

PLACING THE CRACKS



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Reading specialist Dana Morfin works with children at Twin Falls Oregon Trail Elementary School on improving their reading skills. The new No Child Left Behind Act will soon change much in education, placing unprecedented demands on schools to have all students demonstrating academic proficiency. The Twin Falls School District so far has received an extra \$350,000 from the federal government, allocating it for extra reading specialists.

Crohn's, MS drug shows promise

The Washington Post

A new type of experimental drug appears promising for treating two devastating illnesses caused by the immune system attacking parts of the body: multiple sclerosis and Crohn's disease.

The drug, called Antegren, significantly reduced the number of new brain lesions and relapses in patients suffering from multiple sclerosis (MS) and improved the conditions of patients suffering from Crohn's, an intestinal disease, according to two new studies published together today in the journal Nature.

The findings suggest that a new strategy for controlling the immune system, designed to be more targeted than existing approaches, could provide a better means of treating a host of so-called autoimmune diseases, such as MS, Crohn's and rheumatoid arthritis.

The drug has also shown promise in a small, still unpublished study for treating ulcerative colitis, another autoimmune disease, Ekman said.

Autoimmune diseases are a class of illnesses in which the immune system attacks the body for reasons that remain unclear. In MS, which afflicts an estimated 400,000 Americans, the immune system attacks the coating around nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, causing an often progressive, crippling loss of motor control.

In Crohn's, the immune system attacks cells lining the intestines, causing severe abdominal pain, fever, ulcers and other problems that can become disabling. As many as 1 million Americans are estimated to suffer from Crohn's or ulcerative colitis.

Feds: U.S. firms helped China with rocket data

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Two leading aerospace companies have been accused by the State Department of illegally providing satellite and rocket technology to China that could be used for intercontinental missiles.

The department accused Hughes Electronics Corp. and Boeing Satellite Systems of illegally giving technical data in China following failed Chinese launches of rockets carrying American satellites in 1995 and 1996. Boeing acquired Hughes' space unit in 2000.

In a letter dated Dec. 26, the State Department said the companies committed 123 violations of the Arms Control Export Act and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations.

If the violations are upheld through the department's administrative appeals procedure, the companies could face restrictions on selling technologies overseas. They also could face fines of \$500,000 per charge, though it is not clear if each violation would

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Without progress, schools face sanctions

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A longer school year. After-school tutoring. More summer school programs and reading specialists. Constant intervention.

School districts in Magic Valley and across the country are looking at changes such as these as a result of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which requires schools to ensure that all students perform at proficient levels by 2014 - or else.

Educators say the new law - contained in the 2002 reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act - promises to change the face of education in Idaho and the rest of the nation. Among its requirements: Every public school in Idaho - and, by extension, every student - must show improvement on standardized tests each year.

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Consequences for no improvement

A school that is not making adequate yearly progress on test scores must develop a two-year plan for improvement, under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Federal money will be available to help the school regain its footing. Two years of steady improvement will remove a school from the list.

If a school persists in its subpar stature, the penalties grow worse:

- If it remains in the "needs improvement" stage for five years, it will be forced to replace the entire staff or implement a completely new curriculum.
- By the seventh year, the district loses control of the school entirely. It will be taken over by either the government or a private firm, turning the school into a charter school.

What area schools need improvement?

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The 'unsafe schools' provision

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every child performs proficiently is a radical departure for schools

that for the last half century have been used primarily as warehouses

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Parents' right to transfer students causes some concern

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - When I.B. Perrine Elementary School was tagged as a "failing" school, parent Corinne Starley was given the option of having her child attend another school within the Twin Falls School District.

That's because a key tenet of the federal No Child Left Behind Act is parental choice.

If a school is labeled as "needs improvement" or "persistently dangerous," a parent has the right to transfer his child to a different school within the district,

with the district footing the transportation bill.

But Starley, like the rest of Perrine's parents, declined the alternative, choosing instead to have her child stay put.

"It's not something I would consider. I'd have to exercise all of my options before I moved my child," she said.

That's a relief to school officials, who fear such transfers could disrupt the district's system of school attendance and increase costs. Under the new law, a child attending a subpar school may move to a different school, regardless of whether the

second school is full. Before, it was just if the school had room.

Twin Falls Superintendent Terrell Donich said he fears the potential onslaught of students going to new schools could turn those receiving schools into "failing" schools themselves.

"How does the federal government have the gall to say that your schools that are full must accept someone from another school? How are you supposed to accommodate that without building onto that school?" Donich asked. "That's pretty nifty on their part."

For a district that has only one

high school or one elementary school, the problem could be even more severe. In that case, the district must "establish an agreement" with another school district to provide education for children seeking a transfer.

It is up to the schools to inform parents of the school choice option, which went into effect this fall.

Local school districts said they've had no takers so far, and that's mostly the case nationwide, as parents and school officials are still learning about the No Child Left Behind Act. The Associated Press reported.

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Navy family waits to hear whether veteran must ship out - once again

The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. - Homer Elam waited until after Christmas to tell his son and daughter he may have to ship out to the Middle East soon because "some stuff needs to be taken care of."

Eleven-year-old Jonathan looked upset at the news. Thirteen-year-old Megan was more stoic.

"It's the uncertainty that's hard. That's where a good Navy wife has to balance things, because that's how our life is."

- Deborah Elam

of the house, me not being much around at all. She's just used to it."

nine deployments, Elam had been looking forward to four years onshore duty with no more long separations from his wife and children, then retirement, when the aircraft carrier USS George Washington returned to Norfolk Naval Station on Dec. 20.

With his transfer to Millington, Tenn., approved for Feb. 2, Elam and his wife, Deborah, headed there to get started looking for homes.

But Elam, along with 7,500 sailors and Marines from the carrier



Homer Elam, left, jokes with his wife Deborah and 11-year-old son, Jonathan, in his sister-in-law's kitchen Monday in Moody, Ala.

Increasingly worry U.S. officials

List grows of those the FBI thinks slipped over with false IDs

The officials, some of whom work in the intelligence world, said the Associated Press on Tuesday that the documents have identified several more men it says may have used false passports to get into the country around or after Christmas Eve.

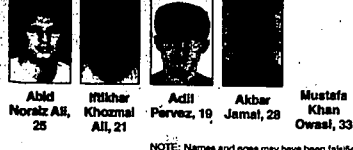
But on Wednesday, a Pakistani Jeweler said his picture is among those of five suspects, but he has never visited the United States.

A paper said he was found traveling abroad and arrested when police discovered he had a forged visa. The newspaper also said the document forger he once patronized could have used his picture to create false travel documents for another man.

The FBI and Homeland Security officials were considering making the names and photos of about a half dozen more men public as early as Wednesday, the officials said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Wanted by the FBI

The FBI is searching for the following men, who are believed to have entered the United States illegally on or around Dec. 24.



NOTE: Names and ages may have been falsified.

SOURCE: FBI

No specific evidence the men are involved in a terrorist plot, but said the men may have connections to a fake ID and smuggling ring that involves some people with terrorist connections.

S. Korea enlists China in tiff with N. Korea

THE SEATTLE Post

SEOUL, South Korea - South Korea dispatched an envoy to Beijing on Wednesday in a bid to persuade China to increase pressure on North Korea to pull back from restarting a nuclear reactor capable of producing weapons grade plutonium.

Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Tae Shik arrived in Beijing and declared his confidence that escalating tensions on the Korean peninsula can be eased through peaceful means. Lee said in an interview with Reuters television that he had been sent "to exchange our views with Chinese officials on how to find a constructive way out of this nuclear stalemate."

The Bush administration, focused on a looming war with Iraq and aware that any war here would likely devastate South Korea, has embraced diplomacy, backed by economic pressure, as the best means of persuading North Korea to reverse its Yongbyon nuclear reactor.

"I view the North Korean situation as one that can be resolved peacefully through diplomacy," President Bush said Tuesday.

The administration has expressed hope that depriving North Korea of aid and trade links with the rest of the world would persuade its leaders to reverse course.

Report: Yemeni attacks part of larger operation

SANA'A, Yemen (AP) - The two men accused of killing three American missionaries and a prominent Yemeni politician may be part of a larger terrorist cell that planned to attack foreigners and secular leaders in Yemen, a security official said Wednesday.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said investigators developed the idea during interrogations of Ahd Abdul Ruzak Kamel, who is suspected in the American missionaries' killing.

Kamel is believed to be a Muslim extremist, as is Ali al-Jarallah, who is accused of killing veteran politician Jarallah Omar on Saturday. The U.S. Embassy said earlier this week it could not say if there was a terrorist link in the missionaries' death.

Fiscal problems loom as governors take office oaths

Jennifer Granholm took the oath of office Wednesday as Michigan's first female governor, calling the milestone "a great message for our daughters and our sons."

Former Clinton administration Cabinet member Bill Richardson was sworn in as governor of New Mexico, outlining proposals to save money and increase teachers' pay.

And George Pataki was inaugurated to his third term as governor of New York, calling for unity and nonpartisanship to overcome the "historic, grave and daunting" economic problems facing the state.

In her inaugural address, Granholm referred to her groundbreaking election in calling on her constituents to serve their communities.

"I stand before you as living proof that the door is open to every single one of you in this room. Any one of us can run for office, and every one of us can elect to serve this Michigan family," she said in Lansing.

Earlier in the day, after an interfaith church service, she called her election "a great message for our daughters and our sons that everybody can be governor, and it doesn't matter what your characteristics are."

Granholm, who had been the state's attorney general the past four years, said the first job of her administration will be tackling a budget deficit that could approach \$2 billion in the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1. She has to present a spending plan for that budget to lawmakers by mid-March.

Richardson outlined several policy specifics, including a proposal for a 6 percent increase in teacher salaries next year. He also said his administration would immediately begin performance audits of all state agencies to identify potential budget savings.

During his campaign, Richardson outlined a broad agenda that ranged from a reduction in the state's personal income tax and elimination of the tax on groceries to tougher penalties for drunken driving. However, Richardson began his four-year

term confronting an uncertain financial outlook as New Mexico's economy is producing only modest growth in tax revenues. "Do not judge me on my promises," he said. "Judge me on my results."

At Albany, N.Y., Pataki also faces fiscal problems, both from the national recession and from the aftereffects of the Sept. 11 attacks. "Today, 16 months after the attacks, the dust has long since settled, the fires have been extinguished, the rubble is gone."

Pataki said. "And yet, the challenge isn't over; we still face a crisis."

"Make no mistake, the challenges before us are the most difficult our generation has ever faced," said the 57-year-old Republican said.

Pataki gave no hint of how he proposes to cover revenue shortfalls estimated at up to \$10 billion over the rest of the 2002-03 fiscal year and in fiscal 2003-04, which begins on April 1.

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N.C. senator tells friends he's running

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Democratic Sen. John Edwards will run for president in 2004, telling guests at a party at his home Wednesday he will form an exploratory committee.

The first-term senator from North Carolina told about 200 friends he will announce his plans publicly Thursday, said Walter Dellinger, a former U.S. solicitor general who attended the New Year's Day party.

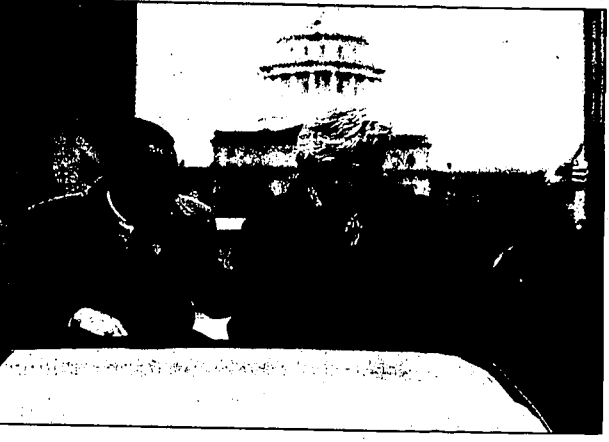
Edwards' guests gathered in his back yard while the senator thanked them for their support during his time in the Senate and in "what I'm going to do next."

As he spoke, a loud cheer went up. "John was talking about where he wants to lead the country," Ed Turlington, a former state Democratic party chairman, said afterward in describing the announcement. "He asked for our support. Our answer was yes."

Edwards' announcement gives him the jump on several of his colleagues in Congress who are also expected to join the Democratic field in 2004.

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry are already running, and associates expect Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt to announce he's running within the next week.

Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman is leaning toward a run, though he hasn't set a timetable for his decision.



Gov. Jennifer Granholm, right, and her husband, Dan Mulhern, ride to the Lansing Center Wednesday in Lansing, Mich., after she became the first female governor in the state during a ceremony on the Statehouse steps.

Increasingly, executions become Southern phenomenon

Midwest and Northeast states combined," the group said.

"For the second straight year, Texas was the only state to execute juvenile offenders," the group said. Despite international protests, the state put to death three convicted murderers who were under age 18 at the time of their crimes, all of whom were black.

California has the nation's largest Death Row, with 613 inmates condemned to die, yet only one execution was carried out in 2002.

The Texas-California divide on the death penalty is repeated elsewhere. There remains surprisingly little correlation between the number of criminals sentenced to death in a state and the number who are executed there.

Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, like California, have hundreds of inmates on Death Row, yet rarely carry out an execution.

Smaller states such as Virginia and Oklahoma do not sentence nearly as many to death, but they trail only Texas in carrying out those sentences.

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THE PARTY'S OVER



A member of the cleanup crew takes a break in front of the Good Morning America studio in New York's Times Square Wednesday morning. The cleanup of the 99th annual party, which packed 750,000 people into Times Square, was nearly complete by sunrise.

World greets 2003 with revelry, caution

The Associated Press

New Year's Day crowds in Pasadena, Calif., screamed and cheered Wednesday as a trio of military stealth planes streaked overhead for the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Nearly a continent away, rain forced the postponement of another new year tradition, Philadelphia's colorful Mummers Parade.

