.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Football**
 - NFL: P. Bowl Selection Show, ESPN, 5 p.m.
 - NFL: Redskins at Ravens, ESPN, 7 p.m.
- Hockey**
 - NHL: Blues at Avalanche, ESPN, 7 p.m.
- Basketball**
 - NBA: Lakers at Nets, TNT, 8:30 p.m.
 - College: Ole Miss at Memphis, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.
 - NBA: Spurs at Kings, TNT, 8 p.m.
- Volleyball**
 - Women's: Hawaii vs. Stanford, women's, 5:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

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AFC North	8	7	1
AFC South	7	7	2
AFC West	6	8	1
NFC East	5	9	2
NFC North	4	10	2
NFC South	3	11	2
NFC West	2	12	3

NBA Boxes

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Game	Final Score
Heat vs. Bulls	87-82
Braves vs. Astros	10-6
Reds vs. Cardinals	4-1
Pirates vs. Yankees	3-4
Phillies vs. Mets	2-1
Padres vs. Braves	1-2
Dodgers vs. Angels	3-4
Mets vs. Yankees	2-1
Braves vs. Phillies	3-1
Yankees vs. Mets	4-1
Phillies vs. Cardinals	3-4
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YOUR SCORES

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Bruin swimmers finish third

BOISE - The Twin Falls High School swimming team recently competed in the Idaho High School Swimming Championships Nov. 1-2 in Boise.

The Bruin boys took third place. The relay team also placed third and set school records in both the 200-yard medley relay (1 minute, 45.96 seconds) and the 400-yard free relay (2:27.35).

In addition, sophomore Greg Kahin placed second in the 200-yard individual medley (2:04.30) and third in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:02.91). Senior Jake Carroll finished fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:03) and sixth in the 100-yard butterfly (56.61). Sophomore Michael Mahala took seventh in the 100-yard butterfly (57.79) and 10th in the 100-yard backstroke (1:00.49).

The Bruin girls placed 10th overall at the state meet. The relay team of Nicki Hollan, Angela Miller, Kirsten Wright and Amanda Blastock placed



The Twin Falls High School boys swim team finished third at the Idaho High School Swimming Championships Nov. 1-2 in Boise. Shown, from left to right: seniors Jake Carroll, Casey Tucker and sophomores Michael Mahala and Greg Kahin.

GOODING IS GOLD



The Gooding junior varsity volleyball team won the championship of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Varsity Tournament. The Lady Seniors lost only one match during the season. Pictured, from left to right: back row, coach Tony Brega, Halley Gill, Amy Tranholt, Loren Harley, Sady Antooch, Atton Turner, Cade Coxson and Rachel Uecker. Front row, Eliska Scheer, Malerka Bom, Lesley Silman and Sarah Pierson.

Ogden man enjoys T.F. bowling league

Steve Jordan moved to Twin Falls from Ogden, Utah two months ago to attend the College of Southern Idaho for four months of computer network training. Jordan's sister lives here, so he had a place to stay.

Well, it still costs to live and eat and Jordan had heard that Dell was taking applications. He applied, interviewed and about an hour later, was a Dell technician.

Now it was time to enjoy himself. He joined the Pintnippers bowling league on Dec. 9 and got back to a sport he enjoyed.

He has bowled for about 19 years, coming up through the Young American Bowling Alliance and into adult leagues.

In Utah, Jordan carried a 190 average. When he joined the Pintnippers, he had a 160 and was bowling ball for eight months. Nor that it showed on the lanes. Jordan rolled games of 255, 288 and 268 for an 811 scratch series.

"It must have been a fluke," he said. League member Sanny McKeveloy said Jordan took it all in stride.

"It was extremely exciting to see such terrific bowling," she said. "He appeared to be so relaxed and so friendly, not one bit tense."

League secretary Maury Miller agreed. "I was impressed with his cool, calm and collected attitude for bowling as a first-timer on a league with people who he did not know, to say nothing about being a bowler."

A 270 average, wow. What can one say except - fantastic. Steve, Now let us get bowling!



LET'S GO BOWLING
Thelma Tucker

Mauldin rolled 224, 195, 187 and 195, for an 811. Mauldin entered the competition with a 186 average.

Rolling Thunder of John and Skip Cristobal took second with a 1,898. Skip had a 179 average and rolled 206, 224, 183 and 175 while John, with his 166 average, rolled 189, 218, 155 and 188.

The Sandbaggers of Robert Gonzales and Tom Draper took third with their total of 1,849.

Gonzales entered with a 148 average and rolled games of 163, 151, 175 and 152. Draper and his 173 average had games of 248, 195, 151 and 185.

Fourth place went to Jerry's Kids, of Blayne and Trevor Thompson. The duo finished with an 1,847 total. Trevor had a 173 average and rolled games of 200, 150, 150 and 139 while Blayne, with his 192 average, had games of 212, 202, 193 and 189. Fifth place went to the K-J's, Kevin Ahlm and Jim Coggins. The team rolled a 1,836, with Ahlm scoring 214, 150, 150 and 139 while Coggins and Coggins scoring 179, 196, 186 and 201 on his 188 average.

Other teams in the Top 10 were: Idaho Gems (Frank and Jose Olander, 1,817), Tim's Cascade (Tim Morrow, Mark Coggins, 1,808), K & C (Kevin and Chuck Coggins, 1,808), The Seniles (Maury Miller Sr. and Maury Miller Jr., 1,792) and Custom Built Computers (Aaron Oehler, Craig Brock, 1,792).

Averages are pending per tournament result at trucker@maglink.com or fax 733-3197.

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BOWLING

TWIN FALLS - Area bowling centers recently hosted several bowling events.

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SPORTS

BET's Johnson gets NBA's new Charlotte franchise

Billionaire will be first black majority owner in major pro sports

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Not too many people have beaten Larry Bird one-on-one.

Robert Johnson, the billionaire founder of Black Entertainment Television, did just that, beating Bird in the competition to own the NBA's new Charlotte franchise.

The NBA officially announced Wednesday that Johnson will be the first black majority owner in major pro sports.

"We are confident that Mr. Johnson's background, resources and track record of success in the entertainment industry will make him an outstanding NBA owner," NBA Board of Governors chairman and Phoenix Suns owner Jerry Colangelo said Wednesday.

Bird was devastated by the league's decision, which followed presentations from both groups to an expansion committee Monday.

"I'm heartbroken," the Hall of Famer said in a statement released by his agent Tuesday night. "It's hard to realize that I dream I've had for so many years is not to be, and that an awesome opportunity, which

would have been the greatest and most exciting challenge in my life, will not come to pass."

Johnson said he would not consider bringing Bird aboard.

Boston businessman Steve Belkin fronted the Bird group.

The team is to begin play in the 2004-05 season and replaces the Hornets, who moved to New Orleans this year. After one season at the Charlotte Coliseum, the team will move into a new \$260 million downtown arena.

The franchise fee is expected to be \$300 million.

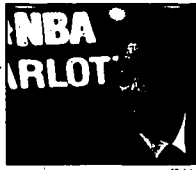
Forbes magazine estimated Johnson's wealth at \$1.3 billion this year, making him 149th on the magazine's list of richest Americans.

Though Johnson reportedly played down the issue of race in his expansion committee presentation, Chicago-based sports finance consultant Marc Ganis said there is no doubt it helped Johnson's case.

"As long as the person met the qualifications and paid full price for the franchise, it's very important to bring controlling minority interests into professional sports, particularly the NBA," Ganis said.

Johnson became a billionaire when media conglomerate Viacom bought BET for about \$2.3 billion in stock in 2000. Ganis said the source of his wealth made the league's decision easier.

The NBA's full Board of Governors, with a representative



Robert Johnson speaks to the media Wednesday in New York.

from each of the 29 teams, is expected to vote on Johnson in early January.

The Hornets left Charlotte after years of declining attendance and failed attempts to get a new arena built. The league approved the move, but Charlotte leaders successfully argued that the city, which led the NBA in attendance for eight seasons in the late 1980s and early 1990s, should get a new team.

Belkin soon emerged as a contender. Johnson, who had tried twice without success to buy the Hornets from owner George Shinn, also said he would like the franchise.

Johnson would be the first black person to hold controlling interest in a team in one of the four major pro sports leagues - the NBA, NFL, NHL and Major League Baseball. In the NBA, Bertram Lee and Peter Bynoe both held minority interests in the Denver Nuggets.

MLB

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one-year contract. The 36-year-old right-hander split last season between St. Louis and Philadelphia and had a combined record of 4-6 with a 2.97 ERA in 72 games with no saves.

Jackson, who gets \$625,000, hit 257 last season for Detroit with 12 steals. He has played every position but first base, pitcher and catcher during his major league career.

On Tuesday, Atlanta traded for Ortiz and signed Paul Byrd, giving the Braves plenty of options heading into Greg Maddux's decision whether to accept salary arbitration.

Free agents Joe Girardi (St. Louis) and Troy O'Leary (Chicago Cubs) found new teams, and the New York Yankees kept up their discussions with Hideki Matsui as general managers and agents kept up a frenetic pace following the relatively lifeless winter meetings.

Ortiz, a 14-game winner who helped lead San Francisco to the NL title, was dealt to the Braves for young left-hander Damian Moss and minor league right-hander Manuel Maroa. Hours later, the Braves agreed to a \$10 million, two-year contract with Byrd.

"We're restructuring our pitching staff, but not haphazardly by bringing in Ortiz and Byrd," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said. "It's a strong staff, a young staff and, we believe, a good staff."

Matus, a four-time Cy Young Award winner, has until today to accept an arbitration offer from the Braves, who lost a starter when Tom Glavine signed with the New York Mets.

Atlanta's rotation currently includes Mike Hampton, acquired from Colorado in a three-team deal, along with Ortiz, Byrd, Kevin Millwood and Jason Marquis. If Maddux accepts arbitration, the Braves could quickly trade Ortiz.

Byrd, 32, pitched for Atlanta in 1997 and 1998 before being placed on waivers and claimed by Philadelphia. He was 17-11 last season with a 3.00 ERA for Kansas City, and got a deal from the Braves that includes a \$3 million salary next season and a \$7 million player option for 2004 with a \$2 million buy-out.

St. Louis gave Girardi a one-year deal worth \$725,000 and reached agreements with two players eligible for salary arbitration.

Catcher Eli Marrero received a \$4.5 million, two-year contract, and right-hander Garret Stephenson, injured much of last season, got a one-year deal worth \$800,000, a \$100,000 buy-out.

Seattle agreed to a minor league contract with free-agent left-hander Norm Charlton that pays him \$500,000 if he makes the team, and Boston agreed to a \$2 million, one-year deal with utilityman Jeremy Giambi.

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TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY NOTICE OF REGULAR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 2003. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 am in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Directors from District 1 (Murtaugh, Hansen and Kimberly) and District 5 (Castledorf) will be elected for three-year terms.