Earlier, as midnight chimed, revelers rang in 2003 at boisterous bashes in New York, Las Vegas and other cities, but the sour economy and fears of terrorism dampened some of the excitement.

Money and safety jitters also put a small dent in turnout for the 114th annual Rose Parade, said Pasadena police who tightened security for the 54-foot spectacle. Still, hundreds of thousands turned out, cheering as a B-2 stealth bomber and a pair of F-117A Stealth fighter jets zoomed over the parade route.

"It's good to see the stealth bomber," said Rick Fidler, 50, of Tulsa, Okla., acknowledging his concerns about security.

For the first time in 13 years, the Mummers Parade was postponed because of the weather. Rain and wind can damage the feathers, sequins and fabric that make up the elaborate costumes worn by thousands of participants. They'll get their chance to strut on Saturday, instead.

The weather was more cooperative at midnight in Manhattan, where an estimated 750,000 peo-



A couple light candles on Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro Tuesday as part of a Brazilian New Year's eve tradition. The offering is to the goddess of the sea, Yemanjá, an Afro-Brazilian ritual to ask for a good new year.

ple gathered to watch the Times Square ball drop. Actor Christopher Reeve joined Mayor Michael Bloomberg to signal the descent of the 1,070-pound Waterford crystal ball.

"In the 23 years of my life, this has been the best time I've ever had," said Lee Clark, who was visiting from London. "The atmosphere, the people - it's all great."

Tens of thousands of people crowded the Las Vegas Strip for a midnight fireworks show launched from the roofs of 10 casinos. Many had been partying

hard well in advance of the new year.

"This is the warmup across," said David Douglas, stage of the Strip from a faux volcano that erupts four times an hour. "We'll be yelling 'happy New Year' for the next three hours. After that we'll be too inebriated."

In Tokyo, Japanese streamed into temples and Russians packed a frigid Red Square to celebrate.

As 2003 dawned in Asia, the world's most populous continent held peaceful celebrations.

In Japan, millions participated

in traditional prayers at Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines - many hoping for the prosperity that has eluded the world's second-largest economy for a decade.

For five Japanese abducted by North Korean spies in 1978, it was their first chance to spend the holidays at home.

"It's like a dream being here," said Yukiko Hasekawa, who was allowed a two-week visit to Japan in October that has become an indefinite stay. Hasekawa and her husband, Koeru, were snatched from her hometown.

Waiting

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rier and its battle group now have been told to be ready to ship out within 96 hours should they get the order.

Since Christmas, the Pentagon has begun alerting units around the United States and overseas to prepare for deployment as possible war with Iraq looms. The Navy has been ordered to prepare two aircraft carrier battle groups and two amphibious assault groups to be ready to head to the region sometime in January.

The Elams are spending the holidays in Alabama with relatives going to say the check-happy wife.

"We don't know when they're going to say the check-happy wife," Homer Elam said Monday. "With the uncertainty, it could change a lot of people's plans, a lot of people's destinations."

"It's the uncertainty that's hard," Deborah Elam added. "That's where a good Navy wife has to balance things, because that's how our life is. Their job is for our country. If they weren't out there, what kind of lives would we have? The only thing I have to think about, I think all the time about how much this world has changed."

The George Washington has not received orders to deploy but has been on standby since it returned, said Cmdr. Ernest Duplessis, spokesman for the Navy's Second Fleet.

The Navy routinely designates a carrier that has just returned from deployment as a "surge carrier," meaning it must be ready to respond quickly should the need arise. Duplessis noted. Since the George Washington and five other ships just returned from six months in the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean regions, they are considered the best prepared for action.

"We all hope it doesn't go down. But if we have to, we know we're prepared."

—Homer Elam, on possible war with Iraq

"I hope it doesn't go down," Elam said from his mother-in-law's home in Birmingham. "We all hope it doesn't go down. But if we have to, we know we're prepared. The people are geared up. We've been doing that exact job for the last six months, so who better to send to the tip of the spear than those who have been there?"

The George Washington group is expected to remain on call until sometime this month, when another Norfolk-based carrier, the USS Theodore Roosevelt, will become the surge carrier so the George Washington can enter a

shipyard for maintenance.

The timing couldn't be worse for the Elams.

Though the transfer has not been put on hold, "things could change any minute," Elam said. "That's why we turned around. We couldn't make any commitment on our end in Tennessee."

The Elams returned to Birmingham, where they had celebrated Christmas with her mother and brother. They planned to start their 14-hour drive home to Norfolk on Tuesday, and then get ready to move.

"I'm pretty confident he's still going to transfer. We just don't know when," Deborah Elam said.

Elam said he'll be disappointed if he does have to leave again, because he misses his family so much.

"It's just hard to answer the family's questions: What are you going to do next? When are you going to be home?" Elam said. "They know very little because I know very little. We've been told not to unpack our bags because we may have to go back out and do our job."

Deborah Elam said she's been getting more anxious as she watches the news for items about world events that may have a profound effect on her family's future.

"I love my husband. I'm proud of my husband. I'm proud of what he does," she said. "But I also want him home, too."

Docs protest high cost of insurance

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) - Almost all surgeries were canceled at four West Virginia hospitals beginning Wednesday as more than two dozen surgeons began a protest of the high cost of malpractice insurance.

In one hospital, 18 of the 19 orthopedic, cardiac and general surgeons are taking leave this week in protest. On Wednesday, at least one patient was transferred 90 miles to another hospital in order to undergo an operation.

A similar walkout was averted in Pennsylvania with a promise of a plan to trim the skyrocketing insurance costs.

The West Virginia general, orthopedic and heart surgeons complain that their state has done too little to address their rising insurance costs.

U.S. inspects Iraqi nuclear weapons, 700 miles

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - U.S. arms inspectors made surprise visits to a brewery and a 700-mile-long plant Wednesday to begin consulting search for banned chemical, biological and nuclear weapons in Iraq.

The inspectors also appeared unannounced at a missile maintenance factory and a truck repair company, where the owner complained they had disrupted his New Year's holiday. All four inspections occurred in or near Baghdad.

In related developments, U.S. and British warplanes attacked an Iraqi radar system Wednesday after it was moved into the no-fly zone 240 miles southeast of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

And an article in Iraq's army newspaper said a threatened U.S. invasion was sure to fail because the Bush administration does not understand "the Iraqi character, nor the intimate deep relationship between it and the land of Iraq."

Iraq could avoid a possible U.S. military strike and eventually see the lifting of economic sanctions imposed after its invasion of neighboring Kuwait in 1990 if it can convince U.N. inspectors it has no such weapons or the capability to manufacture them.

The inspectors have been in Iraq since Nov. 27 under the auspices of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441, which entitles them to visit any facility or prop-



A member of the Iraqi escort team works with U.S. weapons inspectors Wednesday near Baghdad.

erty at any time. The resolution warns Baghdad of serious consequences if it fails to comply with the inspections.

During the last round of inspections, after the 1991 Gulf War, the United Nations destroyed tons of Iraqi chemical and biological weapons and dismantled Iraq's nuclear weapons program. But the inspectors do not believe they had found all of Iraq's banned arsenal by the time they left ahead of U.S. and British airstrikes in late 1998.

Studies: Warming causes similar effects in nature

Gradual warming over the past century has forced a global movement of animals and plants northward, and it has sped up such perennial spring activities as flowering and egg hatching across the globe - two signals that the Earth and its denizens are dramatically responding to a minute shift in temperature, according to two studies published Thursday.

One study shows that animals have shifted north an average of nearly four miles per decade. Another shows that animals are migrating, hatching eggs and bearing young an average of five days sooner than they did decades ago, when the average global temperature was 1 degree cooler.

That 1 degree, according to the studies, has left "climatic fingerprints" - pushing dozens of butterfly and songbird species into new territories, prompting birds and frogs to lay eggs earlier and causing trees to march up mountain slopes.

Although many individual shifts in timing and range have been reported by field biologists, the studies published in today's issue of *Nature* are the first to establish that a variety of organisms in myriad habitats are responding in similar ways to climatic change.

Hardline Pakistan politicians denounce U.S. air strike

PESHAWAR, Pakistan - Hardline Islamic lawmakers condemned the United States on Wednesday after a weekend border clash that prompted a U.S. warplane to bomb a site near or inside the Pakistani border.

The retaliatory airstrike came after a U.S. soldier was shot in the head by a rogue Pakistani border guard that prompted the U.S. warplane to bomb a site near or inside the Pakistani border.

The Pakistani and U.S. officials downplayed the incident. While the clash was not expected to affect the Pakistani government's support for the U.S.-led war on terrorism, it was seen as ammunition for the religious right that swept recent parliamentary elections in two border provinces on a strong anti-American platform.

The pro-Taliban provincial government was elected in October on an anti-American platform. Since then, officials there have said they won't allow U.S. forces to operate in the region, where remnants of the Taliban and al-Qaida terrorists are believed to be hiding and launching attacks on U.S. forces across the border in eastern Afghanistan.

Pakistan, India exchange lists of nuclear installations

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Nuclear rivals Pakistan and India

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exchanged lists Wednesday of each other's nuclear facilities - which they must do under a 12-year-old agreement, officials said. The two countries, which came to the brink of war last year, have traded similar details each year on Jan. 1 since 1992, one year after they signed an agreement not to attack each other's nuclear facilities.

India and Pakistan carried out nuclear tests in 1998, ignoring the pleas of the international community and prompting economic sanctions on both countries. They've since been lifted.

Five die after revelers fire grenade at Afghan wedding

KABUL, Afghanistan - Five people were killed and six wounded when guests at an Afghan wedding party fired a rocket propelled grenade into the air, only to have it land nearby and explode, an official said Wednesday.

Five of the grenades landed back on the ground near the wedding party, but it hadn't gone off," said Abdul Martin Hasankhail, a senior military commander in the area. "A commander attending the wedding went to see why it didn't explode. When he touched it, it went off." The blast occurred Friday in Gardez province, about 77 miles south of Kabul, but the casualties were not reported for several days.

Hasankhail said revelers fired assault rifles and seven rocket-propelled grenades to celebrate the wedding. Guns are often fired into the air to celebrate marriages in Afghanistan, but that tradition does not often include firing heavier munitions, such as grenades or rockets.

EU takes over from U.N. on Bosnian policing mission

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - The European Union hoisted its dark blue banner Wednesday to officially mark the transfer of peacekeeping duties from the United Nations, while NATO-led troops handed over control of Sarajevo's airport to Bosnian authorities.

The United Nations' mission concluded Tuesday after a decade in Bosnia.

The EU takes over the United Nations' postwar mandate of reforming and monitoring the local police force to ensure it is professional and does not include members who committed crimes during the 1992-1995 Bosnian war.

U.N. peacekeepers were deployed in Bosnia from the beginning of the country's 1992-95 war. When the war ended, the U.N. mandate changed to police reform.

—compiled from wire reports

U.S. INCOME ENEMIES

U.S. Iraq relationship in the 1980s illustrates underside of American foreign policy

By Michael Parenti
The National Post

WASHINGTON — Back in the Bush days, I was a vocal critic of the Reagan administration's policy toward Iraq. President Ronald Reagan's use of chemical weapons, nuclear and biological programs, and his other repressive international practices against the United States were widely acknowledged. It is those offenses that date back to a period when Saddam was still in Washington as a valued ally.

Among those instrumental in tilting U.S. policy toward Baghdad during the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war was Donald Rumsfeld, now defense secretary, whose December 1983 meeting with Saddam in a special presidential enclave paved the way for normalization of U.S.-Iraqi relations. Declassified documents show that Rumsfeld traveled to Baghdad at a time when Iraq was using chemical weapons on an "almost daily" basis in defiance of international conventions.

The story of America's involvement with Saddam in the years before his 1990 attack on Kuwait — which included large-scale intelligence sharing, supply of cluster bombs through a Chilean front company, and facilitating Iraq's acquisition of chemical and biological precursors — is a topical example of the underside of U.S. foreign policy. It is a world in which deals can be struck with dictators, human rights violations sometimes overlooked, and accommodations made with arms proliferators, all on the principle that the "enemy of my enemy is my friend."

Throughout the 1980s, Saddam's Iraq was the sworn enemy of Iran, then still in the throes of an Islamic revolution. U.S. officials saw Baghdad as a bulwark against militant Shiite extremism and the fall of pro-American states like Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and even Jordan — a Middle East version of the Communist "domino theory." That was enough to turn Saddam into a strategic partner and for U.S. diplomats in Baghdad to refer routinely to Iraqi forces as "the good guys" in contrast to the Iranians, depicted as "the bad guys."

A review of thousands of declassified government documents and interviews with former policy makers show that U.S. intelligence and logistical support played a crucial role in shoring up Iraqi defenses against the "human wave" attacks by suicidal Iranian troops. The administration of Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush authorized the sale of Iraq of numerous items that had both military and civilian applications, including poisonous chemicals and deadly biological viruses, such as anthrax and bubonic plague.

Some saw Iran as greater danger to U.S. than Iraq

Opinions differ among Middle East experts and former government officials about the pre-Iraqi tilt, and whether Washington had to do more to have stopped the flow of technology for building weapons of mass destruction to Baghdad.

"It was a horrible mistake then, but we have got it right now," says Kenneth Pollack, a former CIA military analyst and author of "The Threatening Storm," which makes the case for war with Iraq. "My fellow CIA analysts and I were warning at the time that Hussein was a very nasty character. We were constantly fighting the State Department."

"Fundamentally, the policy was justified," argues David Newton, a former U.S. ambassador to Baghdad who runs an anti-Saddam radio station in Prague, Czech Republic. "We were concerned that Iraq should lose the war with Iran, because that would have threatened Saudi Arabia and the Gulf. Our long-term hope was that Hussein's government would become less repressive and more reasonable."

What makes present-day Saddam different from the Saddam of the 1980s, say Middle East experts, is the melting of the Iranian revolution and the 1990 invasion of Kuwait that transformed the Iraqi dictator, almost overnight, from awkward ally into mortal enemy. In addition, the United States itself has changed. As a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist



U.N. weapons inspectors consult in front of a portrait of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, at the Al Samood factory in Abu-Ghriha about 25 miles west of Baghdad Monday. The factory, which belongs to the Al Karamea State Company, manufactures components for Al Samood missiles, which have a range of more than 30 miles.

attacks on New York and Washington, U.S. policymakers take a much more alarmist view of the threat posed by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Iranian gains threatened oil supplies to the West

When the Iran-Iraq war began in September 1980, the United States was a bystander with no diplomatic relations with either Baghdad or Tehran. U.S. officials had almost as little sympathy for Saddam's dictatorial brand of Arab nationalism as for the Islamic fundamentalism espoused by Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. As long as the two countries fought their way to a stalemate, nobody in Washington was disposed to intervene.

By summer 1982, however, the strategic picture had changed dramatically. After its initial gains, Iraq was on the defensive, and Iranian troops had advanced to within a few miles of Basra, Iraq's second largest city. U.S. intelligence information suggested the Iranians might achieve a breakthrough on the Basra front, destabilizing Kuwait, the Gulf states and even Saudi Arabia, thereby threatening U.S. oil supplies.

"You have to understand the geographic context, which was very different from where we are now," said Howard Teicher, a former National Security Council official who worked on Iraqi policy during the Reagan administration. "Realpolitik dictated that we act to prevent the situation from getting worse."

To prevent an Iraqi collapse, the Reagan administration supplied battlefield intelligence on Iranian troop buildups to the Iraqis, sometimes via third parties such as Saudi Arabia. The U.S. tilt toward Iraq was enshrined in the National Security Decision Directive 114

of Nov. 26, 1983, one of the few important Reagan-era foreign policy decisions that remains classified. According to former U.S. officials, the directive said the United States would do "whatever was necessary and legal" to prevent Iraq from losing the war with Iran.

The presidential directive was issued amid a flurry of reports that Iraqi forces were using chemical weapons to hold back the Iranians. In principle, Washington strongly opposed chemical warfare, a practice outlawed by the 1925 Geneva



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Protocol. In practice, U.S. condemnation of Iraqi use of chemical weapons ranked relatively low on the scale of administration priorities, particularly compared to the all-important goal of preventing an Iranian victory.

Thus on Nov. 1, 1983, a senior State Department official, Jonathan Howe, told Secretary of State George Shultz that intelligence reports showed that Iraqi troops were resorting to "almost daily use of CW" against the Iranians. But the Reagan administration had already committed itself to a large-scale diplomatic and political overture to Baghdad, culminating in several visits by Rumsfeld, the president's recently appointed special envoy to the Middle East.

Secret talking points prepared for the first Rumsfeld visit to Baghdad enshrined some of the language from NSDD 114, including the statement that the United States would regard "any major reversal of Iraq's fortunes as a strategic defeat for the West."

When Rumsfeld met with Saddam on Dec. 20, he told the Iraqi leader that Washington was ready for a resumption of full diplomatic relations, according to a State Department report of the conversation. Iraqi leaders described themselves as "extremely pleased" with the

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Rumsfeld visit, which had "elevated U.S.-Iraqi relations to a new level."

In a September interview with CNN, Rumsfeld said he "cautioned" Saddam about using chemical weapons, a claim at odds with declassified State Department notes of the men's meeting. A Pentagon spokesman, Brian Whitman, now says Rumsfeld raised the issue with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, not Saddam. State Department notes show he mentioned it largely in passing as one of several matters that "inhibited" U.S. efforts to assist Iraq.

Rumsfeld has also said he had "nothing to do" with helping Iraq in its war against Iran. While former U.S. officials agree that

Rumsfeld was not an architect of the Reagan administration's tilt toward Iraq — he was a private citizen when he was appointed Middle East envoy — documents show that his visits to Baghdad led to closer U.S.-Iraqi cooperation on a wide variety of fronts. Washington was willing to resume diplomatic relations immediately, but Saddam insisted on delaying such a step until the following year.

As part of his opening to Baghdad, the Reagan administration in February 1982 removed Iraq from the State Department terrorism list, despite heated objections from Congress. Without such a move, says Teicher, it would have been "impossible to take even the modest steps we were contemplating" to channel assistance to Baghdad. Iraq — along with Syria, Libya, and South Yemen — was one of four original countries on the list, first drawn up in 1979.

Some former U.S. officials say that removing Iraq from the terrorism list provided an incentive to Saddam to expel the Palestinian guerrilla leader Abu Nidal from Baghdad in 1983. On the other hand, Iraq continued to play host to alleged terrorists throughout the '80s. The most notable was Abu Abbas, leader of the Palestine Liberation Front, who found refuge in Baghdad after being expelled from Tunis for masterminding the 1985 hijacking of the cruise ship Achille Lauro, which resulted in the killing of an elderly American tourist.

U.S. provides Iraq effort with money, intelligence

While Rumsfeld was talking to Saddam and Aziz in Baghdad, Iraqi diplomats and weapons merchants were fanning out across Western capitals, using diplomatic charm offensive-cum-arms buying spree. In Washington, the key figure was the Iraqi charge d'affaires, Nizar Hamoun, who impressed former Reagan administration officials as a skillful lobbyist.

According to a sworn court affidavit prepared by Teicher in 1995, the United States "actively supported the Iraqi war effort by supplying the Iraqis with billions of dollars of credits, by providing military intelligence and advice to the Iraqis, and by closely monitoring third country arms sales to Iraq to make sure Iraq had the military weaponry required."

Teicher said in the affidavit that former CIA Director William Casey used a Chilean company, Cardoen, to supply Iraq with cluster bombs that could be used to disrupt the Iranian human wave attacks. Teicher refuses to discuss the affidavit.

At the same time the Reagan administration was facilitating the supply of weapons and military components to Baghdad, it was attempting to cut off supplies to Iran under "Operation Staunch." These efforts were largely successful, despite the glowing success of the 1980 Iran-Contra scandal when the White House publicly admitted trading arms for hostages, in violation of the policy that the United States was trying to impose on the rest of the world.

While U.S. arms manufacturers were not as deeply involved as German or British companies in selling weaponry to Iraq, the Reagan administration effectively earned a blind eye to the export of "dual use" items such as chemical precursors and steel tubes, which can have military and civilian applications. According to several former officials, the State and Commerce departments promoted trade in such items as a way to boost U.S. exports and acquire political leverage over Saddam.

When United Nations weapons inspectors were allowed into Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War, they compiled long lists of chemicals, missile components, and computers from American suppliers, including such household names as Union Carbide and Honeywell, which were being used for military purposes.

A 1994 investigation by the Senate Banking Committee found a stream of biological agents shipped to Iraq during the mid-80s under license from the Commerce Department, including various strains of anthrax, subsequently identified by the Pentagon as a key component of the Iraqi biological warfare program. The Commerce

Department also approved the export of various insecticides to Iraq, despite widespread suspicions that they were being used for chemical warfare.

The fact that Iraq was using chemical weapons was hardly a secret. In February 1984, an Iraqi military spokesman effectively acknowledged their use by issuing a chilling warning to Iran. "The invaders should know that for every harmful insect, there is an insecticide capable of annihilating it, and Iraq possesses this annihilating insecticide."

In late 1987, the Iraqi air force began using chemical agents against Kurdish resistance forces in northern Iraq that had formed a loose alliance with Iran, according to State Department reports. The attacks, part of a "scorched earth" strategy to eliminate rebel-controlled villages, reported outrage on Capitol Hill and renewed demands for sanctions against Iraq. The State Department and White House were also outraged — but not to the point of doing anything that might seriously damage relations with Baghdad.

The Iraqis used chemical weapons against the Iranians until the end of the Iran-Iraq war. A U.S. Air Force intelligence officer, Rick Francome, reported finding widespread use of Iranian nerve gas when he toured the Al Faw peninsula in southern Iraq in summer 1988, after its capture by the Iraqi army. The Baghdad-based intelligence officer found widespread use of Iranian nerve gas when he toured the Al Faw peninsula in southern Iraq in summer 1988, after its capture by the Iraqi army. The Baghdad-based intelligence officer found widespread use of Iranian nerve gas when he toured the Al Faw peninsula in southern Iraq in summer 1988, after its capture by the Iraqi army.

Far from declining, the supply of U.S. military intelligence to Iraq actually expanded in 1988, according to a 1999 book by Francome, "Ally to Adversary: An Eyewitness Account of Iraq's Fall from Grace." Informal sources told much of the battle intelligence was channelled to Iraq by Iraqis by the CIA office in Baghdad.

Although U.S. export controls to Iraq were tightened in the 1980s, many exemptions remained. In December 1988, for example, Dow Chemical sold \$1.2 million of pesticides to Iraq, despite U.S. government concern that they could be used as chemical warfare agents. An export lawyer, William H. Teicher, reported in a sworn affidavit that the pesticides were "highly toxic to humans and would cause death" from application to crops.

Documents show the U.S. policy of cultivating Saddam as a moderate and reasonable Arab leader continued until his ouster in Kuwait in August 1990. When a U.S. intelligence officer was assigned to Baghdad, in 1987, Saddam was weak before the Iraq attack on Kuwait. She assumed him that Bush "wanted better and deeper relations," according to a transcript of the conversation. "President Bush is an intelligent man," she told Saddam, referring to George H.W. Bush. "He is not going to declare an economic war against Iraq."

"Everybody was wrong in their assessment of Saddam," said Joe Wilson, Glaspi's former deputy in Baghdad, and the last U.S. official to meet with Saddam. "Everybody in the Arab world told us that the best way to deal with Saddam was to develop a set of economic and commercial relationships that would have the effect of moderating the dictator. History will demonstrate that this was a miscalculation."

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EDITORIAL

State stands up to Bail by challenging survey

Attorneys for the state made a bold (but thoroughly justified) statement last week, when they refused to buckle under 4th District Judge Deborah Bail's order to spend more money on the school facilities lawsuit.

Perhaps the Idaho Supreme Court can remind Bail that the state Constitution awards

The price tag for his services: an estimated \$400,000.

That didn't fly with Deputy Attorney General Michael Gilmore, who appealed Bail's order to the Supreme Court. And with good reason. Gilmore said the state had its own building expert to testify. He also noted that the schools haven't shown any inability to pay for repairs since passage of the new state aids laws.

What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

an appropriation of money to the legislative branch of government, not to the judiciary. Bail is the Boise judge who has overseen a high-profile schools lawsuit for the past four years.

In that time, she has declared Idaho's system for funding school construction to be unconstitutional. In an effort to appease her, legislators have passed laws helping less affluent school districts earn state tax support for projects.

Those steps didn't satisfy Bail. Last summer, the districts in the lawsuit trotted out more evidence about faulty buildings, leaky pipes — you name it. Last month, Bail ordered the state to hire a special consultant, and then the appointed architect Charles Rummel to look into the most serious cases of school needs.

Gilmore's biggest beef with Bail is that the judge is "intruding into the Executive and Legislative Powers" by forcing the state to pay for the surveys. He's right, and he isn't alone. Members of the Legislature have been voicing the same complaint.

Bail has announced herself to evaluate the condition of local school buildings, to prescribe remedies, and to review possible tax increases to pay for it all. Now she's ordering the state to hire experts to advise her.

Bail crossed the line between judicial and legislative responsibilities a long time ago. Gilmore and the state are right to appeal. Bail's expansive interpretation of her own powers needs to be held in check.

Tuition should be legalized

Whether it's called "tuition" or "student fees," students in Idaho will always have to shell out some big clams for college.

Idaho's Constitution and subsequent state laws ban public four-year colleges from collecting tuition from in-state undergraduates. So the colleges cleverly charge matriculation fees, activity fees, faculty fees, etc.

That subterfuge could be in doubt, after a Missouri court struck down fees in that state. Missouri's laws are similar to Idaho's. A Missouri judge ruled student fees are indistin-

guishable from tuition — and thus illegal.

State lawyers express confidence that Idaho's student fees still pass legal muster. But just to be safe, why not fix the law? Drop the "student fees" fig leaf and call them what they really are — tuition.

Some say it's unwise to fiddle with the Idaho Constitution for such a trifling reason. But sooner or later, some eager lawyer will file a lawsuit like the one in Missouri. Win or lose, such a suit would be a bother.

Useless and potentially troublesome laws shouldn't stay on the books.



Expect more Congress division

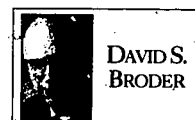
The members of the new Congress will be ushered into Washington to the standard accompaniment of pledges of mutual esteem and bipartisan cooperation. The Republican and Democratic floor leaders of the House and Senate — six of the eight are new to their positions — will vow to set aside their narrow agendas and reach out to each other to take care of the nation's urgent needs.

Don't bet on it. Even with the best intentions, they would have to overcome powerful institutional forces that have been decades in the making and set aside their own well-established patterns of behavior to avoid two more years of partisan gridlock on many issues.

If the past is prelude on Capitol Hill, you can expect to see major policy disagreements between the parties in the run-up to the 2004 presidential and congressional elections, as Republicans support and Democrats resist key parts of President Bush's agenda.

The reason for such a precast is that party caucuses on both sides of the Capitol have become more cohesive internally and further apart from each other philosophically. More and more of the issues divide on partisan lines. And the new leaders in the House and Senate, like the old ones, reflect that growing gulf between the parties.

Reporters who have covered Congress over several decades know from their daily experience that almost each session they have found fewer moderates or progressives on the Republican side and fewer conservatives among the Democrats — especially when it comes to fundamental economic and social policy questions and the



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role of government in American life.