Petitions of Candidacy for Director must be filed by December 1, 2002.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2003 water supplies, water quality issues, Snake River Aquifer studies, the Endangered Species Act, the SRBA, and other matters of interest.

Notice is given that a stock vote will be taken to amend the By-Laws of the Company to provide for the realignment of the five (5) director districts to create more uniform and clearly defined districts. (Copies of the full text of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws are available for the stockholders to review at the Company Office, 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, during regular business hours.

The corporation books will close for the transfer of stock on January 3, 2003.

The polls shall be open at the office of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm on January 14, 2003.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 10, 2003.

DATED this 18th day of November 2002.

TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY
Chris Simons, Assistant Secretary

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Young lovers need to grow up first

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter from "Totally in Love" about his relationship with a 13-year-old girl. You advised him that if "things went wrong," he could find himself in legal trouble. That's an understatement.

I am a probation officer. Last Friday, I sat in court while a client of mine was sentenced to three years (the law of the guidelines) for having consensual sex with a 13-year-old. The girl had told him she was 15 and said so in court. Once released from the penitentiary, he will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

That 18-year-old needs to watch himself. He also needs to ask himself why he can't date girls his own age. Here in Virginia, if an 18-year-old has sex with a 13-year-old, he's a sex offender - whether or not the girl was willing.

-CONCERNED IN MANASSAS



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

change, she's lying to herself and to him.

Abby, that guy needs not only to come clean about his age to her mother, but also not dream too far ahead in the future. He should wait until she grows up before lifelong commitments come into the picture.

-A WOMAN WHO REMEMBERS THAT AGE

"go too far," then what? Two children with a child? That young girl may well regret and resent the exclusiveness of the relationship she had when she was young.

I hope the parents of both these young people help them to see that it's better to allow each other time to grow up before they try to be grown-ups. If they're truly meant to be together, no amount of time will change their feelings for each other, and eventually they'll be able to share life experiences they'll never have in the relationship they have now. I wish them the best.

-AN EXPERIENCED OLDER PERSON

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Totally in Love" was great, but you don't have a sister like you. You have given sage advice.

DEAR REMEMBERS: It's unfortunate that 13-year-old girl doesn't have a sister like you. You have given sage advice.

DEAR ABBY: While I agree with your advice to "Totally in Love," I feel there is a bit more to say. From personal experience, I have found that if young people (such as his 13-year-old girlfriend) have an "exclusive" relationship, what happens is that she is excluded from the normal passages of youth. I cannot see how what people feel at 13 could possibly be what they want at 18, 21, etc.

And if the relationship does

DEAR EXPERIENCED: You have a wise and compassionate perspective. Several readers also pointed out that the age difference between this young man and the girl is so great that it is not a relationship of equals. Few girls that age can say no to someone that much older and more experienced.

Romans valued cleanliness

How dangerous is a lovers' quarrel? Our Love and War man quotes T'ien Chien: "Truly, a hatred born in a day takes a hundred years to die!"

Sir, those fine hairs, if any, on your nose are produced by the smallest hair follicles in your body. And those coarse whiskers on your chin are produced by the largest hair follicles in your body.

Q: Where on a modern map is the Biblical hill of Calvary?

A: In old Jerusalem, in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Entirely within that church. It's one staircase high.

Claim is mothers of twins always know they're going to like each other before they ever meet.

Q: If you're truly innocent, never take a lie detector test. But if you're guilty, take one - you might be exonerated. So advises a polygraph expert. The test reads bodily reactions that often-times have nothing to do with truth or falsehood. Says this authority: You can hang yourself in the mind of the machine's interpreter just because you're nervous.

Q: How is it possible for the panda to become rare when the adult male panda in the wild can mate seven times an hour?

A: It's seasonal.

"If you want to know whether your girlfriend is honest," writes a client, "check the zero position on her bathroom scale."

You say you didn't know penguins have blubber? They do.

One thing you can say about the old Romans, they were clean. Scholars have traced the whereabouts of 6,528 Roman baths.

CZECH CHRISTMAS CHOW



A carp vendor in Brno, Czech Republic, Tuesday demonstrates how to kill a fish in a "humane" way by hitting it on top of the head with a blunt object to stun it before killing it. Carp served with potato salad is the most popular Christmas dish in the Czech Republic, and many customers buy the fish live to keep it in bathtubs and kill it just before cooking. Vendors are asked by their companies to kill carps in a "painless" way, and some of them appeal buyers to do so in their homes.

Capricorn: Finish what you start and keep resolutions

IF DECEMBER 19TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are an original thinker; some of your friends claim you are "ahead of your time." You are inventive, creative and romantic. When you love, it is with passion. You are Aquarius individuals play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: A, S, J. Before December is concluded, you will have a reunion with individual you once loved. Next year, you will travel and could experience romance abroad cruise ship.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You will have more to do with relatives than in recent past. Temperamental outbursts are likely with the Full Moon in your Third House. Another Aries represented.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Original approach will help out ideas usually considered "radical." Don't follow others create your own tradition. Love relationship is positive, lends inspiration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Give logic equal chance with romance. Take special care in traffic; numerous short trips indicated. Focus on where you live, marital status. Cancer native is involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Diversity; keep options open, laugh at your own follies. You bring smile to faces of people even during grave moments. Artistic tendencies will surge to forefront.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Elements of luck, luck rises with you; enjoy the "ride." At the track: Choose number 4 post position in fourth race. Taurus, Scorpio and another Leo will be outstanding roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your natural skill as writer dominates

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scenario. Your own experiences will play serious roles in connection with article or book. Flirtation is serious; don't play games with emotions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your voice is especially melodious today; sing in or out of shower. If diplomatic, you win - otherwise you could suffer loss. Questions arise concerning residence, marital status.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be cautious where funding is concerned. It is likely to be legitimate, but those who wish you ill could spread vicious rumors. Don't tell all, do not confide or confess.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Full Moon in your Seventh House relates to legal affairs, public image and marital status. You will have more responsibility due to promotion; you gain recognition in and out of community.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Finish what you start. Look beyond the immediate. Keep recent resolutions concerning diet and exercise. Be wary concerning "passionate" argument. Libra represented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Yes, it is time to go into business for yourself, to be more independent. Make personal and professional appearances; wear bright colors, give romance another chance. Leo plays role.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You could be involved in helping people locate living quarters. Your extrasensory perception will work overtime; trust hunch, intuitive intellect. Cancer native involved.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Rainbow Family leader held on federal charges

BOISE - A man associated with the Rainbow Family, a band of hippies who hold an annual gathering in remote parts of the country, is being held on federal charges that he failed to pay a fine.

U.S. Attorney for Idaho Tom Moss said Tuesday that Charles "Bebe" Winslow, 40, refused to pay a fine of \$150 after being convicted of failure to apply for a Forest Service permit when the group gathered in the summer of 2000 north of Loveland.

As a result, U.S. Magistrate Judge Larry Boyle ordered Winslow to spend 30 days in jail. He also faces sentencing in Michigan for a similar conviction for the group's 2000 gathering.

Members of the Rainbow Family have consistently claimed that it has no leaders or organizers and therefore can't be held responsible for group action.

Snowmobilers ask to plow Greenhorn road for access

KETCHUM - The Sawtooth Snowmobile Club applied for a special use permit to plow and maintain a half-mile section of the Greenhorn Gulch Road for winter access and parking.

The Ketchum Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest is seeking public comment.

The road, about 5 miles south of Ketchum is privately owned and maintained for 2 miles up to forest boundaries.

"Each winter, I receive numerous calls from the public that there is no place to park for individuals wanting to snowmobile, ski or snowshoe in the drainage," District Ranger Kurt Nelson said in a news release.

An area will be cleared for limited parking, but funding for the Greenhorn drainage could require an environmental analysis examining potential effects of increased use. If required, Nelson anticipates an analysis would be done by a third party and financed by the snowmobilers club. Money to plow the road would come from a State Parks and Recreation department snowmobile program.

People may submit written comments by Jan. 17 to the Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 2356, Ketchum, 83340. For more information, visit the ranger district on Sun Valley Road or call (208) 622-5371.

Sun Valley to open

Seatttle Ridge on Friday
SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley Resort will open Seattle Ridge on Friday. With that, nearly the entire mountain will be open.

Ski patrol spent Tuesday setting off avalanches on the Bowls to make the Seattle Ridge area safe for skiers. The resort had received 21 inches of new snow in the previous 72 hours - more than a foot on Monday alone.

Sun Valley Nordic and Snowshoe Center opened for the season on Wednesday.

The Sun Valley Carolers have started strolling through Sun Valley Village and restaurants, including Trail Creek Cabin. They will be one of the free traditional Sun Valley ice show on Christmas Eve.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	72%	24%
Salmon Falls	78%	21%
Salmon	68%	21%
Canby	59%	17%
Big Lost	91%	39%
Little Wood	116%	38%
Hervy's Fork/Teton	61%	20%
Big Lost	107%	32%
Lisa Lost	71%	22%

**As of Dec. 16. A comparison of basin snowpack to the 1971-72 season.

Eco-group sues Idaho Power

By Chad Baldwin
Times-News writer

Environmentalists seek reparations over permit violation

BLISS - Idaho Power Co. "thumbed its nose" at the Clean Water Act when it placed up to 9,700 cubic yards of fill material in the Snake River channel in 1999 or 2000, an environmental group contends.

As a result, the company should be required to remove the material and pay tens of thousands of dollars in fines, Idaho Rivers United argues in a lawsuit filed last week in U.S. District Court.

"In our opinion, Idaho Power

needs to be punished for this," said Bill Sedivy, the group's executive director.

Idaho Power spokesman Dennis Lopez has acknowledged that the company deviated from a federal permit in a dredging project at Bliss dam. But he questioned whether any environmental damage resulted from it and said the company is working to comply with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requirements.

In September 1999, the Corps of Engineers issued a permit for

Idaho Power to remove about 5,000 cubic yards of rock from the tailrace area below Bliss Dam in the Snake River. Lopez explained that the material, much of it deposited in the high water years of 1997 and 1999, needed to be removed because it was hampering the efficiency of the power plant.

The permit authorized Idaho Power to use 400 cubic yards of the dredged rock material as riprap along the north bank of the river and 250 cubic yards for

temporary work pads. The rest was to be removed from the site.

When the dredging project began, Lopez said, Idaho Power found that there was much more material that needed to be removed from the tailrace area than surveys had shown. Crews ended up removing about 10,100 cubic yards, says the Corps of Engineers. And instead of depositing only 650 cubic yards at the site, Idaho Power put 9,700 yards of the dredged material in the river channel - 6,500

along the north bank and 3,200 along the south bank. The rest was used to construct a boat access ramp and an access road. Idaho Power subsequently sought to amend its permit - after the fact - to allow the work it had done. The company later said it had placed only 1,600 cubic yards of fill below the river channel's high water mark, and the rest of the 9,700 cubic feet was placed above that mark, meaning the latter didn't constitute a discharge into the Snake River.

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PACKING CANDY FOR MR. CLAUS



Freeman Kody Nelson, Richard Rau, Otto Riedlinger and Arlin McDonald bag candy for Santa's 43rd annual visit to Paul. Firefighters from the West End Fire Protection District filled nearly 1,500 bags of candy for Santa's visit in Paul Saturday.

Paul firemen continue longtime Santa tradition

By Annie Thompson
Times-News correspondent



Making spirits bright
A 12-day series about the people behind Christmas

PAUL - For more than 40 years, the children of Paul have gotten a glimpse of Santa Claus and even received candy from him, thanks to members of the West End Fire Protection District.

Each Saturday before Christmas, a fire truck pulls out of the fire station around noon loaded up with bags of candy and the jolly old man himself. Another fire truck accompanies Santa's sleigh, playing Christmas music announcing that the big guy is close behind.

As the trucks drive through the streets of Paul, kids come running out of their homes to try to snag bags of candy. They also line the streets to listen to the Christmas music and cheer Santa on.

For Otto Riedlinger, 72, who has been helping with the special day for 43 years, it is the expressions on the children's faces he remembers most from year to year.

"Especially the little ones. They don't care about the candy. They've got their eyes on Santa Claus, and the heck with the candy," said Riedlinger, who will celebrate 50 years with the fire department this spring. For years - too many for

1,500 individual bags. That's a lot of candy for such a small town, but kids come from the countryside around Paul to see Santa. It's a big deal, according to fireman Richard Rau.

"The local people pretty much know it's the Saturday before Christmas," Rau said. "When I was a kid I used to come in many years."

In the many years the firemen have been bringing joy to children's faces, Riedlinger said not much has changed. "Just more people, more popular, more candy," he said. And not one year have they ever had to cancel.

"We're just like the mail carriers," he said. Times-News correspondent Annie Thompson can be reached at 678-0025.

District expansion could lead to tighter groundwater use regs

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

Thousand Springs reach," Dreher said.

About 25 people attended the hearing, where Dreher said he intends to expand Water District 30, which now extends from Milner Dam to King Hill. The expansion would take in an additional area of 1,400 square miles north of Shoshone and Gooding, which has about 300 groundwater users.

Most groundwater rights for wells on the East Snake River Plain Aquifer are junior priority, Dreher said, and most surface water rights that depend on spring flows are senior priority, established as far back as 1960.

"Until now, if senior-priority users believed a new well or a series of new wells were depleting their surface water levels,

they had to prove it, which often was a lengthy and difficult legal process. If the expansion of the water district becomes law, Water Resources - not the courts - will determine if there is injury and will have the authority to order curtailment of groundwater use if deemed necessary.

"We want to administer water rights appropriately," Dreher said. "It's really come about because of drought conditions... Unfortunately, I do think drought conditions will continue. That's why it's necessary to take this action."

Dreher said the water district expansion would take in the Wood River drainage area, which Water Resources has

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

Official: Jerome has water protection plan

JEROME - The city of Jerome and Jerome County do have a drinking water plan for wellhead protection, City Administrator Travis Rothweiler told the City Council Tuesday.

Rothweiler was responding to comments by Twin Falls Councilwoman Elaine Steele in Tuesday's Times-News. Steele told the Twin Falls City Council that Twin Falls passed its water protection plan and that Jerome County needed to pass its plan. She said that concerned her because Twin Falls gets some of its drinking water from its neighbor to the north.

The city of Jerome and Jerome County are working to secure funding to provide sewer and

water lines to residents of the county. By doing so, less septic tanks will be installed and less water wells will be dug near wellheads. That would help protect both the quality and quantity of the water.

The city of Jerome has been working with Jerome County during the last three commissioners' meetings on issues of wellhead protection.

"We have to be aware of private property rights. As one issue is resolved another issue comes up," City Engineer Scott Bybee said.

The city has multiple wellheads. If one well should become contaminated it can be shut down and cleaned up while the other wells are used.

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Ex-Utah lawmaker, wilderness and Mideast peace advocate, dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wayne Owens, a former Utah congressman and longtime advocate for Middle East peace, was found dead Wednesday in Israel, according to the State Department. He was 65.

Owens, a Democrat, served four terms in Congress and helped launch the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation, a Washington-based group dedicated to fostering peace in the troubled region.

In Congress, Owens, a native of Panguitch, Utah, fought to protect more than 5 million acres of Utah wilderness, sponsored legislation to compensate those sickened by radioactive fallout from nuclear weapons tests in Nevada, and used his seat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee to advocate for peace in the Middle East.



Wayne Owens in 1998

His body was found on a beach in Tel Aviv at about 9 p.m. local time Wednesday, according to Stuart Fatt, spokesman for the State Department's Consular Affairs Bureau. He apparently died of natural causes, Fatt said.

Owens was on business in the region. A spokesman for the family could not immediately be reached.

"What Wayne Owens did was change people's lives. He did it in so many ways. He was dedicated to public service," said University of Utah political science professor Tim Chambliss, who interned for Owens in the spring of 1973 and later worked on his campaign. "He changed my life. It's a great loss."

He was first elected in 1972 and served as a member of the House Judiciary Committee where he voted to impeach President Nixon and was part of a group of freshman Democrats who forced a vote to end the Vietnam War.

He lost a bid for Senate in 1974 to Republican Jake Garn and made an unsuccessful bid for governor in 1984. In 1986, he regained Utah's 2nd District seat, which he held until 1992, when he again ran for Senate, losing to Republican Bob Bennett.

Owens helped launch the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation in 1989 and served as its president, spending much of the last decade meeting with leaders in the region trying to foster peace through economic development.

Owens' death, Matheson, who ran Owens' campaign for governor in 1984, said Owens served as a political mentor to his whole family.

"I think that's true for a lot of people in public service," Matheson said. "The first memory I have of a campaign in Utah was when he walked the state in 1972. He brought a certain energy and enthusiasm to politics."

He is survived by his wife Marlene and five children. Funeral plans have yet to be announced.

Idaho ranks 17th in nation in number of guns stolen

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — More than 23 guns are stolen from every 1,000 Idaho homes, according to a report by the Americans for Gun Safety Foundation.

The nonprofit, nonpartisan gun safety group released the report this month, blaming improper storage for the thefts.

States that have enacted safe gun storage laws have theft rates about 26 percent lower than the rest of the country, the report showed.

Idaho ranks 17th in the nation for gun thefts. Bill Lynn, executive director of the Idaho Sheriff's Association, said the numbers are likely related to the state's hunting culture.

"How often do we see pickup trucks driving down the road with

a rifle in the back? Certainly we could do a better job at storage," he said.

Alaska topped the list with nearly 43 guns stolen from every 1,000 homes, followed by Alabama and Mississippi. Rhode Island, with only three guns stolen out of every 1,000 homes, and Massachusetts, with 2.9 guns stolen, ranked the lowest.

Gun theft hurts both the victims of theft and the communities where the 170,000 guns stolen each year end up, the foundation said.

"A stolen gun is like gold to a criminal because it can be quickly resold without fear of it being traced to them," said Jim Kessler, the foundation's policy and research director.

Utah man pleads guilty to fraud

PHOENIX (AP) — A 47-year-old Utah man pleaded guilty to mail fraud in federal court for allegedly bilking 25,000 people out of roughly \$3 million.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said Ronald H. Brown of St. George, Utah, advertised nonexistent "self-liquidating loans" and "government cash."

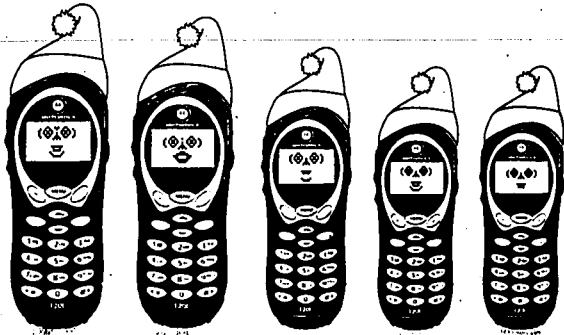
Brown would take application, processing and attorney fees ranging from \$25 to \$240 from applicants solicited in direct mail and publications like the "National Examiner" and "Globe International."

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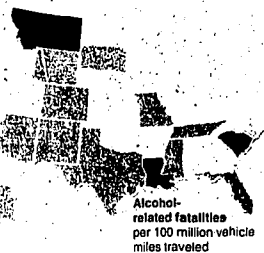
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Drunken driving death rates vary by state

South Carolina has the highest alcohol-related death rate from traffic accidents in the country; Utah has the lowest.



Alcohol-related fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled

NOTE: Vehicle miles traveled is a measurement of the total miles traveled by all vehicles in a state during the year.

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SOURCES: Associated Press; U.S. Department of Transportation

Idaho improves drunken driving deaths, lags nation

BOISE (AP) — Although drunken driving death rates have declined dramatically across the nation since 1982, Idaho is falling behind when compared with the gains of other states.

The bright spot in a report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is that Idaho decreased its alcohol-related fatality rate from 1.68 deaths per 100-million miles traveled in 1982 to 0.69 in 2001, a decrease of 59 percent.

But Idaho still lags behind the national average of 0.63 in 2001 and actually rose in comparison with other states. In 1982 Idaho was ranked 24th highest; in 2001 the state had risen to 21st.

In 1982, there were 256 deaths on Idaho roads, 132 of them considered alcohol-related. Last year, there were 259 highway deaths, of which 97 were alcohol-related.

Molly Cox, a victim's advocate for the Idaho Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said state officials have not kept up public pressure on drunken driving.

"I think we've lost focus," Cox said. "The state's prosecutors and judges have to keep taking this problem seriously."

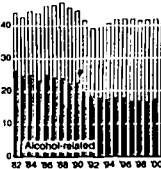
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Decline in drunken driving deaths

The number of alcohol-related traffic deaths has declined over the last 20 years.

Fatalities in motor vehicle accidents

50,000



term first-time offenders to complete alcohol treatment, instead of the eight-hour course most often prescribed now.

She said her organization is also planning legislation that would impound the vehicles of first-time offenders for 30 days, a move that the Idaho Sheriff's Association will neither support nor oppose.

Idaho ag chief gets national post

BOISE (AP) — State Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi on Wednesday was named president of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

Takasugi, who has headed the state department for the past seven years, fulfills the unexpec-

term of Sheldon Jones of Arizona, who lost his job as that state's agriculture director in a change of administration.

Takasugi, a farmer from Wilder, will head the national organization until next September.