That reality is summarized neatly in the "Party Unity" scores published last week by Congressional Quarterly, the private news research organization that has been monitoring Capitol Hill for more than half a century.

Each year, CQ counts the number of votes on which a majority of Republicans oppose the stand taken by a majority of Democrats. Then it calculates the percentage of times on which each member has voted with the party majority on those roll calls.

When I averaged the year-by-year results for both chambers, I found the percentage of partisan-divide roll calls has gone from 39 percent in the 1970s to 47 percent in the 1980s to 58 percent in the 1990s.

Even more striking is the growth in cohesion — call it discipline or philosophical agreement — within both party caucuses. In the 1970s, on the partisan roll calls, the average member of Congress backed the party position 65 percent of the time. In the 1980s, the average degree of partisan loyalty rose to 73 percent; and in the 1990s, to 81 percent. In these past two years, it has been 87 percent.

Another way of expressing that trend is this: In all of the 1970s, there were no years where the average Republican or Democrat voted "right" from a partisan view as much as 75 percent of the time. In the 1990s, by contrast, there was

only one year in which the Republican average fell as low as 74 percent — and none in which the Democratic average was below 79 percent.

The new leadership teams in both parties reflect that intense partisanship. In the House last year, incoming Republican Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas and new Democratic Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi each supported the party position on these roll calls 99 percent of the time. That means they took opposite stands more than 200 times. DeLay's deputy, Roy Blunt of Missouri, was a 98 percent, while Pelosi's whip, Steny Hoyer of Maryland, broke party ranks more often, giving him an 89 percent score.

In the Senate, the new majority leader, Bill Frist of Tennessee, often described as "a healer," was every bit as loyal a partisan last year as the guests he replaces. Trent Lott of Mississippi, Lott was a 98 percent; Frist, 97 percent, and the new Republican whip, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, also voted the party line 97 percent of the time.

The only surprise is on the Democratic side of the Senate. Democratic Leader Tom Daschle agreed with his party majority only 80 percent of the time — a remarkably low figure for a man often described by Republicans as a partisan obstructionist. His deputy, Harry Reid of Nevada, was more partisan, toeing the Democratic line 94 percent of the time.

Nothing in these long-term trends or in the personal records of the party leaders suggests that bipartisanship will be easily achieved in the 108th Congress. Fasten your seat belts. There's turbulence ahead.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

burning at Ground Zero

Everything about the built-upon wreckage of the World Trade Center is an argument in New York, and the intensity of the fight depends on what is to be raised or destroyed. That is a part of all the arguing and all the proposals for a memorial worthy of those nearly 2,800 people who lost their lives Sept. 11, 2001.

When building is the issue, and you get through all the self-righteousness and all the rest below trying to open up the belly of the cash cow, there is something else at work — that old demon called sentiment, the feelings of the common man and woman, the malcontents of the heart that come into play.

We cannot overstate what happened Sept. 11, but it is almost impossible to clearly express what we do feel about it because the feeling is so broad, so varied and so deep.

I do not think any kind of building can do it, just as I think the Holocaust museum and any proposed memorial to American slavery end up not trivializing the event, but proving their own inadequacy.

STANLEY CROUCH

How does a building express what happened in Europe under the Nazis? What building could step up to what took place in this nation between 1619 and 1865?

When we think of all the unhappiness, the shock, the loss, the anger, the heroism, the compassion, the bewilderment and so many other things that happened to those who saw the towers close down with someone close inside them, or to those who were talking to them on their cell phones just a bit before things went blank, do amount of stone, however crafted, can measure up to that level of emotion.

I am not suggesting that we should not acknowledge the worst single day in the history of New York, the largest single act of terrorist murder in the history of the world. I am merely saying that we are far, far beyond the curve when it comes to equaling the feelings resulting from that action. All that dust, all that hopeless waiting, all those funerals, all that mourning, all the collective emotion that crossed the lines of color, of religion, of class.

What seems the very best memorial to me is those two blue lights rising every evening into the sky until there is no New York. I say that because one can see them at great distances from the site, as one saw those two buildings. I say that because, being lights, they are not like buildings. Yet they rise into a night just as the buildings did.

Somewhere down below there should be no more than a wall of a closed-off area with metal plates containing the names of each of the murdered. Those names you can look at during the day, but at night, let those lights rise into the sky.

When those lights were there before, something special went up into infinity, something spiritual in meaning. Let those lights stand for all of us again. They would perfectly symbolize our loss and our spirit, our blues and our steadfastness, our understanding of frailty, of hatred, of murder and of the need to help one another while continuing through our lives as Americans.

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LETTERS

Visit to friends' M.V. home was rewarding

I delight in sharing with your readers how heartbreakingly beautiful I found your Magic Valley last month.

We were escorted in our treasure hunt by Gouding fans Mike and Karen Perry, recent refugees from overcrowded California.

The Perrys spent many pre-retirement summers searching for the exact location of their future dream home under the big sky.

When they came upon six acres of sloping sage, backed by wondrous blue-white mountains, encircled by

the Big Wood River's musical meanderings, they knew — here was the spot to drop their dreamboat anchor.

So all during their final pre-retirement years, they fashioned Western-style furniture and designed their log cabin cathedral with Jim Duggan of Hagemann Sawmill fame. And at long last, three generations of Duggans created their cathedral — all the while sharing history-flavored anecdotes about every beguiling piece of flora and fauna in sight.

Like Terri Duggan's grandparents' adventure of conquering Balanced Rock by lassoing a card table, four chairs and themselves up to the top and gam-

bling the day away.

Mike furnished his new home with story-telling lamps he had carved, legend-favored picture frames and installed the amazing hand-carved bar-table top depicting the drama of Western transportation from covered wagon to the Ford F150.

Your readers will want to win invitations there because my two-dimensional words can't possibly convey the curvaceous contours, the ovals and angles of lacerated logs echoing the golden sun shafts cascading in through their vaulted windows. That Idaho sky, wide as infinity, invited you to heaven.

You can't dust or do dishes without the sight of glacier-

sculptured mountains, and Karen's decor runs the gamut from miniature wolves, roosters to horse-show toilet paper holders, — and for towel racks, beaver-chewed sapling sections, of course.

Each day, we expected Kit Carson to gallop up with a letter from the Lincoln.

Verily, years indeed, the Perry magic resonates their Magic Valley, and we predict they will continue to bless Gouding with lots of good. And how we have loved seeing them living their dreams. MARY DUFFIELD Santa Cruz, Calif. DOROTHY WARD Yountville, Calif.

Magpies are part of nature and wildlife

To Edith Robertson:

For your information and to bring you up to date, I have raised chickens, ducks, wild and tame geese, guineas, turkeys, canaries, parakeets, peafowl, pheasants (both ornamental and Chinese ring-necked), magpies, pigeons and a heron.

Magpies were here in this earth when we arrived and have a place here the same as any other form. They will be here when we're long gone.

The magpie continues to be one of my favorite birds. DAVID FRESHOUR Jerome

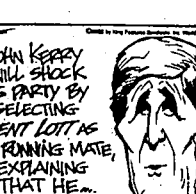
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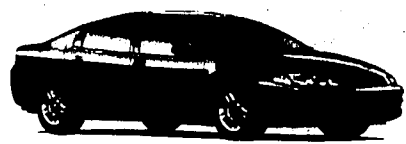


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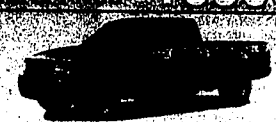
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Sports Quotient

Don't anyone laugh. I'm the Fighting Irish.

Notre Dame football player Chad DeBok, as he stumbled to put on a jail uniform after he was arrested and charged with refusing to leave a nightclub early last Friday.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- Men's college basketball: Colo. NW at CSI, 8 p.m.
Women's college basketball: Colo. NW at CSI, 6 p.m.
High school boys basketball: Burley at Skyline, 7:30 p.m.
High school girls basketball: Aberdeen at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
High school wrestling: Blackfoot at Minico, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Golfer makes hole in one at Clear Lake

BUHL - Keith Shark used a pitching wedge for a hole in one on the 136-yard No. 12 at Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl on Wednesday.

Local runner takes fifth at holiday run

BOISE - Twin Falls runner Mike Nielsen took fifth place overall at the Bandana New Year's Day Run in Boise on Wednesday. Nielsen finished the 3.3-mile run in 17 minutes, 32.7 seconds and led his age group for men 30-39 years old.

Some fans dislike ISU basketball venue

POCATELLO - Some fans are unsure that after years of bouncing around, Idaho State University basketball should end up in Reed Gym. The gym was built in 1951, after an older one was condemned.

No Yoursports

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, the community sports page Yoursports will appear on Friday.

CSI stops for a bite in Twin Falls

Teenagers say a few kids' meals fit the bill for 'big' 7-1 Laker

TWIN FALLS - Shaq had a Big Mac smack. And he got it in Twin Falls. The two Twin Falls High School students say they were eating lunch at the McDonald's Restaurant at 305 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. when the 7-foot-1 O'Neal and an entourage of five or six bodyguards entered the restaurant.

He went to the bathroom and two guys in suits and ties went in and one was outside the door. Barborika said. Then he came out and ordered. Though O'Neal didn't order a Big Mac, Barborika said he saw him get a vanilla ice cream cone, a coffee, two Happy Meals and a Mighty Kids Meal.

Angelos Lakers went unanswered on Wednesday. The Lakers last played Sunday in Los Angeles, as O'Neal scored 35 points and had 10 rebounds in a win over Toronto. Los Angeles plays again Saturday in Phoenix. Barborika said he ran outside for an autograph. O'Neal quickly scribbled his name on the bill before being whisked away in a white Yukon.



Aaron Barborika, 15, left, and Ben Doward, 17, show off the dollar bill autographed by Los Angeles Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal. The two boys say they were at a Twin Falls McDonald's Restaurant when O'Neal showed up on Tuesday.

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Oklahoma's Will Peoples, left, is hauled down by Washington State defenders Jason David, right, and Will Derting after pulling in a pass for a 57-yard gain in the first quarter of the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., Wednesday.

Sooners ground Washington St. offense

by Owen Canfield Associated Press writer PASADENA, Calif. - This Rose Bowl was one to remember for the Sooners. And it was one Mike Price would sooner forget. Price chose to coach seventh-ranked Washington State in the bowl game after accepting the Alabama coaching job two weeks ago.

by which time Oklahoma had a 27-0 lead. Jason Gesser, the Cougars' star quarterback, was 17-of-34 for 239 yards and two interceptions, and was sacked six times. "It doesn't surprise me," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "I answered questions all week about can we cover the pass. Our history proves that. You don't win as much as we have the last three years without being able to do that."

was solid at quarterback and Quentin Griffin had his 10th straight 100-yard game. Hybl, like Griffin playing his final game, was 19-of-29 for 240 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions. He was voted the game's MVP. Griffin, who had 1,740 yards during the regular season, had 144 yards on 30 carries and scored the Sooners' final touchdown on a 19-yard run. The Sooners' outgained Washington State by a 2-to-1 margin in the first half but had just a 3-0 lead before scoring twice in the final 15:51. The first touchdown came on a 12-yard pass from Hybl to Antwone Savage. Hybl also had completions of 30 and 19 yards in

Wednesday's Bowl Games table listing Sugar Bowl, Rose Bowl, Outback Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Gator Bowl, and Capital One Bowl with scores and participating teams.

CSI prepares for weekend games

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer TWIN FALLS - It's been nearly a month since their last game, and the College of Southern men are ready to shake off the rust. They'll do that when the Golden Eagles resume scenic West Athletic Conference action hosting Colorado Northwestern Community College tonight and the College of Eastern Utah on Saturday.

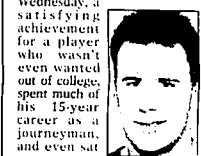
Sophomore Ryan Davis said those losses spoiled his break. "I know I didn't like it," he said. Second-year head coach Guy Beach said two-day practices have gone well since the team's return from Christmas break on Monday. "Things have picked up," he said. "The guys are working hard and we're ready to tip it up."

"I think it's a mistake by him, but I wish him luck," Beach said. "He was struggling but we hadn't given up on him." Instead, the Eagles welcome in struggling CNCC (3-10, 0-2) tonight. The Spartans, who are coming off a 5-25 season, are averaging just 58.0 points per contest - 24.4 points fewer than the Golden Eagles. The Spartans are led by freshman College transfer and native of France Miguel Pierre-Fanchell (13.0 ppg) and Rickey Mitchell (9.0 ppg). Coach and CNCC athletic director Michael Bart dismissed

CSI player stays home in Iowa

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer College of Southern Idaho freshman James Ebert has left the men's basketball program. A fire at the family house, minimal playing time, homesickness and changing priorities all factored in his decision to stay home in Iowa City, Iowa, said his mother, Margie, on Wednesday. "We had a house fire (Dec. 5) and we lost our home," she said. "It didn't burn down but the basement was gutted and the rest of the house was smoke damaged. We had to move out of our home."

She said James, who, along with the rest of the CSI basketball team took Christmas break Dec. 19-30, apparently decided to stay home sometimes before his scheduled return to Twin Falls on Monday. "He wasn't packed to come home, he just brought clothes," she said. "Of course like every one."