Feds extend deadline for INEEL manager

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Department of Energy has extended the deadline for applications to lead its Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Fewer than a dozen people had responded to the postings on federal job sites for a manager and deputy manager to oversee day-to-day operations at the facility. With 7,500 employees, the lab is one of the state's largest employers. "We wanted to attract the widest possible pool of candidates," Energy Department spokesman Tim Jackson said.

Last weekend, the government placed advertisements in newspapers serving major Energy Department sites in Washington, Tennessee, Georgia, Texas, California, New York, Ohio, Illinois, New Mexico and Washington, D.C. That triggered dozens of

applications already this week and "more are rolling in," Jackson said.

The state has been without an

Energy Department manager since Bev Cook left more than a year ago for a top department post in Washington, D.C.

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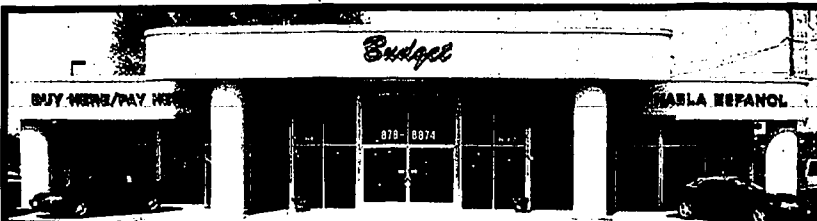
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Rancher may fence off winter range

IDAHO FALLS — Prominent eastern Idaho rancher Jeff Siddoway says he has lost money raising sheep and may fence off his land as a pay-to-shoot hunting preserve.

The Terreton sheepman said this week he is considering enclosing 5,000 acres of his private property with an 8-foot-tall fence, despite the protests of biologists who fear that could devastate the region's deer herd.

The ground covers the Juniper Hills north of St. Anthony. As a former Idaho Fish and Game commissioner, Siddoway said he does not like the idea of closing off the ground where elk and deer survive the winter, but he has to for financial reasons.

He said he has lost money five straight years raising sheep on the family's 25,000 acres, making it necessary to diversify. Siddoway said he sold 11,000 lambs this fall for 80 cents per pound, or 5 cents below a break-even price.

Four plead guilty to antler violations at Yellowstone
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — Four people have pleaded guilty to taking elk antlers from Yellowstone National Park.

Trevor C. McGurran, 21, and Dale D. Gustafson, 27, both of Silms, Mont., were arrested after they were seen caching elk antlers in northern Yellowstone on April 10.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen Cole sentenced them to two years of unsupervised probation and banned them from the park for that period.

In addition, McGurran was ordered to pay \$710 and Gustafson \$510 in fines, assessments and restitution, and the two had to forfeit much of the equipment they were carrying when they were arrested.

Also pleading guilty to antler violations were Thomas F. Wagner, 66, and Carol E. Wagner, both of Cody. They were arrested after they were seen loading elk antlers into a pickup truck in northern Yellowstone on Aug. 5.

BYU bans use of R-rated movies in classrooms

PROVO, Utah — After years of discussion, Brigham Young University has formalized a policy to ensure classroom study is rated PG-13.

Professors at the Mormon-owned private university this semester started following a policy that discourages showing R-rated movies in classrooms.

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are counseled by church leaders to avoid films with excessive gore, violence, profanity or nudity.

The guidelines apply to visual and literary materials used in class. It says that faculty should not "require students to view unedited R-rated movies, as a matter not simply of content but of obedience to prophetic counsel."

Journalist selected for Andrus Center position

BOISE — Rocky Barker, environmental beat reporter for The Idaho Statesman, has been chosen as the first visiting fellow of the Andrus Center of Public Policy.

Barker, 49, will take the next six months for a sabbatical with the center, based at Boise State University.

The 27-year news veteran and author of three books will devote much of his time to following up on the recent conference, Dateline: The West, which focused on national news coverage of western issues.

Presidential signature lets resort owner buy land

BOISE — Gene Williams has

West in brief

obtained presidential permission to resolve a jurisdictional dispute over his resort near the sand dunes outside of St. Anthony.

The legislation signed Tuesday allows Williams to purchase 10.23 acres of U.S. Bureau of Land Management property located within a wilderness study area.

Williams bought a small piece of land next to the sand dunes in 1971. He turned it into the Sand Hills Resort: a bar, restaurant, dance hall and swimming pool. In 1981, the federal bureau decided to conduct a wilderness study in the area. A review concluded that a 1953 survey was in error and 10.23 acres of what Williams thought was his land was part of the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area.

— compiled from staff reports

Slaying prompts crackdown on underage drinking parties

CALDWELL (AP) — This month's beating death of a Colorado man, possibly by teenagers who had been drinking, has prompted Police Chief Bob Sobha to step up his campaign against underage drinking.

Sobha, the former director of the state Department of Law Enforcement, has ordered surveillance of holiday parties where people under 21 are suspected of drinking.

In addition to possible arrests, the chief wants citizens to collaborate with his officers in recording the license plates of cars and pickups parked at what he called suspicious gatherings. Letters will be sent to the owners advising them

that their vehicles were in the area of a suspected teenage drinking party.

The body of Cary Sturgis, 41, was found in a Caldwell park on

Dec. 7. Three young men — Eric Mark Owen, 20, Dane Connor Lawson, 18, and Cole Ray Scott, 16 — have been charged with first degree murder.

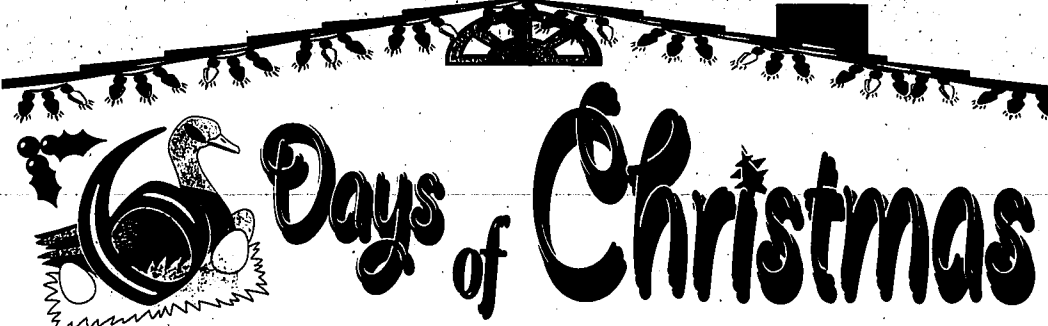
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Judge OKs Qwest debt exchange offer

DENVER - A federal judge has cleared the way for Qwest Communications International Inc. to proceed with its \$12.9 billion debt exchange offer over the protests of four bondholders.

U.S. District Judge Denny Chin in New York denied the bondholders' request Wednesday for a preliminary injunction on the exchange offer, Chin's clerk said.

The four bondholders, who hold about \$700 million of Qwest notes, had alleged that Qwest's offer was coercive and violated securities laws.

Qwest - the predominant provider of local-phone service in Magic Valley - last month offered holders of \$12.9 billion in bonds of Qwest Capital Funding Inc. up to about \$4 billion of new Qwest Services Corp. notes and \$6.6 billion of new Qwest notes, the complaint said.

The bondholders said they were upset that they would see a lower face value on their bonds if they accepted the deal, but fall in the creditor hierarchy if they declined.

The offer expires Friday.

In a statement, Qwest said it was pleased by the judge's decision. The company has said it believed the lawsuit was a negotiating tactic for terms on the exchange offer.

A representative for bondholders' lawyers had no immediate comment.

Best Buy sees 5 percent increase in Q3 earnings

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. - Best Buy Co., the nation's largest retailer of consumer electronics and appliances, reported a 5 percent increase in third-quarter earnings, crediting gains to strong sales at its namesake stores heading into the holiday season and to cost-cutting measures across the company.

But the retailer revised its fourth-quarter earnings estimate downward thanks to more sour notes from its money-losing Musicland Group.

Best Buy reported that same-store sales (those at stores open at least 14 months) at Musicland Group tumbled 11.5 percent for the quarter compared to the same period a year ago.

Best Buy - which has a Sam Goody store in Twin Falls - dropped its fourth-quarter earnings guidance 5 cents a share to \$1 to \$1.10 per share. Executives blamed Musicland Group's flagging results largely on falling same-store sales of prerecorded music, a weak economy and drop in consumer traffic at U.S. shopping malls, home to nearly all of its 800 Sam Goody stores.

Net income of \$85 million, or 26 cents per diluted share, for the third quarter ended Nov. 30, compared with \$80 million, or 25 cents per diluted share, a year ago.

Season probably will still disappoint retailers

BALTIMORE - Retail sales heated up during the third week of the holiday shopping season, but will likely cool off in the coming days, making this season weaker overall than last year's, says a Chicago-based consulting group.

Shoppers flocked to the stores during the second-to-last full week of the holiday season, boosting sales at U.S. chains 12 percent from the previous week, when winter ice and snowstorms had put a damper on shopping.

The surge in business the week ending Dec. 14 gave retailers their second-highest weekly volume of the season so far - \$30 billion in sales, said retail consultant ShopperTrak RCT, which tracks weekly U.S. retail sales.

Consumers spent \$6.3 billion on Saturday alone, making it the second longest shopping day of the season to date, behind the \$7 billion spent on the day after Thanksgiving, ShopperTrak said.

But some of the biggest chains are seeing sluggish sales compared to last year.

Target Corp. said sales have been "well below plan" for both the week ending Dec. 14 and the month to date. Federated Department Stores Inc., the owner of the Bon Marche, is still calling for its November and December comparable-store sales to be at the low end of a range from flat to down 2.5 percent. And at Wal-Mart Stores Inc., sales for the week ending Dec. 15 rose at the low end of the company's forecast of between 3 percent to 5 percent.

Compiled from wire reports

PMT returns \$128,000

Phone company dishes out patronage allocation checks

The Times-News

RUPERT - Project Mutual Telephone officials mailed checks to 14,600 customers late last week which totaled \$128,000.

The patronage allocation checks represent 5 percent of customers' 2001 allocation and the full patronage payment from 1986, according to Pat Campbell, PMT's public relations representative.

PMT is switching from a sys-

tem of paying each year's profits to members something like 15 years later, to a system of paying 5 percent the next year and the rest farther down the road.

Each check issued this month was for a different amount, Campbell said. Individual customer checks represent the percent of usage per customer multiplied by net profit for the cooperative.

"The more each member uses PMT services the higher their patronage allocation," Campbell said.

PMT officials try to return any profits to the cooperative's members each year, Campbell said.

A couple of years ago, the cooperative board decided to

send the payments out in December, rather than in the spring as had been the past practice.

"We are very proud to be able to continue returning patronage to our membership this year," PMT board Chairman Jeffrey B. Clark said. "It is a proud tradition at PMT. We also want to thank all of our members for their support. Members guarantee PMT's success and give the company the opportunity to return dollars back to the community."