Rich Gannon Oakland Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon can add another honor to his record-setting season: NFL Most Valuable Player. Gannon received 19 votes to edge Green Bay's Brett Favre on Wednesday, a satisfying achievement for a player who wasn't even wanted out of college. Gannon spent much of his 15-year career as a journeyman, and even sat out a season. Favre, the only three-time winner of the Associated Press MVP award, won 15 votes from the national panel of 48 sports writers and broadcasters who voted for the league. Gannon established an NFL mark this season for completions (418) and also connected on 23 consecutive passes in a victory over Denver that ended a four-game losing streak and started a five-game winning string. Gannon led the league with 4,689 yards passing, helping the Raiders top the AFC West at 11-5 and earn home-field advantage for the playoffs. "What I achieved is what the football team has achieved," Gannon said. "Without all the skill people like Tim Brown and Jerry Rice and Charlie Garner and the tight ends and the other wide receivers and runners and the line, and the coaching staff, I would never be in the position to make those plays." His modesty notwithstanding, the 27-year-old Gannon made as many plays as any NFL player in 2002. He completed 67.6 percent of his passes for 26 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Gannon's 92.3 rating was second in the NFL to the Jets' Chad Pennington. Gannon's 10 300-yard passing games this season set a record. He is one of only three quarterbacks with 400 completions - Warren Moon had 404 in 1991 and Drew Bledsoe had 400 in '94.

SPORTS

Bulldogs bury shorthanded Seminoles

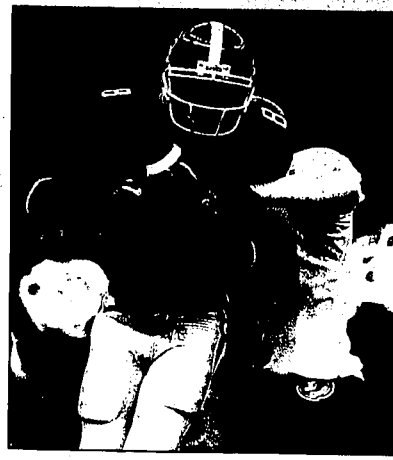
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Georgia wasn't satisfied just making it to the Sugar Bowl. The Bulldogs wanted to finish their memorable season in style.

Consider it done. Bruce Thornton returned an interception for a touchdown, backup quarterback D.J. Shockley tossed a scoring pass and No. 4 Georgia stymied a shorthanded Florida State team for a 26-13 victory Wednesday night.

Billy Bennett kicked four field goals and MVP MUSA Smith rushed for 145 yards as the Bulldogs went conservative, throwing a season-low 15 passes. They all they had to do was let Fabian Walker, making his first start at quarterback for the 16th-ranked Seminoles, beat himself.

Walker obliged, throwing two interceptions and also losing a fumble. The Seminoles had only one turnover in their last four regular-season games. The Bulldogs (13-1) became the first team in school history to win 13 games, capping a breakthrough season in which sophomore coach Mark Richt steered the program back to national prominence.

Richt even got the satisfaction of beating his former boss. He served 14 years on Florida State's staff at Florida State before moving to Georgia in 2001. Plenty of Georgia fans got to savor the moment. Red and black jerseys in the Superdome as the Bulldogs made their first Sugar Bowl appearance since the 1982 season — also the year of their last Southeastern Conference championship.



Georgia wide receiver Terrence Edwards (8) holds on to a first half touchdown pass while under pressure from Florida State cornerback Stamford Samuels (10) in the Sugar Bowl, Wednesday.

Florida State (9-5), playing in the Sugar Bowl for the sixth time in 15 years, was viewed as the most unworthy team in the Bowl Championship Series. Their performance did little to change that perception, handing Bowden his first five-loss season since 1981. In all fairness, the Seminoles might have given a better showing at full strength. But they lost their top two quarterbacks and

had to go with third choice Walker, who had thrown only eight passes in his career. Why was Walker playing? Adrian McPherson was kicked off the team in late November for allegedly stealing a check, while Chris Rix was suspended from the bowl after he overslept and missed a final exam. Walker, a Georgia native, threw both interceptions when trying to

force passes to well-covered receivers. Thornton took his interception 71 yards for a touchdown, putting the Bulldogs ahead for good with 6.5 minutes left in the first half.

On Florida State's first offensive play of the second half, Walker was stripped of the ball by Will Thompson and Ken Vea recovered for the Bulldogs, setting up Bennett's third field goal of the night and a comfortable 23-7 lead.

The Seminoles gave a star quarterback Anquan Boldin a shot at quarterback, hoping he could spark the offense. It might have worked, too, if Talman Gardner had not dropped a perfectly thrown deep pass near the goal line. Boldin hopped up and down in dismay after the ball slipped through Gardner's hands. On the next play, Boldin bruised his left hand when dragged down behind the line, knocking him out for the rest of the first half.

After getting his hand checked out, Boldin came back to throw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Craython Thorpe during the final play of the third quarter. It wasn't enough.

Boldin also caught a touchdown pass, hauling down a 5-yarder from Gary early in the second quarter to give the Seminoles a short-lived 7-3 lead.

Shockley, who played four games in relief of starter David Greene, took advantage of Gary's long return right away, lofting a 37-yarder to the end zone. Terrence Edwards on his only throw of the night.

For the second year in a row, the Seminoles failed to win 10 games — a standard that used to be automatic in Tallahassee.



North Carolina State's Andre Mullins (26) breaks up a pass intended for Notre Dame wide receiver Maurice Stovall during the second quarter of the Gator Bowl at Alltel Stadium Wednesday in Jacksonville, Fla.

N.C. State swamps Irish in Gator Bowl

The Associated Press

New Year's Day Bowls

A season that began with such great promise for Notre Dame ended with its sixth straight bowl loss.

The Irish were undone by the razzle-dazzle of North Carolina State, losing 28-6 in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., one of six bowls played Wednesday.

The 17th-ranked Wolfpack completed the best season in school history behind the play of Philip Rivers and an offense that made Notre Dame look bad for the second straight game.

Rivers completed 13 consecutive passes as N.C. State (11-3) scored three touchdowns in the second quarter, one on a fumble and another set up by a flea-flicker.

The No. 11 Irish (10-3) lost quarterback Curtis Hoggard to a separated left shoulder on their second possession and lost their temper with three personal fouls.

Coming off a 5-6 season, Notre Dame won its first eight games under new coach Tyrone Willingham and started thinking about a record ninth national championship. Instead, the Irish lost three of their last five games, and the last two were embarrassing.

"It's still a very good season," Willingham said. "There are not that many 10-win teams in the country. At the same time, we have to become accustomed to winning three touchdowns in the regular season or a bowl game."

Notre Dame gave up a school-record 610 yards in a 44-13 loss to Southern California, and a defense determined to show they had a fluke instead looked hapless Wednesday.

Rivers was 23-of-37 for 228 yards and two touchdowns. Jericho Cotchery caught 10 passes for 127 yards.

The Wolfpack went 96 and 76 yards on consecutive drives, and there was nothing the Irish could do about it. Notre Dame, which allowed 145 points in its first 11 games, gave up 72 points in its last two.

ed for 193 yards — 85 rushing and 108 receiving.

His last two touchdowns lifted the Wolverines (10-3) from a two-point deficit to a 35-23 lead in the third quarter, then Michigan led on.

Playing in possibly his last game for Florida (8-5), junior Rex Grossman threw for 323 yards and two scores. With the Gators trailing 38-30 but moving downhill with a minute left, coach Ron Zook called for a trick play from the Michigan 27.

Freshman cornerback-turned-receiver Vernell Brown took the ball on a reverse and, under heavy pressure, lobbed a poor that was intercepted by Victor Hobson to seal the victory.

Cotton Bowl No. 9 Texas 35, LSU 20 At Dallas, the Texas Longhorns rallied from an early 10-point deficit behind Roy Williams. He turned a short slant into a 51-yard touchdown, won 75 yards after a leaping grab to set up another score and snaked 39 yards for a TD on an end around.

The Longhorns (11-2) trailed 17-7 three minutes into the second quarter, with the defense producing their lone score. Texas scored the next 28 points and would have had more if not for two missed field goals.

Chris Simms threw a touchdown pass to Roy Williams and an 8-yarder to Ivan Williams, and Cedric Benson had a 1-yard touchdown as the Longhorns broke a five-game losing streak in the Dallas area, including four in a row at the Cotton Bowl stadium. LSU finished at 8-5.

The Longhorns finished with 382 yards against a defense that was allowing an average of 278.8 yards. Simms was 15-of-28 for 269 yards and Roy Williams had four catches for 142 yards.

Capital One Bowl No. 19 Auburn 13, No. 10 Penn St. 9 At Orlando, Fla., Ronnie Brown scored on a 17-yard touchdown run with 2:15 left and outplayed Heisman Trophy finalist Larry Johnson as the 19 Auburn beat 10th-ranked Penn State.

Brown ran 37 times for 184 yards and two touchdowns and the Tigers (9-4) shut down Penn State's offensive stars for their first bowl win since 1958.

Johnson, who rushed for 2015 regular-season yards, was limited to 72-yard yards on 20 carries as Penn State (9-4).

Penn State's four losses came by a total of 20 points, as coach Joe Paterno failed to pad his NCAA record 20 bowl wins after a two-year search absence.

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Traditional matchup has new setting

By Steve Wine Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Many Iowa Hawkeyes fans have memories of their team's only bowl game in Florida — a loss to the Florida Gators in the 1983 Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, where the wind chill dipped to 13 degrees below zero.

It never gets that cold in Miami, but Iowans nonetheless reacted frostily at first when they learned the Hawkeyes were headed for the Orange Bowl to play Southern California on Thursday night. "Stunned is the best description I can give you," Hawkeyes coach Kirk Ferentz says. "Probably the most disappointed people were the ones who had non-refundable tickets to California. And rightfully so, because it sure looked like that was the direction we were headed."

Instead, the vagaries of the Bowl Championship Series brought Iowa and Southern Cal together 3,000 miles from Pasadena. Both teams will play in the Orange Bowl for the first

Orange Bowl No. 3 Iowa (11-3) vs. No. 8 USC (10-4) on TV, Tonight, 6 p.m. (ABC).

Hawkeye rooters, and at least 40,000 are expected for the game. Never mind that Iowa is 0-4 in Florida. So are the Trojans, and Miami is an unfamiliar holiday setting for them, too.

The only other Pac-10 team to play in the Orange Bowl was Washington, which beat Oklahoma in 1985.

"The Rose Bowl would have been nice," running back Justin Fargas says. "But to be here in the Orange Bowl — it's a well-respected bowl, and we're excited to be here."

Only two Trojans are from Florida. The team's sampling of Miami has included trips to an amusement park and NBA game, and players say the winter weather is even better and the beaches livelier than back home.

Palmer, who grew up in Orange County, thinks Miami and Los Angeles are similar. "There are real nice parts and real bad parts, and in 2 seconds you're in the nice part, and in 2 more seconds you're in the bad part," he said. "That's a lot like Los Angeles."

Iowa's A might be a little dirtier and a little more ghetto. Once

you're in L.A., there's just trash and no green. There are more people on the streets. Miami is a little nicer in that respect."

By playing in the Orange Bowl rather than the Rose, Southern Cal gives up the home-crowd advantage. The Hawkeyes weren't keen to face USC in Los Angeles — the last time they did was in 1976, and Southern Cal won 55-0.

An overtime loss at Washington State in October cost the Trojans a chance to stay in town for their bowl game. Southern Cal sold its ticket allotment of 15,000 for the Orange Bowl.

"This is basically an away game for us, because I know there will be a lot more people from Iowa," Palmer says. "I'm looking forward to it. I like playing in hostile environments. It'll be fun to hear their crowd chanting, and they'll be a lot louder."

For the nonisotest section will be where Banks' family sits. The Iowa senior is a native of Belle Glade, 75 miles north of Miami, and expects dozens of relatives to be in the stands for his final college game.

WEDNESDAY'S COLLEGE BOWL SUMMARIES

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Rose

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quarter. They moved from their 8 to the Oklahoma 41 before Gesser was intercepted on a tipped ball. Oklahoma turned that into a field goal and a 20-0 lead.

Washington State moved to the Oklahoma 34 early in the fourth quarter but turned it over on downs, failing to convert a fourth-and-1 play. The Sooners then drove 66 yards in 11 plays, with Hybi hitting Curtis Fagan on a 9-yard scoring pass to make

it 27-0 with 8:02 to play.

The Cougars came in averaging just under 35 points per game but didn't score until Gesser's 37-yard pass Jerome Riley with 6:08 remaining, avoiding their first shutout since 1984.

After Oklahoma's final touchdown, Sammy Moore scored on an 89-yard kickoff return for the Cougars.

The Sooners were playing in their 26th bowl game but their first Rose Bowl. They got invited

after the Orange Bowl picked Iowa and Southern California for perhaps the last time.

Bowl without a Pac-10 Big 10 matchup for the first time since 1947, not counting last year when this game was the site of the BCS national championship game between Miami and Nebraska.

Price will get to see the Sooners again shortly. His second game as the Crimson Tide's coach will be against Oklahoma.

Seahawks begin search for new GM, defensive staff

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) —

The search for a new Seattle Seahawks general manager is under way, with the team's vice president of football operations scheduled for a formal interview Friday, a newspaper reports.

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SPORTS

Knicks knock Raptors for another loss

NEW YORK (AP) — Kurt Thomas had 26 points and 14 rebounds and Allan Houston scored 15 as the New York Knicks beat Toronto 95-75 Wednesday night, handing the Raptors their eighth straight loss.

Michael Dellaportas and Charlie Ward each added 11 points for the Knicks, who dominated the final three quarters and were never threatened in the second half. New York has won two straight and three of its last four games.

Alvin Williams had 15 points and five assists and Jelani McCoy had 13 points and 15 rebounds for the short-handed Raptors, who were without starters Vince Carter and Antonio Davis as well as forward Mamadou N'Diaye. Toronto completed a winless five-game road trip by scoring only 13 points in the fourth quarter, and has lost 15 of its last 17 games.

Heat 107, Hawks 73

ATLANTA — Caron Butler scored 25 points and Eddie Jones added 20 to lead the Heat. Miami, which is now six of seven and seven of nine, sent the Hawks to their largest margin of



New York's Allan Houston (20) drives against Toronto Raptors' Voshon Lenard (2) in the first half Wednesday in New York.

defeat this season. Atlanta has lost four of five and committed 25 turnovers in the game.