PMT provides dial-tone service to 11,500 telephone lines, signal to 3,300 cable television circuits and Internet access to more than 6,000 Magic Valley customers, Campbell said.

Qwest clarifies its deregulation request

The Associated Press

BOISE - Qwest Communications International Inc. clarified on Wednesday that a recent petition to state regulators is calling for price deregulation of its basic customer service in seven Idaho cities.

Qwest says its request is necessary in light of intensified cell phone competition.

Qwest Idaho Vice President Jim Schmit said its basic service in the Twin Falls, Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, Pocatello and Idaho Falls markets has been undermined by the increasing use of cell phones.

For the nearly 300,000 land-line telephone customers it has in the seven cities, Schmit said there are over 200,000 cell phone customers served by more than six other companies.

Qwest's basic service price is now set by the Public Utilities Commission and cannot be changed without commission approval. Cell phone rates are not regulated.

Qwest's inability to compete on price, the company said, is making it difficult to retain the kind of market share needed to maintain the quality communications network that all the other

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A computer mouse for kids

Woman designs device that's better for young hands

The Associated Press

SAN MATEO, Calif. - What kind of Silicon Valley businesswoman would sit idly by while her granddaughter is reduced to tears by a personal computer?

Not Susan Giles. So when 4-year-old Molly was having trouble controlling her cursor, she knew it was time to invent a better mousetrap. Or a better mouse anyway.

Why not a mouse, Giles thought, that small hands could squeeze like a ball instead of click with a finger?

"Children using a computer at 18 months, or 2 years old, or even 5 years old, their fine motor skills are very different," says Giles, who lives and works in San Mateo.

And why not make the mice cute as a bug or dinosaur or other kid-friendly being?

Giles didn't mean to start a business. She had one: a business consulting outfit. When she started working on the mouse four years ago she thought she could sell the idea to an existing firm, but that didn't work. It became apparent, she says, that "if Susan didn't jump in and do it, the entire product would die."

So with about \$500,000 of her own money, some angel investment and some hired engineering talent, she came up with her own version of a smaller and rounder mouse. She had them painted to look like fanciful characters and went about finding names for them.

Names like "Colby-T-Rex."

Colby? Is that some kind of dinosaur?

"No," says Giles. "It's my newest grandson."

Which also explains the MollyMouse, BenjieBee and MarinaBug models - all named for the grandkids who produce the corporate artwork hanging in Giles' home office.

It's been a year and a half since the company formally launched and six months since Giles gave up her other pursuits to run KidzMouse full time from her San Mateo basement.

"We have really grown dramatically," she says. Who dramatically, she won't say. KidzMouse is privately held and there are certain numbers that Giles does not share.

But as retailers moved into the holiday selling season, Giles' products seemed to be multiplying like well, mice. The mice are available at kidzmouse.com (\$23.95) and at CompUSA, Micro Center, Best Buy and on the Dell Web site, to name a few outlets.

And in November, Giles reached the top of the kid cool mountain when KidzMouse signed a contract with the Nickelodeon network - home of the Rugrats, Blues Clues and



Susan Giles holds an optical mouse she designed especially for children at KidzMouse located in the basement of her home in San Mateo, Calif., in October. With about \$500,000 of her own money, some angel investment and some hired engineering talent, she came up with her own version of a smaller and rounder mouse.

SpongeBob SquarePants - to build mice in the image of the network's characters.

It doesn't get any hotter than SpongeBob. Just ask anyone between the ages of 2 and 15, with whom the show has established almost a cult following.

Now Giles is concerned with a new line of optical mice that the company is launching. Building computer equipment for kids is anything but child's play.

"Products for children have to be indestructible," she says. "Kids can destroy anything."

Obviously, unpredictable winter weather, good or bad, could affect our projections."

Fourth-quarter earnings are estimated to be in the range of 55 to 57 cents a share.

Giroud said the company will continue to focus on opening new stores and increasing customer traffic.

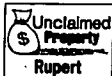
Pier 1 said it will have 1,000 stores in the United States and Canada by the end of its fiscal year, and plans are for a 1,500 stores in North America by the end of the decade.

State guards unclaimed property from Rupert

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. The final installment of the Rupert list appears today; watch for names from several of the valley's small towns next week.



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Q3 earnings increase 24 percent at Pier 1 Imports

NIGHT RIDDER News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas - Fort Worth-based Pier 1 Imports said its third-quarter profit rose 24 percent based on strong sales of furniture, candles and home textiles.

"We believe that the strength of our sales is the result of merchandising and marketing efforts focusing on the customer," Chief Executive Marvin Giroud said.

The home furnishings retailer with a Twin Falls store said its

third-quarter earnings rose to \$31.1 million, or 33 cents a share, up from \$25 million, or 26 cents, in the same period of 2001. The earnings met analysts' expectations.

Sales in the period ending Nov. 30 rose 13.2 percent to \$438.5 million, up from \$387.4 million a year earlier, the company said.

Net income for the nine months was \$75.3 million, compared with last year's \$51.1 million, the company said.

Pier 1's earnings have risen for the past five quarters. Giroud

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What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these things:

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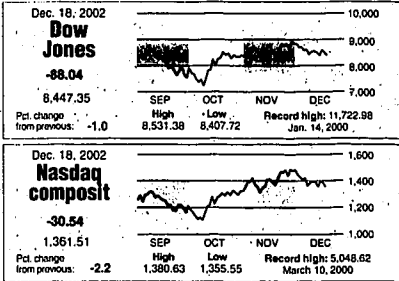
Stocks fall on report of big loss from Micron

NEW YORK (AP) - Micron Technology's report of an unexpectedly large loss prompted a sell-off on Wall Street Wednesday, as investors unloaded stocks on renewed anxiety about the strength of corporate profits.

Analysts said investors were reacting cautiously about committing to the market, particularly after an eight-week blue-chip rally in the autumn that some believe came too fast. Light trading volume also contributed to exaggerated price swings.

"With the lack of a real catalyst, it doesn't take much news, positive or negative to move the market," said Mike Kayes, chief investment officer at Eastover Capital in Charlotte, N.C. "It's going to be in that type of volatile trading range for a while."

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 88.04, or 1 percent, to 8,447.35, having fallen 92 points on Tuesday. The broader market also fell. The Nasdaq composite index declined 30.54, or 2.2 percent, to 1,361.51. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 11.87, or 1.3 percent, to 891.12. Chip maker Micron Technology fell \$3.06, or 23 percent, to \$10.22 after reporting a first-quarter loss that was worse than Wall Street expected. The news dragged down other tech stocks, including Intel, which dropped 76 cents to \$17.13.



Concerns about a war with Iraq also weighed on the market. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Wednesday there were serious omissions and problems with Iraq's weapons declaration as President Bush pondered the United States' next

move. Stock trading has been choppy in recent days as investors struggle to decide whether to buy on bets of stronger prospects for 2003 or continue to cash in profits from the market's autumn rally. Still, some analysts believe investors remain largely upbeat and should push stocks higher by month's end on hopes of a year-end rally. December is historically the strongest time of year for

Conseco Inc. seeks fast exit from Chapter 11

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Conseco Inc. said Wednesday it plans a quick exit from bankruptcy court protection, even though a group of creditors threatened to delay the insurance and finance company's reorganization.

Conseco, mired in debt from 1990s acquisitions that backfired, including the ill-fated \$6 billion purchase of a mobile-home leader - late Tuesday became the third-largest U.S. company to file for bankruptcy protection.

The Carmel, Ind.-based company, which employs about 14,000 people and had \$8.1 billion in revenues last year, expects to emerge from Chapter 11 protection before the middle of next year, the company's lead attorney told a bankruptcy court in Chicago.

Banks and bondholders reached a tentative bankruptcy agreement with Conseco over the \$4 billion those groups are owed. But a group of preferred shareholders - who were left out of talks begun in August to restructure Conseco's debt, but eventually won a seat under protest - have held out. They continue negotiations with Conseco.

Preferred securities holders carry privileges over owners of common stock in recovering their investments from failed companies, but rank below banks and bondholders. Conseco owes more than \$1.9 billion to preferred investors. An attorney representing them, Irving Walker, declined to offer details on the sticking points in the negotiations. Steven Jones, a business finance professor at Indiana

Biggest U.S. bankruptcies

- The largest U.S. companies, by assets, in billions: WorldCom, 2002 \$3.4; Enron, 2001 \$3.4; Conseco, 2002 \$2.9; Texaco, 1987 \$3.5; Financial Corp. of America, 1988 \$3.9; Global Crossing, 2002 \$2.5; UAL, 2002 \$2.2; Adelphia, 2002 \$2.4; Pacific Gas and Electric, 2001 \$2.5; MCom, 1989 \$2.2; Kmart, 2002 \$1.7

Blockbuster shares drop after poor outlook announcement

Knight Ridder News Service DALLAS - Blockbuster Inc. shares tumbled beating Wall Street's expectations Wednesday after the movie-rental chain lowered its financial outlook for the quarter and year, the result of intense competition for DVD sales and sluggish rental revenue.

Blockbuster now expects 2002 earnings to be about \$1.03 to \$1.10 a share, down from an earlier forecast of \$1.31. The Dallas-based company, which has a store in Twin Falls, said sales will exceed \$5.5 billion this year, but cut its gross profit growth rate to the low single digits on changing terms, down from the mid-single-digit range. It also said fourth-quarter same-

store sales will rise by a high-single-digit percentage from a year ago, down from a projected increase in the low to mid-teens. John Antico, Blockbuster's chairman and chief executive officer, said that an "unprecedented number of movie titles available for sale at deeply discounted prices," the growing popularity of DVDs as a gift item and "a compressed holiday season" led to the company's shortfall.

In November, Blockbuster redesigned many of its 8,200 stores worldwide to expand beyond its bread-and-butter business of renting videos to selling DVDs. But as the popularity of DVDs grows, their prices are being deeply undercut by large discount retailers such as Best Buy, Wal-Mart and Target that can offer losses with sales of electronics and other items.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Here are the 200 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed in the Market Report. Stocks are listed in descending order of volume. (Not in abbreviation). Company names made up of letters are listed at the beginning of each letter's list. Five-Corpus annual dividend paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration. (Not in abbreviation). Last price is the closing price on the day. Chg. shows gain or loss from the day before.

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Missouri salvager saves north Idaho rail line

LEWISTON (AP) - A Missouri man who salvages railroad tracks is saving a stretch of the Camas Prairie rail line...

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The company was losing \$100,000 a year on the track, RailNet said. Williams, owner of Railroad Materials Salvager of Richmond, Mo., plans to save part of the Idaho line...

United cuts post-holiday fares

Chicago Tribune United Airlines, moving to increase traffic during the slow winter season, said Wednesday that it will cut leisure-travel fares on almost all flights by as much as 40 percent...