Reserve center Vladimir Stepania scored 16 points and

had 13 rebounds for Miami, which scored 31 points off turnovers. Butler was 10-for-15 from the floor.

Jason Terry led Atlanta with

17 points. Miami point guard Travis Best injured his right ankle and is expected to be out until next week.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Parcells talks ESPN, he's heading to Texas
 IRVING, Texas — Tony Danza is heading for Texas. Or so he says. Bill Parcells, known for winning Super Bowls and, more recently, for walking away from deals that seemed close, told ESPN Wednesday that he was leaving the network to become the Dallas Cowboys coach. "I'm going to do it," Parcells said, according to ESPN.com. Despite widespread reports that Parcells would be formally introduced by the Cowboys today, spokesman Rich Delampy said Wednesday that no announcement was scheduled. Calls to Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and Parcells' agent, Jimmy Sexton, weren't returned. The 61-year-old Parcells, whose nickname is Tuna, will be the sixth Cowboys coach but the first with experience as an NFL head coach. The last of Parcells' 15 NFL seasons was in 1999 with the New York Jets. He also jilted Tampa Bay twice and Atlanta once. When Dave Campo was fired on Monday after three straight 5-11 seasons, Jones said he wanted to hire a proven coach. The Cowboys owner had already spoken to Parcells for about 11 hours on two occasions. **Assistants to follow Price to Alabama** BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Alabama football coach Mike Price will bring four assistants from Washington State, including his son. Price and the assistants wrapped up their Washington State duties with a Rose Bowl appearance Wednesday. Joining Price on the Alabama staff are Aaron Price, Bob Connelly, Casey Dunn and Chris Ball. Mike Price's youngest son will handle kickers, punters and quarterbacks, as he did at Washington State. Dunn is the assistant head coach, special teams coordinator and running backs coach. Connelly coaches the offensive line and Ball coaches the secondary. Price was hired at Alabama last month after leaving Washington State from Pac-10. **Report: Irish player beaten after arrest** JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Officers used pepper spray on Notre Dame player Chad DeBolt and punched him in the back and arms after he was arrested and charged with refusing to leave a nightclub, according to a police report obtained by a newspaper. The account said DeBolt was uncooperative, intoxicated, yelling and cursing when he was brought to jail early Friday, The Florida Times Union reported Wednesday. Lt. Mike Beckmann of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office said the report could not be provided to The Associated Press on Wednesday. He said a final report is expected to be released next week. **Compiled from wire reports**

Ebert

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 kid he wanted to play more. He realized there was a lot he had to learn. "Just coming back here, seeing his home burned ... basketball wasn't that important." James was unavailable for comment. CSI coach Guy Beach said he hasn't spoken to Ebert, but said assistant coach Brian Hancock received a cell phone message on Monday from Michigan. "It just said that James didn't make his flight and he's going to go to (NJCAA Division II) Kirkwood Junior College where two of his high school teammates are at," Beach said. "He's going to go to school this

semester and then play next year for them." Beach said James, who averaged 2.7 points and sank 8 of 25 3-pointers in 12 games, figured in the team's plans this year and next. "It's too bad," Beach said. "His mom and I e-mailed each other right before he left and she said, 'Do you have plans for James this year? Is he going to be able to help you?'" Beach said James had recently struggled and didn't play in CSI's losses at Salt Lake Community College and North Idaho College Dec. 5 and 7. But that the coaching staff remained confident in the young player. "He was a freshman and the

future of our program," Beach said. "I told her, 'I can't promise you anything, but we want James here and he's a part of our future.'" Beach said a return e-mail he sounded positive that he would return for his second semester. "It said, 'We'll do everything we can Coach. I appreciate it. We'll get his confidence up. There's nothing for him back here. We'll have him back ready to go,'" Beach said. "And then he didn't come." Margie Ebert said James made his own decision. "Monday morning when he missed his plane is when I realized he decided what he was going to do," she said. "We

weren't going to be a part of his decision. He wanted to wait until the last. He's following his heart and his heart says there's a lot of people here who care for him." James is West High School's second all-time scorer, and holds school records in 3-point scoring for a game, season and career. His grandparents have several mountains named for them in Idaho's Sawtooth Range, including Mount Ebert and Mount Edie, Margie Ebert added. His departure leaves CSI with six guards: sophomores Ryan Davis, Jason Williams, Rob Black, Sakrid Dent and freshmen Aking Elting and Dante Sawyer.

CSI

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 sophomores Donald Whitfield, Jason Davis, Arán Walker and Fred Hasan for a "lot of team rules" during the presentation. The 6-foot-5 Whitfield scored 18 points at home against CSI last season and had a game of 24 points after this season vs. South Mountain (Ariz.). Friday is another day to prepare for Beach's former team, Eastern Utah, where he coached as both an assistant and head coach from 1988-1997. The Golden Eagles (11-3, 1-0) opened the season 8-0 and went 25-0 against Snow College 75-73 to open their SWAC schedule on Dec. 6. CEU also beat Treasure Valley by 15 points this season. Beach expects another tough test from CEU, which knocked off CSI 94-89 last season in Price, Utah. "They're good, athletic, quick and they have several scorers," he said. The two teams match up statistically. Both are averaging 92.4 points a game and Eastern is giving up 2.2 less points on defense. CEU leads the league in field goal percentage (.528) where CSI is fourth at .501. CSI holds an edge in rebounding offense (46.3-44.8) and blocks (6.0-5.2).

College of Southern Idaho basketball statistics

(Through Dec. 7)

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Diawara	14	105	189	55.6	8	15	53.3	98	602	8/2	8.2	1.1	12	6	24	19.8
Sawyer	14	83	165	50.3	25	57	43.9	48	58	82.8	6.6	4.3	14	13	42	17.1
Ibrahim	14	92	163	56.4	0	1	0.00	44	65	67.7	12.4	0.7	11	51	39	16.3
Jai. Williams	14	70	150	46.7	32	79	40.5	30	35	85.7	3.9	4.9	33	4	37	14.4
Davis	14	34	84	40.5	14	40	35.0	22	49	44.9	2.5	3.7	10	2	23	7.4
Elting	14	21	45	46.7	9	25	36.0	14	19	73.7	1.2	2.4	12	2	23	4.6
Yang	13	14	23	60.9	0	0	0.00	17	23	73.9	2.2	0.2	7	1	9	3.5
Deas	14	16	26	61.5	0	0	0.00	9	19	47.4	5.0	0.9	7	2	9	2.9
Black	14	9	25	36.0	4	13	30.8	4	6	66.7	1.0	1.0	8	1	7	1.9
Dent	11	8	21	38.1	3	13	23.1	0	0	0.00	0.6	1.0	4	0	12	1.7
J. Williams	10	6	12	50.0	1	3	33.3	2	2	100.0	1.5	0.3	3	2	2	1.5
*Ebert	15	19	31	61.3	8	25	32.0	4	8	50.0	0.6	0.6	4	0	7	2.7
*B. Claudino	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	14	468	934	50.1	104	271	38.3	380	868	48.3	20.8	12.5	84	23	84	23.9
Opp.	14	381	933	40.8	103	304	33.9	182	232	85.8	33.1	14.1	135	36	238	22.6

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Women																
Player	G	FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG	3FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	R/G	A/G	S	Bk	To	Avg.
Hill	15	52	145	35.9	0	0	0.00	25	37	67.6	5.1	0.4	9	3	25	8.6
Porten	35	42	105	40.0	25	62	40.3	8	11	72.7	4.2	1.5	24	0	37	7.8
Layton	15	36	83	43.4	12	30	40.0	29	51	56.9	3.7	0.9	12	4	26	7.5
Swakova	15	40	99	40.4	12	42	28.6	20	31	64.5	3.8	1.6	15	7	41	7.5
Kuchoran	15	29	60	48.3	0	1	0.00	34	66	51.5	4.9	0.6	9	0	29	6.1
Shahbazi	15	29	65	44.6	23	51	45.1	5	7	71.4	3.1	1.1	12	0	35	5.7
White	15	26	93	28.0	8	33	24.2	25	39	64.1	2.3	1.0	20	2	32	5.7
Chavez	15	28	70	40.0	4	20	20.0	13	20	65.0	2.3	2.0	26	1	36	4.9
Chatburn	14	13	50	26.0	0	2	0.00	16	33	48.5	3.2	0.3	4	1	26	3.0
Ailey	14	12	40	30.0	2	2	100.0	5	12	41.7	2.6	1.2	9	0	12	2.2
Fairbanks	14	11	29	37.9	0	0	0.00	1	4	25.0	1.7	0.1	1	2	7	1.6
Halafusa	11	5	19	26.3	0	0	0.00	6	9	66.7	1.4	0.0	0	2	7	1.5
Bucci	5	1	3	33.3	0	0	0.00	2	2	100.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0.7
Total	15	324	883	36.7	86	281	30.6	322	581	39.1	12.3	14.9	22	28	287	81.4
Opp.	15	230	877	26.8	60	246	24.4	225	335	68.3	40.7	11.0	181	26	328	61.7

and our athleticism, we need to turn it into a fullcourt basketball game." **Throw-ins** Injury bug: Freshman Dante Sawyer was hobbled by a sore right ankle he turned on a tip drill in practice on Tuesday. Sawyer said he'll be ready to go tonight and Saturday. Center Sami Ibrahim sat out the last 10 minutes of Wednesday morning's practice because of dehydration. Sophomore Rob Black has another inflamed elbow and is wearing a heavy pad on the elbow. Beach said the softball-sized swelling could be a recurrence of the staff infection Black

experienced earlier this season. His status is day-to-day. Windy city: Sophomore and leading scorer Yakhoubia Diawara took a recruiting visit to DePaul University in Chicago over the Christmas break. Diawara also has a scholarship offer from St. John's University. Mum knee: Freshman Bruno Marcellino-Claudino will redshirt this season, Beach said. Claudino underwent successful arthroscopic knee surgery by Dr. William May on Dec. 23. Beach said the Brazilian-born Claudino will be wearing "intensive (English as Second Language) classes and will have two years of eligibility

in the fall. Friendly Ford: Charles Ford will join the team on Jan. 20. Ford is transferring from the University of Hartford where he scored a career-high 30 points in a game as a freshman last season. Ford played the 2001-02 season at Notre Dame Prep in Fitchburg, Mass., averaging 10 points, five rebounds and four assists on a team that produced 10 top-level Division I players. He was a two-time all-state selection at Gwynn Park High School in Maryland and the MVP of the Five-Star Camp in 1999. Happy birthday: Beach's wife, Helen, celebrated a birthday on Wednesday.



Colorado's Peter Forsberg skates during the game against the Nashville Predators, Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn. Forsberg replaced Wayne Gretzky in the record book of the Predators Saturday, after scoring a goal and assisting on five others for six points in the Avalanche's 7-3 win over the Predators.

Avs net seven goals in rout of Predators

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Peter Forsberg had a goal and five assists, and Milan Hejduk added two goals and three assists to lead the Avalanche past Nashville 7-3. Forsberg set a new record for most points in a game against Nashville, beating the old mark set by Wayne Gretzky, who had five assists. Steven Reinprecht, Mike Keane, Adam Foote and Rob Clarke also scored for the Avalanche. Colorado goaltender Patrick Roy started the game but did not come out for the second period because of the flu. He was replaced by David Aebischer, who gave up a goal to Adam Hall on a rebound at 2:46. **Coyotes 2, Capitals 1, OT** WASHINGTON — Tony Amonte scored with 3:40 left in overtime to give the Phoenix Coyotes a 2-1 victory over the Washington Capitals on Wednesday. Amonte, playing in his 900th NHL game, beat goaltender Olaf Kolzig with a hard shot from the left circle to give the Coyotes their third straight victory. It also ended the Capitals' five-

game home winning streak. Washington controlled play for much of the game, finishing with a 32-14 advantage in shots, but Phoenix goalie Sean Burke made a number of tough stops to keep the Coyotes close. Sergei Gonchar gave the Capitals a 1-0 lead on a power-play goal in the second period. Washington had a 2-5 advantage in shots after two periods but still only a 1-0 lead. Ladislav Nagy tied it at 7:11 of the third period. **Panthers 2, Devils 1** EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Branislav Mezei scored the go-ahead goal late in the second period, and Roberto Luongo made 26 saves to lead the Panthers. The win ended Florida's five-game winless streak (0-3-1-2) while also extending its team record to 13 straight road games in which it gained at least one point (50-4-4). The Panthers last lost a regulation game last Oct. 24. Marcus Nilson also scored for Florida. Sergei Brylin had the Devils' goal.

Education: Work to make schools 'safe'

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TWIN FALLS — At the signing of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, approaches its one-year anniversary, schools are quickly making of its sweeping impact on education.

One portion of the act that has garnered less attention — yet still carries repercussions — is the designation of "unsafe schools."

That term refers to the level of harmony within schools, rather than to the physical condition of the facilities. That is, if no child is to be left behind, students must be able to learn in safe environments, free from violent threats from other students.

A school will be labeled "unsafe" if too many of its stu-

dents are expelled or suspended for violent acts.

But much remains unknown. "We're kind of on hold in that area because we're waiting for the state to tell us what's the criteria," said Willey Dobby, director of operations at the Twin Falls School District.

The state is still working feverishly to develop the policy, said Claudia Hasselquist, coordinator of the Idaho State Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools program.

Each state must develop this portion of the Child Left Behind from scratch. Moreover, it's an unfunded portion of the act, meaning states must develop and implement the program by September 2003 without additional federal money.

"This has been a real chal-

lenge" Hasselquist said. "This is something I'm very concerned about. I hope this isn't a way to judge the states on the safety of their schools."

What the law says

What is now known is that if a student is attacked on school grounds during school hours, he may immediately transfer to another school at school district expense.

Other cases that permit a student's immediate transfer:

- If a student is attacked while attending a school event after hours, such as a Friday evening basketball game.
- If a student is attacked while on a school bus traveling to or from school or a school-sponsored activity.