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It's not Christmas without tamales

Making memories

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN - A nativity scene and candy canes hung with shining ornaments decorate the yard of Jesse and Vina Esquivel. They will have a family reunion on Christmas Eve with all the trimmings. In the kitchen, Vina and her daughters gathered recently to prepare their holiday tradition - tamales.

"We talk and laugh and solve all the world's problems," said daughter, June Palmer, who drove from Nampa to join the festivities. Judie Gonzales, June's identical twin and a Rupert hair dresser, carefully spreads masa (corn flour dough) on a corn husk.

"It wouldn't be Christmas without tamales," Gonzales said, smiling.

Memories fly thick as the masa as they work.

The sisters recall getting caught smoking when they were age 8 and 9.

"Mom was so mad," Palmer recalled. "She pulled us all the way home. Then, she washed our mouths out with Lifebuoy Soap! I still can't use that soap to this day. There's a knack to making the meat-filled delicacies. For one thing, you have to spread the dough on the smooth side of the corn husks, or *hojas enconchadas*. If you use the ribbed side, the masa will stick to it and the tamale will come apart. The Esquivel clan likes to *masa* spread thin, so there's more room for the meat.

Vina Esquivel cooked a pork



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When the Esquivel family gets together to make tamales, there's lots of laughter and reminiscing. Vina Esquivel and daughters Della Valdez, June Palmer and Judie Gonzales prepared the tamales for Christmas Eve.

For the seasoned meat, their mother made a sauce, but without a written recipe - just a handful of this and serving spoon of that. Her secret ingredient is peanut butter. "I learned a lot of recipes from the ladies at my church," Esquivel said. "My mother died when I was 10, so I missed out a lot."

Mother and daughters spread



During a break in the tamale making, June Palmer makes sure her 2-year-old son Michael eats his orange slice.

massa firmly into the corn husks. Valdez applied the meat filling and folded the tamales. Stacks

of them rose in large pans for leading in a steamer. Their Christmas Eve dinner will

include a roasted ham, rice, beans, salsa, Esquivel said. About a dozen family members will gather to eat and go to midnight Mass. Then, they will come home to open gifts and eat a little more.

Talk turned to other recipes. Esquivel had just returned from visiting her sister in Arizona. She made tamales for them, but they wanted bean tamales with jalapeno in the center and Swiss cheese.

"You can make tamales any way you want," she said. Her husband was the one who used to help before her daughters were old enough.

"And, I remember a time when we didn't help at all because it wasn't cool," Valdez said, making everyone laugh. "Our teens, of course."

Midway through the preparations, Jesse Esquivel came home with sandwiches and chips. They took a break. June Palmer cuddled her son, Michael, 2, and Judie Palmer hugged her 8-year-old faith.

The family rule is that no one is allowed to count the tamales.

"However many we have, that's how many we have," Vina Esquivel said.

But she estimates 15 dozen. They'll be frozen for the big night. That is, those that survive long enough to get into the freezer.

"This will speed things up," said Jesse Esquivel, who put an *hoja* and *masa* in a tortilla press.

Someone remarked that it will stick.

"Oh, no. I've done this before," he answered.

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Study: News shows bypass Latinos

By Donna Petrozello
New York Daily News

Hispanic-Americans are under-represented on evening newscasts - finding voice in fewer than 1 percent of stories, according to a report released Monday by a Hispanic journalists association.

In their seventh annual study, members of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists looked at 16,000 domestic news stories that ABC, CBS, NBC and cable's CNN carried on evening newscasts last year.

"News coverage of Hispanics and Latinos in the U.S. basically boils down to images of Jennifer Lopez," said NAHJ member Serafin Mendez-Mendez, an associate professor at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Conn., and a coauthor of the report.

"Even though Latinos constitute 12.5 percent of the U.S. population, the networks treat us as though we're invisible," he said.

Mendez-Mendez contended that the major broadcasters have not devoted enough coverage to Hispanic-American politicians and business owners or to the health concerns of Latinos.

The survey considered statistically significant only those reports that used the word "Latino" or "Hispanic" in the text, or those that mentioned a Hispanic-American person by name, Mendez-Mendez said.

One network news official last week challenged the report's methodology, noting that most stories on network newscasts are geared toward all Americans representing a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds.

Churches celebrate tradition of *posadas*

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ. La Posadas is about the journey there.

Like many Catholic churches, Little Flower Catholic Church is marking Christ's birthday celebration with nightly *posadas* through Dec. 23.

Crowds of 80 to 100 people have been showing up for the observance, which is conducted in Spanish. The Mexican celebrations commemorate Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter. "*Posada*" in Spanish, means lodging or shelter.

"It's for the children," said Father Juan Garatea of Burley. "We can't tell them about theology or doctrine. They won't remember it. But they will remember the play and the candy."

"We always give the children a bag of candy," said church secretary Connie Barrows.

But there also are plenty of adults participating.

"This is the first year I've been to a *posada*," Esita Avila said. "I came last night, too. I really like it."

Playing the role of Mary was Melissa Alcazar, 6, dressed in a pink dress with a blue head shawl.

Bilingual education group honors Newcomer Center paraprofessional

BURLEY - Cindy Garcia, a teacher assistant at the Newcomer Center in Burley, was selected as an Outstanding Paraprofessional by the Magic Valley Chapter of the Idaho Association of Bilingual Education.

Garcia of Burley was nominated by Suzie Macias and Dolores Marlowe, who were teachers at the center last year.

Garcia has been with the Cassia School District for eight years. She was an educational assistant at Springdale kindergarten before moving to the center when it began five years ago, the district reported. She has been involved with migrant education for more



Cindy Garcia

than 15 years.

Born in Texas, Garcia was raised in the Burley area. She graduated from Burley High School and has attended the College of Southern Idaho for two years.

Her oldest son, Jared, attends Burley Junior High School and her younger son, Nikko, is a student at White Pine Intermediate School.

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Posadas celebrations

Little Flower Catholic Church at 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley. Posadas at 7 p.m. nightly now through Dec. 23. A prayer and hymn session is followed by the *posada* and refreshments. The public is invited.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church at 802 F St. in Ruent. Nightly *posadas* in Spanish are held at 7 p.m. through Dec. 24. A prayer and hymn service begins at the church, then moves to the parish hall, following a path of lights. Refreshments will be served. The public is welcome.

Church of Immaculate Conception on Poplar in Burley. Posadas at 7 p.m. nightly, except on Sunday when it's at 8 p.m. There is a schedule on the church door of addresses where they will meet. For more information, call 543-5136.

Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church at 1515 California St. in Gooding. Posadas at 7 p.m. nightly at the parish hall. Call 934-5634 for more information.

St. Jerome's Catholic Church at the 218 Second Ave. E. Posadas at 7 p.m. nightly at parish hall. On Friday, young people will dress as Mary and Joseph. Most nights, there will be a pinata, refreshments and games for the children.

Missela was slightly nervous, but obviously enjoyed her role. Leading the procession along with Joseph, played by Esal Loyas,

Missela was very serious as they knelt before the lighted creche.

Natalia Loyas lead the responsive readings and singing. In a strong voice, she sang out: "Ya se va Maria, muy descontentada, porque en esta casa no le dan posada." ("There goes Mary, very sad, because there's no room for her in that inn.")

For about 20 minutes, the procession wandered through a darkened church, carrying enough flashlights to prevent stumbling. They accompanied "Mary and Joseph" in their search for a room for the night. At each corner of the church, they stopped, sang, and had readings. They finished at the door to the dining room. There, they sang pleas for a room because Mary's time was upon her.

From the other side of the closed door, also in a darkened room, Garatea and a few congregation members sang out replies. Then, the procession was admitted to the dining room, where Mary and Joseph knelt before the creche and the rest of the procession lined up behind them for a final song, an affirmation of their faith. The lights came on. Everyone lined up once more for a tostada and punch or hot chocolate. Later, another window opened, and women handed out bags with candy and an orange to the children.

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Impacto entertains at La Copa this weekend

TWIN FALLS - Impacto will play at 9 p.m. Saturday at La Copa, 127 South Park Ave. in

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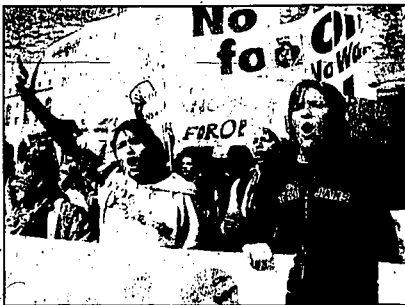
In the season of peace, at the Christmas-card perfect Bavarian village constructed in Chicago's Daley Plaza, David Mueck talked approvingly of war.

"Yes, I think a war is coming, and yes, I think it's justified," said the 39-year-old businessman; as his wife and children enjoyed the creche and immense Christmas tree. "I think it's needed to put a stop to what's going on in Iraq — with the nuclear weapons and all that. They're just building up and building up ammunition on us, hoping to catch us asleep. I think now's the time to act," Mueck said.

More than 1,700 miles away, Los Angeles transit worker James Coleman wasn't so sure. "I haven't seen a single reason to risk all the lives that are going to be lost," he said, outside a subway station in the city's Koreatown district. On the eve of Christmas and the promise of a new year, the United States girds for war. And its people question, protest or rely on faith in elected leaders — while contemplating the hard truth that if we go after Iraq, sons and daughters will kill for their country and die for it.

President Bush says he possesses hard evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. But the president has yet to publicly disclose it, and many Americans are leery of war.

According to a poll published this week by the Los Angeles Times, 90 percent say they don't



Demonstrators protesting a potential war against Iraq march in downtown San Francisco in October. The demonstration was part of an international campaign of anti-war actions held in Washington, London, Berlin, Copenhagen and elsewhere.

Glickman, director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, but they are unwilling to do so without evidence that he poses a real threat to this country. "People are going to start asking, 'Show me the evidence.' If you're going to risk American lives, you have to start answering those questions," said Glickman, a former Democratic congressman and secretary of agriculture. And though most Americans know about Saddam's invasion of Kuwait and use of chemical

weapons against his own people, Glickman says past actions do not prove current threats. "Saddam is not the most lovable creature in the world. But you have to demonstrate that the danger is real and it is imminent," he said. Said Stephen Hess, senior fellow at the Washington-based Brookings Institution: "Bush can't just declare war, he has to explain it. Because of the Gulf War, people know about Saddam Hussein, so from that point of view, the president has an easy sell." In fact, more than 11 years after the first battle with Saddam during the first Bush presidency, some Americans see a second Gulf War as an inevitable continuation of the first. "What the father started, the son wants to finish," said Antonio Maldonado, an 18-year-old freshman at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. "That's basically it, you know. It's part of the Bush legacy."