In addition, a student attend-

ing a "persistently dangerous" school has the option to attend another school. The federal government, however, has yet to define "persistently dangerous," preferring to leave that up to the states.

In the Idaho's most recent draft, a school will be sanctioned if for three consecutive years, 1 percent of the student body — or five students, whichever is higher — are suspended or expelled for weapons-related offenses or criminally injurious conduct.

There's a bit of a Catch-22 in the federal policy, however. On one hand, the government requires schools to maintain a zero-tolerance policy concerning students with weapons. That is, a student caught with a weapon, even a butter knife,

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TWIN FALLS — The Southwest National Guard wants to hire 20 people for the next 10 years.

The Guard Service is looking for people to work on its fire engine crew, emergency hotshot crew and helicopter crew, as well as one person for the fire dispatch shop, said Rochelle Ahrens, recruiting coordinator.

Information regarding these jobs, as well as how to apply, is available on the Southwest National Forest's Web site at www.fs.fed.us/swnftooth or by phone at 737-3320.

The locations for the 20 jobs are in Rock Creek, Malheur, Big Lost, Ketchum, Stanley, Ketchum, Fairfield, Rock Creek (south of Hansen), Twin Falls, Malheur and Bailey. Some of the jobs have housing facilities and stipendations. There are accommodations at Rock Creek, Malheur, Big Lost (north of Fairfield), Stanley and Ketchum, but none in Twin Falls.

Applicants must be 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and able to pass a physical fitness test.

Seasonal firefighters generally work from mid-May through mid-October, Ahrens said.

Diabetes and foot problems? Tell us

TWIN FALLS — Medical technology is saving the feet of some diabetics who used to face amputation.

If you're a diabetic coping with chronic wound care and foot problems, and you'd like to share your story, give us a call.

Phone Times-News Features Editor Steve Crump at 735-3223, or e-mail him at crump@magicvalley.com.

S.V. arts group looks for artists to sell wares

SUN VALLEY — The Sun Valley Center for the Arts is seeking artists to show and sell their wares in next summer's 35th Annual Sun Valley Center Arts and Crafts Festival.

The festival, one of the top 100 juried shows in the nation, features 130 artists from the United States and Canada boasting a wide variety of fine art and craft.

A jury will select participants via six slides that each artist submits of his or her work. Artists living in Blaine County receive an extra point.

To apply, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the center, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum, ID 83353, or visit the center's Web site, at www.sunvalleycenter.org.

City of Rocks releases toilet project costs

ALMO — City of Rocks Superintendent Wallace Keck has released the projected costs of replacing one toilet, building a new toilet and removing another toilet from the national reserve.

The total cost, including labor, is \$38,493, Keck said.

City of Rocks officials plan to build a toilet and a small parking area in the northwest corner of the park, up Logger Springs Road. The cost of materials for the toilet building is \$9,123. The materials for the parking lot will cost about \$1,500, Keck said.

Officials also plan to replace an old toilet with a newer model. The new bathroom has two toilets and costs \$19,495. It is to be located at Bath Rock, near the fee collection area.

Officials plan to remove another toilet near Elephant Rock, where the roads from Oakley, Almo and Utah meet. Keck would like to find a use for that toilet. If officials have to throw the toilet away it would cost less than \$150 in disposal fees, Keck said.

People can receive free copies of the environmental assessment of the project by calling 824-5519. The document is also posted on the Internet at www.nps.gov/cro/01ppm/facts.html.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	77%	25%
Salmon Falls	82%	25%
Salmon	91%	23%
Oakley	72%	20%
Big Wood	116%	30%
Little Wood	148%	36%
Hernya Fork/Teton	76%	22%
Big Lost	128%	33%
Little Lost	79%	25%

*As of Jan. 1. A comparison of basin snowpack at this date with 1999.

THRILLS AND CHILLS



A skier returns to the beach at Shoshone Falls Park boat landing after a chilling ride in the 16th Annual Freeze on Skis on Wednesday.

Skiers brrr-ing in another cold lang syne

By Julie Ponce
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A year ago John Pohlman wasn't sure he'd see another New Year's Day.

He had just been diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer. To commemorate a New Year's tradition of Pohlman's, he and his four sons and a daughter-in-law forged New Year's Day of 2002 into their memories by skiing the wintry waters at Shoshone Falls.

But on Jan. 1, 2003, Pohlman was still alive. After nine months of chemotherapy, Pohlman said he is cancer-free.

"My doctor said my cancer is in remission," Pohlman said Wednesday, sporting a red, white and blue kerchief that covered his chemo-induced bald head. "I'm just happy to be done with chemo. It's a great way to start off the new year."

With renewed appreciation for life, he and his family were able to celebrate the new year once again. They took to the frigid waters of the Snake River at Shoshone Falls to mark the new year by participating in the 16th annual "Freeze on Skis." Pohlman, one of the originators of the event, demonstrated his hardiness by skiing without a wet suit and saluting (with a bottle of pink champagne) the 200-plus crowd who had gathered in the 37 degree weather.

"Freeze on Skis" began during the 1980s with several young men who would snow ski at Pomeroy and then finish up the day by water skiing at Shoshone Falls. Later the group became Jaycees and extended their tradition by making the invigorating custom a fund-raiser that now benefits charities that help children and adults. For two months preceding the event each year, participants go to local businesses and ask for pledges they will earn by water skiing at Shoshone Falls on New Year's Day.

Pohlman, who led this year's group in fundraising with over \$8,250, said though he made about the same amount of money as he did last year, he had far more donations. "It's definitely a sign of the times," he said. "But people still give, if only in smaller amounts."

He said last year he had about a page and a half of pledges. This year he had four pages. In addition, Pohlman said he made the unfortunate discovery that there are several businesses forced to call it quits since he last asked for donations.

This year's event garnered over \$12,500 — not a record amount, but still a sizable junk of change that is designated to go to Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley and the Wishyng Star Foundation. Pohlman's son Shaun Pohlman, 20, came in second with \$825, and Scott Trappan came in third with over \$700 in donations.



Event founder John Pohlman shares a chuckle with Megan Ottersburg after his ride.

Board considers rezoning request

By Sharon Akers
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Jerome County commissioners are considering a family's request to rezone an agricultural piece of property to allow for home building.

Mike Covington, speaking on behalf of Larry and Ruth Ann Sellers, asked commissioners this week to change the zoning of the Sellers' property from A1 agricultural to A2, an agricultural zoning that allows residences.

Covington said Interstate 84 had divided the property, leaving a triangle-shaped piece of land useless for farming. He asked commissioners to change the zoning so that the property could be subdivided into lots for the Sellers' children.

Covington said this property already has two houses. The family would like to build two more on the existing two, and a third home could be built on the west end of the property. Covington said there would be a multiple room for a setback and the required space between structures. He also said the family was willing to accept the nearby A1 zoning.

Dana Covington and Carolyn Nelson, the Sellers' daughters, said they wanted to keep the homestead in the family, and that they would like this property to be zoned residential so that it can be equally shared among the siblings.

Mike Nelson, also speaking on behalf of the Sellers, said the zoning was simply an oversight in the original amendment to the Jerome County Comprehensive Plan for future land use.

Art Brown, Jerome County's planning and zoning administrator, agreed, and said the Sellers have justification in asking for the rezoning.

The county planning and zoning commission has already recommended the rezoning to county commissioners for approval. Planning and zoning supported the proposal in a 4 to 3 vote.

Brown said a telephone utility station also sits on this piece of property but would not be an issue if homes are built. He said the property could be divided six ways and still have plenty of room.

Commissioner Veronica Lierman said commissioners would take the request under consideration, along with several other rezoning requests, and that a decision would be made this month.

M.V. welcomes New Year's babies

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — It didn't take long for the Magic Valley to welcome a New Year's baby.

Lauren Kay Liercke was born at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to Kim and Ray Liercke of Mountain Home at 12:45 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003.

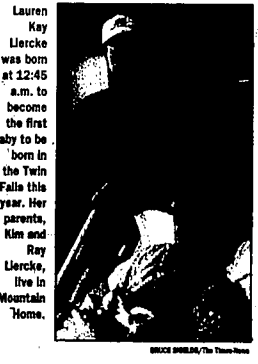
She weighed in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and is 21 inches long.

As the first baby born at MVRMC in 2003, baby Lauren and her parents won a child safety seat and free installation, gift certificates to area merchants, newborn items, a cookie basket, a facial and a massage for mom and a \$50 savings bond.

Two babies in the Mt.-Cassia area were coincidentally both born at 11:51 a.m. — one at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert and the other at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

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Minidoka Memorial Hospital to Valerie Mulligan of Paul. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21 inches long. He was born two weeks earlier than his due date of Jan. 17.

As the Minidoka's first baby of the new year, Alexander and his mother won a car seat, baby-care items and gift certificates for food and services from area merchants.

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SERVICES

George W. Mendenhall of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Kimberly 2nd Ward LDS chapel, 222 Birch St.; friends may call from 8 to 9 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and one hour before the service Thursday at the church.

Vanita May Josephine Helms of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls. Friends may call

from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home; interment will be at the Soldier Mountain/Mt. View Cemetery above Fairfield.

Donald F. Youst of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

JR Dixon of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl.

Chase Travis Swenson of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Glenns Ferry High School; viewing from 1-2 p.m. Thursday at the High school.

Ethel C. Martin of Shoshone, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Shoshone First Baptist Church with burial in the Shoshone Cemetery (Demaray's Shoshone Chapel).

Betty Ann McDowell of Twin

Falls, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St., N. Twin Falls; interment will be at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Steven Harrison of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; and from 1-4:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Walter Schroeder of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley West Side Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave.; interment will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; and from 1-4:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0934, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

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year member of the Order of the Eastern Star #46 and Chapter J of the PEO. She was a charter member of the Library, the Cassia County Museum, the Knit and Fork Club, the Sacajawea Bridge Club and the Sewing Club.

During World War II, Dorothy was active in working in the United States Club, while servicemen were in Burley with the POW camp. She was a member of the Ruth Rebekah Lodge #106 for 40 years, and a member of the Robokah's Past Matrons Club.

Dorothy was honored by the Burley Chamber of Commerce in 1981 for many years as a volunteer and for her commitment to the community. In 1979 she was nominated for Woman of the Year by the Burley chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

In addition to her community involvement, Mrs. Kunau traveled extensively in Europe, Japan and Hong Kong, Macao, the United States. She frequently made trips to visit family in Arkansas and Iowa, and spent time in New York, Hawaii, and at the family cabin near Ketchum, Idaho.

Dorothy was an enthusiastic gardener, and lived in Burley at 1551 Conant Avenue for over 75 years. She was fond of remarking that, "I live in the best neighborhood that can be found anywhere."

Dorothy is survived by her two sons, Lex H. (Celia) Kunau and Glen R. (Donna) Kunau both of whom reside in Burley; eight grandchildren, Nancy (Joseph) Frederickson, Sue Fitzpatrick, Fred (Fred) Bell, Kristie (Ken) Stafford, Karen (Phillip) Pindor, Robert (Nancy) Kunau, Scott (Kelly) Kunau, Richard (Norma) Kunau; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren in addition to her husband, who died in 1998, she was preceded in death by her sister, Sue Stokstad, her parents, and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 4, 2003 at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 East 27th Street, with the Reverend Al Trachsel officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley on Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and at the church from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Saturday. The family suggests memorials be made to the Burley United Methodist Church Foundation, P.O. Box 447, Burley, or to Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center, 2303 Parke Ave. in Burley or to a charity of donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary.

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Kane of Clarkston, Wash., six grand children Jonathan Baus, Joshua Kane, John Kane, David Baus, Zachary Baus and Kristen Baus and one brother John Pierson of Jerome. Funeral services for Roberts will be held at 1:30 PM, Friday, January 3, 2003, at White Mortuary Chapel by the Park with Pastor James Scott officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Thursday, January 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. The family suggests memorials be given to the Grace Baptist Church building, Fund, 798 Eastland Dr. North, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Leo Holcomb

Leo Holcomb of Twin Falls passed away at his home on Monday, December 30, 2002.

Leo was born April 19, 1915 in Belton, Tex., along with his twin sister Cleo.

He grew up near Chama, New Mexico, with his eight brothers and sisters. In 1940 he rode up by horseback from New Mexico to Sandpoint, Idaho, where he worked in the mines and eloped with Frank, his brothers Buster and Frank. In 1942 he moved to Porterville, Cal., where he met the love of his life, Verla Friesen, and they were married January 21, 1944 in 1947 they were blessed with a daughter Linda and in 1948 their son Robert was born. They moved to Buhl where Leo owned and operated a dairy farm until 1966. They then moved to Twin Falls where they lived together ever since.

He will be deeply missed by family and friends. Leo is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Verla Holcomb of Twin Falls, a daughter Linda (Stow) Marshall of Twin Falls, a son Robert (Valerie) Holcomb of Boise, one grandson Troy Marshall of Twin Falls and a brother Buster Holcomb of Boise.

Memorial services will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 2628 Whispering Pine in Twin Falls on Saturday, January 4, 2003, at 2 p.m. Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

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DEATH NOTICES

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Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Wallace Anderson

KING HILL - Wallace Anderson, 80, of King Hill died Dec. 31, 2002, in Mountain Home.

Funeral services will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Walter Schroeder

BUHL - Walter Schroeder, 89, of Buhl died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, in Twin Falls.

Funeral Services will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Yvonne Christiansen

BURLEY - Yvonne Christiansen, 73, of Burley died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center.

The funeral will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 6, 2003, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 East 27th St., with the Rev. Al Trachsel officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear Friday.