Retired Air Force Sgt. Daniel Kisco, his red truck decorated with Old Glory and dozens of pro-U.S. bumper stickers, said Saddam has been allowed to fund international restrictions on his country's military arsenal for too long. "We need to get in there and kick some butt," said the Winter Springs, Fla., resident. "The president understands that we have to get in there and show the world that we aren't going to take their crap anymore. He just wants to make sure that we maintain our authority."

Architects propose world's tallest skyscrapers at WTC

NEW YORK (AP) — Nine competing designs for the World Trade Center site were unveiled Wednesday, with several of them boldly proposing that the city answer the Sept. 11 terrorist attack by erecting the tallest skyscrapers on Earth.

Four of the plans for ground zero call for topping Malaysia's 1,483-foot Petronas Twin Towers. One envisions a 2,100-foot skyscraper, while another proposes a 1,776-foot tower topped with a spire. The World Trade Center's twin towers measured 1,350 feet. "A skyscraper rises above its

predecessors, restoring the spirit of the city; creating an icon that speaks to our vitality in the face of danger and our optimism in the aftermath of tragedy," said Berlin-based architect Daniel Libeskind, who offered one such plan. "Life victorious."

Gov. George Pataki praised the plans, saying they "really reflect what we want to show the world."

However, victims' relatives said it was hard to imagine anyone wanting to work in skyscrapers there, or even look up at them.

Ex-KKK leader Duke pleads guilty

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — David Duke, the former Ku Klux Klan leader and politician who spent the past three years overseas preaching "white survival," pleaded guilty Wednesday to bilking his supporters and cheating on his taxes.

Duke, 52, could get up to 15 months in prison and \$10,000 in fines under a plea bargain reached with federal prosecutors. He is free on bail until his sentencing March 15.

The plea to felony charges also disqualifies Duke from running for public office again.

He pleaded guilty to mail fraud and filing a false return shortly after the indictment was filed Wednesday. The plea came two days after Duke returned to Louisiana from abroad to negotiate with prosecutors.

Duke said little in court and would not discuss details of the case outside the courthouse. "I appreciate the tremendous amount of support I've received from people all over the nation," he said.

Interim archdiocese leader supports abuse settlements

BOSTON (AP) — The interim leader of the Boston Archdiocese said Wednesday that he backs efforts to settle hundreds of lawsuits accusing church leaders of turning a blind eye to claims that priests molested children.

Roman Catholic Bishop Richard Lennon, named apostolic administrator last week after Cardinal Bernard Law resigned as archbishop, said he told the church's lawyers to set aside all day-to-day activities,

except those mandated by the courts, so they can "actively pursue" settlement of the cases.

More than 400 lawsuits are pending against the archdiocese, and the prospect of paying the claims has prompted the archdiocese to consider filing for bankruptcy. Lennon confirmed that that option was still being considered, though he said he expected the archdiocese could settle by using insurance money and selling some of the archdiocese's real estate.

Sniper suspect claims he's getting sick eating 'the loaf'

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Sniper suspect and vegetarian John Lee Malvo says he is getting sick from eating the jail's meatless loaf, which is usually served to inmates for disciplinary reasons.

For the past two weeks, the Fairfax County jail has been serving the 17-year-old Malvo "the loaf," a hodgepodge of flour, raisins, carrots, potatoes and other ingredients baked into brown cakes.

Malvo's court-appointed guardian, Todd Petit, said Malvo has

suffered swelling, diarrhea and other health problems since being placed on the diet. He wrote a letter this week asking Sheriff Stan Barry to provide Malvo regular vegetarian meals that are in accord with Malvo's Muslim beliefs.

It was after Petit complained that the meat served at the jail was not halal, or prepared in a manner prescribed by Muslim teachings, that Malvo's jailers began serving him regular vegetarian meals. They later switched to the loaf.

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Section E

A fetching, high-tech canine

While on vacation, Field Woodland had a lot of time to think, and he thought up the perfect hunting dog.

Field does have his preference for a specific breed. He looks for a fast dog, a dog that doesn't collect cockleburrs, a dog that can climb cliffs, and a dog that swims rivers. It should have tough pads and wide webs between its toes. It should lunge into the water, hold point on land, and bay - as needed. For Field, there's the German Short Hair. But these attributes are just bonuses. "That's the beauty of my idea, actually any hunting dog will work," Field said.



DOG-FARED TALES
Bill Studebaker

Field's interest went to synthetic dogs. Field's adapted to the natural dog a complete array of after-market clothes and devices.

First, there's the blinking collar. A small row of lights, powered by a tiny battery, keeps a row of amber lights (optional colors are available) flashing, thus providing a constant visual aid.

Second, there's the dog walkie-talkie. You just snap on a small speaker to the collar, send commands from your hand-held transmitter - and wala! Near total control. The dog is never out of voice-command range.

Third, there's an assortment of vests. Field likes a lightweight rip-stop nylon sports bra for his bitches when running through stubble and deep grass. There's the neoprene vest, with floatation, for cold or wet weather, perfect for combined hunts: pheasant and duck. It's a little more difficult for males, but there are extensions that come up between the hind legs and hook over the tail-good for English pointers and Red Bones.

Fourth, there are booties. Some are made of rubber, some of leather, but Field prefers Kevlar. You can shoot them with an .06, and they won't break. With these booties, the dog will never throw a pad.

Fifth, there's the shock collar which transmits a light (or strong) electrical shock to the neck. This will override the walkie-talkie should the dog get out of control. Field doesn't recommend indiscriminate use, but he understands frustration and wacky impulses.

Sixth, should the dog bark constantly while in the back of the truck or in the car kennel, there's the barking collar that is activated by the dog's vocal cords. There's an electrical shock with every bark or whimper.

Seventh, for those long chukar or cat hunts, there's the backpack. Just fill the pouches with shells, Snicker bars, and Tylenol.

Hence, with lights, sound system, clothing, shoes, remote disciplinary devices, all preferably camouflage, lights notwithstanding, and luggage apparatus, any motivated dog can become an instant synthetic hunting phenomenon.

"A guy showed me turn the electric equipment off in the rain or during a swim," Field said. "And you know, the Short Hair is the most easily converted, and with all of the after-market devices snapped and valenced on a well all games a cinch." Field delightfully rubbed his hands together, then he looked at me sternly and said, "Weight's an issue. Go light."

As Field catch his mental breath, he used for a long time, then said, "Yeah, this would really work on labradors, too. I've seen a lot of lab handlers screaming and blowing their whistle peas to pieces."

"Are you changing your mind about the synthetic short hair?" I said.

"No, but I think a synthetically improved lab would enhance the overall ambience of the hunt for everyone, and that's a good thing," Field said. "You see I've got the formula - one through seven - and any hunting dog so transformed will be a bird-finding, cat-killing machine."

"To top it off, Chlorina has made leisure suits, loose casual wear for the backyard and kennel, and to top the top off, she wants me to include the Bowlingual device they sell in Japan. It translates dog language into people language. That way, I'd know what the dog's saying and maybe I'd lighten up on the zipper."

WINTER FISHING

Cool weather, hot fishing



The weather in the Snake River Canyon is normally mild and fishermen by their luck throughout the winter.



Bait fishermen at Crystal Springs in Niagara State Park find some good warm spots to drop worms in the cooler winter months.

Good numbers inhabit ponds, reservoirs

By Stu Murrell
Times-News correspondent

A surplus of trout at private hatcheries provides a bonus for winter fishermen. The slow economy has prompted local hatcheries to release fish into area waters with advice from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists.

Most of these trout have been raised at Clear Springs Trout Co., but other private and U.S. fish hatcheries include Rangen, Ark Fisheries, Idaho Trout Processors and the University of Idaho Nutrition Laboratory. They call the Fish and Game when extra trout are available and the biologists check the results of the release.

The Fish and Game regulation that the main Snake River and most ponds and reservoirs are open year around provides a super opportunity for winter fishermen to enjoy their sport.

For example, there have been 2.8 million trout released in the Snake River from Centennial Park (near Twin Falls) downstream to Silgar's Resort east of

Bait fishing

Hagerman. Most of these were small fish in the 2-inch to 4-inch range but should provide excellent angling in the future, according to Joe Chapman, superintendent of the Hagerman State Hatchery.

A hot spot this fall has been Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir where 3- to 5-pound rainbows were being taken by anglers on a worm-marshmallow combination.

It has also been planted with more than 100,000 trout in the 6- to 7-inch range. Fishermen are warned this is a treacherous ice situation when it freezes. However, the mild weather this fall and early winter has allowed most of the reservoir to remain open.

Dierkes Lake by Shoshone Falls is scheduled to receive 50,000 trout and should provide excellent fishing near Twin Falls. Some big brood stock in the several-pound range were released last summer and survival has been excellent.

Chapman indicated Crystal

The Fish and Game regulation that the main Snake River and most ponds and reservoirs are open year around provides a super opportunity for winter fishermen to enjoy their sport.

Spings also is slated for extra trout over and above the regular plantings by area hatcheries. This is in the Niagara Springs State Park, and a daily fee of \$3 is required for each vehicle. If a person wishes to obtain a \$25-annual permit, good for any state park in Idaho, they should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Malad Gorge State Park, 1074 E. 2350 S., Hagerman, ID 83332, with the fee.

Malad River from Interstate-84 downstream has had excellent fishing and remains open until

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Hatches are rare, but good bites are out there

Fish seek warmest water available in winter

By James J. Krünic
Times-News correspondent

Winter, in many ways, is the antithesis of summer. Summer days are long and warm. Cold, shortened daylight hours and temperatures that often plummet into the teens or 20s accompany many winter days. With these sharp contrasts of the seasons and varying weather conditions, fishermen must make adjustments in order to be successful.

One change that should be obvious deals with the location of the fish. During the summer and especially as summer progresses, trout often locate themselves in a stream due to increasing water temperatures and lowered oxygen levels. At midday in summer, barring a hatch, trout are in the depths of pools where the water temperature is the coolest. Trout also are located often in the currents of riffles at the heads of pools in areas of modest depth where the water is highly oxygenated from flowing over

and around submerged rocks and boulders.

Looking for warmth

In contrast to summer conditions, winter rainbows and browns are in a quest for warmth. After all, water temperatures are extremely cold. Since trout metabolisms slow with the lowering water temperatures, the fish won't be located in the riffles. Maintaining a position in the riffles requires the expenditure of a considerable amount of energy - energy that winter trout must conserve because the abundant insects of summer aren't available for months to come. After all, much of a winter trout's survival is defined not by insect hatches but by fat reserves. Insect hatches aren't numerous during winter, so those fat reserves must be maintained for the rigors of winter and can't be burned off by fighting currents if the fish is to survive until spring.

So where are winter trout located? Well, the trout will be fishing in water that, if possible, is slightly warmer and



Photo by James J. Krünic/The Times-News
Tony Bryan of Twin Falls with a rainbow caught on a midge pattern.

where the currents are minimal. Currents are minimal in the depths of pools, so trout will be located there - but with, oftentimes, a slight bit of a twist.

Anglers need to think deep and warm. A section of the depths that receives the warmth of sunshine will certainly hold winter fish. Pools or areas of pools that have sun-

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Margo Valentino and Beau admire a rainbow that took a small nymph on a fine leader (typical of winter fishing).

OUTDOORS

Officers seek poachers of bighorn, moose

LEWISTON (AP) — Wildlife officials in Idaho and Washington are investigating the poaching of three trophy game animals, including a bighorn sheep ewe from a struggling herd.

The three cases involve species that are extremely difficult to win the opportunity to hunt and give wildlife enthusiasts prime viewing.

On Nov. 22, a bighorn ewe was discovered floating in the Grand

Ronde River. Her head was removed. She was a member of a herd that has struggled for years and is closed to hunting.

"It's a real concern because the herd declined severely in 1995 due to disease and it hasn't really recovered," Idaho Fish and Game Department biologist Frances Cassier said. "We are depending on lamb production to recover the population, so the loss of a ewe is important."

Ram horns are coveted, but female horns are small and not typically sought by hunters.

The Washington chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to a conviction of the person or persons responsible for the poaching. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife also is offering a \$100 reward.

Idaho Fish and Game also is

looking for the poachers who shot and wasted two bull moose in the Moscow area. One carcass was found at Round Meadows south of Bovill. The head was not removed and no meat was taken. The other bull was discovered northwest of Moscow Mountain. The head was gone, as well as a small quantity of meat.

Hunters can only take one Idaho moose in their lifetime, after winning a lottery for a tag.

WINTER FISHING, MIDWEST STYLE



Batch Hill drills a hole for ice fishing Monday on Teal Lake in Negamoo, Mich.



Joshua Griffith of Jerome, 11, caught this 38-inch steelhead on a fishing trip to Riggs. Because it was a native he had to let it go, but he did get to keep his 32-inch fish. Joshua's father, Mike Griffith and grandfather, Bill Giltner, took him on his first trip. Joshua was excited about the catch and said, "It was very heavy and very slimy."



Chris Coupe, 12, of Halley, proudly poses with a nice antelope back he claimed on the flats south of Fairfield in September. Chris completed the hunter-safety training course given by the Department of Fish and Game when he was 11. He applied for a tag in the Fairfield youth hunt but had to wait until he was 12 to use his tag. The weapon used was a Remington 356, mounted with a 4x scope and a bipod. The distance of the shot was estimated to be 150 yards. Chris was accompanied by his father, Jeff Coupe, of Halley, who gave instructions on field dressing and dragging techniques.

Bait

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March 31, 2003. Fishermen are reminded there is a two-trout limit in this section. Those trying their luck where the Madal River enters the Snake River have a year-round season with the regular six-trout limit.

Bell Rapids has been planted with 10,000 catchables by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. These are sterile fish as implemented in a new policy that requires state trout to be released only in waters where they will not compete with native

species. This restricts their use in many waters of the Magic Valley Region.

The trout being released by the private hatcheries have the ability to spawn and are only being planted in those waters required by the Fish and Game. Chapman indicated anglers should have good luck at any of the outfalls where the Thousand Springs emerge into the Snake River. These should draw those big spawners throughout the winter and spring.

Another water recommended

by Chapman is Oakley Reservoir south of Oakley. This has an excellent walleye fishery as well as the newly released trout. The main restriction on any of the reservoirs is their ability to refill with water. Hopefully, the winter snowfall will provide this resource.

Sportsmen find the warmer temperature in the Snake River Canyon is a real attraction in the winter and numerous access points are available from Twin Falls to Bliss. Good fishing!

Fly

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light on them for most of the day and that aren't shaded by cliffs or thick trees are the ones that will consistently produce trout. Sunlight areas may only be 1 to 3 degrees warmer, but winter trout move to warmth.

Winter trout also will move to the tailouts of pools. The water is moving slowly and the typical tailouts of most pools are shallow. Again, it's slow-moving water and these areas are shallow. Shallow, slow-moving water warms quickly under the sun's rays: select a shallow tailout where the sun is on the water for most of the day.

midges are insignificant because other and larger food sources are available. Midge hatches typically occur at the tailouts of pools or along sections of streams that receive substantial winter sunlight and are protected from the wind. Typical midge patterns range in size from 18 to 24. Midge patterns must be fished with fine leaders so the flies appear to be natural (6x and 7x tippers).

A winter mayfly that is common on many streams is the blue-winged olive. This mayfly appears on the surface and ranges in size from 18 to 24. Provided that temperatures are fairly warm and the wind isn't blowing strongly, hatches of this mayfly can produce very consistent fishing.

ready to deal with the reality that hatches are a bonus. Most days will be spent with nymph patterns dredging the depths. The trout must eat and nymphs are always present in the water, dislodged by the currents of a stream. The pheasant tail is a popular pattern since it imitates numerous mayfly nymphs, especially when fished in smaller sizes (14 through 20). Prince nymphs are effective and are notably useful in streams where water clarity is slightly turbid (white on the fly makes it highly visible under water). Other fly patterns such as the San Juan worm (imitates an aquatic worm) and scud patterns (a member of the crustacean family) are a must to have on the end of the line in waters where aquatic vegetation is present.

Cold weather bites

Food sources for trout in winter conditions are critical for survival. During summer, many rivers and streams provide a smorgasbord of trout food. Large insects, small insects and their nymphs are active and are hatching with fair regularity. Additionally, grasshoppers, ants and other terrestrials are blown into streams, providing yet other sources of food.

Winter trout must rely on a relatively sparse diet. Cold temperatures prevent numerous and abundant insect hatches, so anglers must concentrate on what is available. Midges (insects the size of mosquitoes or even slightly smaller) hatch throughout winter on days when temperatures aren't blustery (during summer,

Match the winter hatch

A final contrasting difference between winter and summer fishing is that cooler temperatures mean that hatches will usually be sparse or non-existent while cold temperatures are part of the forecast. During summer on most streams, a hatch, even if sporadic, will occur on many streams at some point in the day. Under poor conditions, a sparse hatch may occur just at daylight or during the last 45 minutes before dark — but a few bugs will be on the water.

Winter fly fishers should be

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS SMALL AND I LIVED AT THE DAISY HILL PUPPY FARM, WE ALWAYS HAD A CHRISTMAS TREE...

AND IT ALWAYS HAD A LITTLE STAR ON THE TOP...

THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO...

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING CHRISTMAS DINNER AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO COOK IT OUT TODAY...

MIRA GOBINSKI WANTS MIKE, DEANNA AND THE BABY TO STAY AT HER HOUSE CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS MORNING...

SO, WE'LL HAVE ALL OUR FAMILY HERE FOR DINNER APRIL AND LIZ DO THIS. VERA AND JOHN CAN GET THE TABLE SET AND BEANS THE DESSERT...

AND YOU CAN GO OUT TOGETHER...

YOU KNOW ME - I'M ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP OUT!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

I'M WELL ON MY WAY TO AN EARLY DEATH FROM OVERWORKING.

I EXPECT A VISIT FROM THE GRIM REAPER ANY DAY NOW.

YOU DON'T LOOK GRIM.

UNLIKE YOU, I LOVE MY JOB.

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

WOW! THAT'S A BIG TURKEY!

LOOK, IT CAME WITH A GUARANTEE.

GOOD FOR TWO WEEKS OF LEFTOVERS.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

filibuster

A COWBOY THAT BREAKS IN FEMALE HORSES

Pickles By Brian Crane

GRAMMA, DO CHRISTMAS TREES HAVE FEELINGS?

NO, DEAR. CHRISTMAS TREES DON'T HAVE FEELINGS.

RUSTLE! RUSTLE! RUSTLE!

THEY HAVE CATS.

Garfield By Jim Davis

WEEEEE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS, WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS...

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

I THOUGHT RUFF MIGHT LIKE A HOT MEAL.

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

"Billy says Santa Claus is a SNOOP!"

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

ANYBE I'M ANNOYING SOMETHING HERE!

IF I DRAW ON THE WALL, MOM SCRUBS IT OFF!

BUT SHE'LL TAKE ANOTHER DRAWING I DID PUT IT IN A LITTLE BOX, AND HANG IT ON THE SAME WALL!

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

HE'S A CHILD! HE CAN'T BE EXPECTED TO APPRECIATE THE SKILL INVOLVED IN GRABBING A COFFEE PIPER ON ONE TRY!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

THIS SPELL IS DELICIOUS!

REALLY?

CAN I GET SECONDS?

WILL BE SECONDS!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HOW MUCH WITHOUT THE FROSTING?

I'M OUTTA HERE!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

OKAY, SMART - LET'S GO! WHAT YOU LEARNED IN OBEDIENCE SCHOOL!

SIT!

VERY GOOD!

Luann By Greg Evans

WHAT'RE YOU GETTING DAD FOR CHRISTMAS?

WELL, HE WANTS A NOSE-HAIR TRIMMER AND A HEATING PAD.

SO WHAT'RE YOU GETTING DAD FOR CHRISTMAS?

A NICE SPORT COAT AND A CLASSY SWEATER.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

HERE COMES A STEALTH BOMBER

WHERE?

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING

I GUESS IT WORKS ON CERTAIN PEOPLE

Strange Brew By John Deering

GRY GENIUS MAN TEST SUPPORT YOUR CAR CALL DOES IT ALL.

Don Seguitar By Wiley

DADDY, WANTS THE DEADLINE FOR DOING SOMETHING GOOD TO GET OUTTA THIS BAD LIGHT?

OH, KETTIE... I DON'T THINK THAT'S YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT.

GLAD DECEMBER 29th...

YOU'VE STILL GOT 4 DAYS DANCE

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

AND, OF COURSE, IT HAS A FULL BASEMENT.

The Bon Lear By Art Sansom & Chip

I'D LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING FUN AND DIFFERENT FOR A COCKTAIL!

MAY I SUGGEST AN ESPRESSO MARTINI?

SOUNDS PERFECT - I'LL TAKE MINE WITH TWO LUMPS, PLEASE!

Stranger By John Deering

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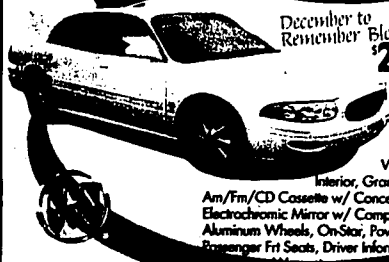
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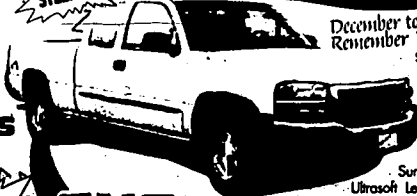
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