Stanley Babington

CORRAL - Stanley Babington, 80, a resident of Corral, Idaho, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2002, at the Veteran's Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Emma Taylor

OAKLEY - Emma Taylor, 96, formerly of Oakley, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003, in Sandy, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, at the Oakley State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 North Hardy officiating. Burial will be in the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Saturday, from 12 until 12:45 p.m.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th St., Burley.

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Lila Peterson

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Storm blasts Boise area with snow, record rain

BOISE (AP) — Idaho entered 2003 with a winter storm which dropped heavy snow in the mountains and a record amount of rain on the capital city.

The first week of the year could bring more precipitation. The storm pummeled northern Idaho, knocking out power to homes and keeping tow trucks working overtime. Snow depths at some ski hills were doubled. "We got reports as high as 14 inches in Bonners Ferry and about 10 inches in Colville," said Robin Fox, National Weather Service meteorologist.

Snow-hungry skiers struggled to get up Schweitzer Mountain Road near Sandpoint to reach the slopes. For the first time, Schweitzer and Bonner County imposed temporary road restrictions on the eight-mile stretch. Drivers were required to have

four-wheel-drive vehicles, chains or traction tires. But the new rules did not stop some ill-equipped drivers from making the attempt — and snarling traffic.

The snow created a traffic gridlock in the south-central Idaho resort town of Ketchum late Tuesday. A backcountry skier teared lost in an avalanche on the backside of Sun Valley's Bald Mountain had escaped ahead of the slide, Assistant Police Chief Michael McNeil said.

Although the Sun Valley Resort's room and meal business was robust, company marketing director Jack Sibbach said the heavy snows have actually reduced the number of skiers because of visibility and challenging conditions. "But we'd rather have the

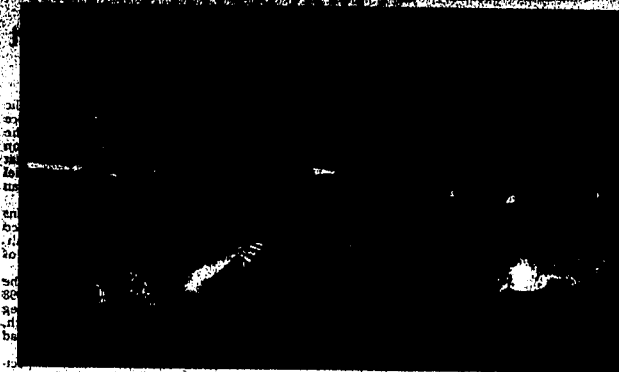
snow," he said. A record-breaking amount of rain caused clogged storm drains and soaked streets in the Boise area.

Boise received 0.86 of an inch of rain Monday, breaking a record for the day set in 1954. Weather Service meteorologist Joel Tannenholz said.

Tuesday's record for rainfall is 0.22 inches, set in 1998. Boise received scattered showers throughout the day, but not enough to break another record.

More than a foot of snow fell in the McCall area during the two days, Tannenholz said.

Valley County Sheriff Britt Durfee said avalanche danger remained high three Wednesday and anyone venturing into the backcountry should be fully equipped with safety gear such as avalanche beacons.



Under the watchful eyes of about 50 guiding pilots in boats and kayaks, one of 76 swimmers makes his way on a 1.5 mile swim in San Francisco Bay from Alcatraz Island to Fisherman's Wharf Wednesday in San Francisco. The annual Escape from Alcatraz swim involved 52-degree water and a 6.5 knot ebb. Completion times ranged from 20 minutes to just over an hour.

Former death row inmate goes free

BOISE (AP) — Convicted killer Thomas Henry Gibson has been released from prison, the third former death row inmate to be set free in Idaho history. Gibson, 51, was released Tuesday from the South Idaho Correctional Institution near Boise after more than 22 years behind bars. Idaho Department of Correction officials confirmed. The former motorcycle gang member wanted no public notice of his release to preserve his privacy, they said. He declined to respond to calls from The Associated Press. Gibson and Donald Michael Paradis were convicted in the June 1980 strangulation of 19-year-old Kimberly Ann Palmer, whose body was later found in a Panhandle stream wrapped in a

sleeping bag. Both Gibson and Paradis, along with fellow biker Charles Amacher, were acquitted in Washington of killing Palmer's boyfriend, Scott Currier. Another biker was convicted of that slaying. Gibson and Paradis maintained their innocence. Gibson was placed on Idaho's death row on Nov. 6, 1981. He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder on Aug. 6, 1999, in a deal cut after U.S. District Judge Lynn Winnill ordered that Gibson either be released or retried on grounds that his trial attorney failed to adequately question prosecution claims that the death occurred in Idaho. The 1999 deal included Gibson's release from prison on Jan. 20, 2003.

Gibson has served his sentence for second-degree murder, but he was set free on probation Tuesday because of a conviction on grand theft by possession. The crime occurred during his time in prison. The probation runs until Oct. 31. Paradis, 53, was on the verge of execution in 1996 when his attorneys convinced a majority on the parole board and then Gov. Phil Batt that clemency was appropriate because of questions about who really killed Palmer. At the clemency hearing, Gibson testified flatly that "Mr. Paradis was not involved in the killing." Gibson conceded he could well have been the one who struck the blows that killed Palmer, but he did not strangle her.

Gibson said he had been "high" on drugs for days leading up to Palmer's death, and was on what he called a "speed run," coming down from the drug-induced high. "I was coming down very hard, very fast," he said. Paradis, 53, was released on April 11, 2001 after a federal appellate court upheld a lower court ruling and voided his conviction on grounds that prosecutors withheld notes that could have been used to discredit a key witness against him — a witness who claimed Palmer was killed in Idaho. Charles Irvin Fain, 54, left prison on Aug. 23, 2001, after DNA evidence exonerated him of sexually assaulting and killing 9-year-old Daralyn Johnson of Nampa.

Marina owner plans to start dredging

LEWISTON (AP) — A marina owner plans to dredge 36,000 cubic yards of silt that have made it difficult for boats to reach his docks on the Lower Granite pool of the Snake River. Jack Pring of Hells Canyon Resort received a dredging permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, even though the Corps has been barred by a court order from doing its own dredging on the Snake River. Pring plans to dispose of his dredging spoils in a settling pond on land he owns. The Corps' Walla Walla District was prevented from dumping silt in deep sections of Lower Granite Lake. Conservationists led by the National Wildlife Federation sued the Corps, saying its plan

harm salmon and steelhead. The coalition persuaded the judge to delay winter dredging until the lawsuit is decided. Faced with those delays, Pring decided to take on the work on his own. "We are trying to put our future hack in our own hands," he said. Dredging will make the marina more accessible to boaters, he said. Years of sediment accumulation make it difficult to reach the docks when the Lower Granite pool is at low levels. The sediment will be sucked from the river bed and pumped to a settling pond. Pring did not know how soon the dredging would begin but said it would take a couple of months to complete.

Legislators back a mine-related study of lake

SANDPOINT (AP) — Northern Idaho legislators will push for a water quality study of Lake Pend Oreille to assess the potential harm from a proposed upstream mine in Montana. The Bonner County commissioners met Monday with Republican Sen. Shawn Keough and Reps. John Campbell and George Eskridge, as well as the state Department of Environmental Quality and the Rock Creek Alliance conservation group. The proposed copper and silver mine would burrow under the cabinet Mountain Wilderness Area in Montana. Its tailings are to be stored next to the Clark Fork River, which drains into Lake Pend Oreille.

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by data in the mine's environmental impact statement. The proposed study would cost \$72,000. The county commissioners voted Monday to pay for 10 percent of the study if the state will fund the remainder. "The important thing is to get some good science that will provide a benchmark," Commission Chairman Tom Suttmeier said. "Hopefully we can head the pollution off. To deal with it in 30 years is pretty stupid when we can deal with it now." The mine owned by Sterling Mining Co., was permitted by Montana and the U.S. Forest Service. That was revoked, however, when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service withdrew its opinion on the biological

impacts of the mine. Mine opponents expect that once the new biological opinion is complete, Rock Creek could be permitted once again. Sandpoint leaders oppose the mine, fearing pollution will flow down the Clark Fork to the lake. "The important thing is to get some good science that will provide a benchmark," Commission Chairman Tom Suttmeier said. "Hopefully we can head the pollution off. To deal with it in 30 years is pretty stupid when we can deal with it now." The mine owned by Sterling Mining Co., was permitted by Montana and the U.S. Forest Service. That was revoked, however, when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service withdrew its opinion on the biological

Donor drops \$50,000 in Salvation Army kettle

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A single donation made all the difference for the Salvation Army. The donor, who doesn't want his name revealed, dropped a \$50,000 check in one of the agency's red kettles, Salvation Army spokeswoman Kathy Scott said. The windfall, along with three other donations totaling \$30,000, will accelerate the chapter's plans to site a family services center in Salt Lake City, she said. It also could make way for the Hilton Hotels to build near the Gateway shopping district. The Salvation Army plans to leave its site near Pioneer Park and lease its land to the hotel chain, creating a regular source of revenue. "It's not a done deal yet," said Maj. Wayne Forderberg of the Salvation Army. "I'd say it's 80-20. We're to the point of a feasibility study now."

The donor plans to remodel another building for a food pantry, clothing center and family counseling, while a soup kitchen will be moved to yet another downtown location, Scott said. A drug and alcohol treatment center that occupied the building until budget woes shut it down in September will not be reopened, she said. The \$50,000 donor dropped the check in a Salvation Army kettle outside an Albertson's grocery store on Christmas eve. The Salvation Army waited for the check to clear a bank, then contacted the donor, who asked that the money be used to feed the poor. "That and other donations pushed the chapter's kettle drive to more than \$300,000 for the holiday season, Scott said.

Magistrate dismisses arson charges in taxi dispute

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Two men have been cleared of charges that they tried to bomb a competitor taxi cab. Kootenai Magistrate Benjamin Simpson on Tuesday dismissed all criminal charges against Gary Keller, the alleged mastermind, and Gaylord "Monte" Riddle, whom Keller allegedly hired.

Simpson said he did not find one witness' testimony credible enough to support binding the two men over for trial. A woman who was to testify for prosecutors did not show up. Police Detective Dave Beck said. Keller, owner of Post Falls taxi business Ride Away Right Taxi, was arrested last month on

charges of attempted arson, conspiracy to commit arson and soliciting a hit man. The 41-year-old man was accused of soliciting Riddle to place a homemade bomb under an Express Taxi cab, police said. Express Taxi is owned by Bob Flint, an ex-employee of Keller's who began dating Keller's ex-wife.

On Nov. 12, Post Falls police discovered a bomb made from a traffic flare fuse attached to two glass jars filled with what smelled like gasoline. The crude bomb had been placed under an Express Taxi cab, but did not go off. Riddle, 36, faced charges of attempted arson and conspiracy to commit arson.

Commissioners cite new prosecutor's experience

BONNERS FERRY (AP) — Jack Douglas is the new Boundary County prosecutor, the fourth person to hold that position in the last three years. The county commissioners selected Douglas on Tuesday, saying they hope he will bring stability to the office. The appointment followed the resignation of Mark Jones last month. "We've a history of rough runs in the prosecutor's office," Commissioner Kevin Lederhos said. "We want a permanent prosecutor who will serve this community." Douglas is one of three attorneys who hold the public defender's contract in the county. Jones was appointed in 2001 after former prosecutor Brett Benson was found guilty of impersonating a notary public. Jones resigned effective Dec. 9. While he gave no reason, Jones had dropped out of the race for prosecutor — even though he had no opponent on the November ballot — because of eligibility questions based on living outside the county.

Benson became prosecutor by ousting Denise Woodbury, who gained national recognition with her unsuccessful attempt to prosecute FBI sharpshooter Lon Horiuchi on a state manslaughter charge for the 1992 shooting death of Vicki Weaver during the siege at Ruby Ridge. Douglas served as Boundary County prosecutor in the early 1980s. He moved to Texas in 1985 and spent several years working in the district attorney's office in Dallas. Out of 25 years in legal practice, Douglas has 17 years as a prosecutor. That set him apart from the other candidates, the commissioners said. When the county's Republican Central Committee solicited candidate names, no local lawyers expressed an interest. That allowed the commissioners to appoint someone from outside the county. Douglas plans to move from Kootenai County to Boundary County. Douglas lost the 1st District judge seat by a narrow margin to Steve Verby in the November election.

Schools

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must be immediately expelled. Yet on the other hand, the new law encourages schools to limit their expulsion rates. Thus, it's going to take some creativity. **What schools are doing** At Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls, educators have taken great pains to reduce expulsions, Principal Craig Ainsworth said. After experiencing a high of 31 expulsions in the 1995-96 school year, the school created an accountability board made up of members of the community and educators. If a student's behavior teeters on expulsion, the student is brought before the board with his parent or parents to steer the student in a more law-abiding direction. The board produced immediate results: Each year since its implementation, expulsion rates gradually dropped to almost nothing in the 1998-99 school

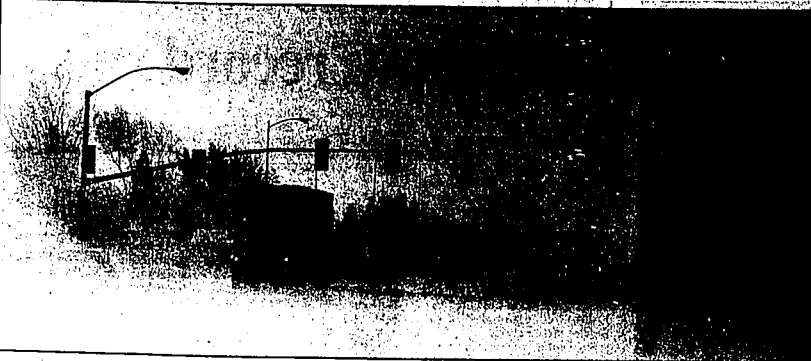
year, which had only two expulsions. Those numbers have since crept back up slightly, however. Suspensions from school last a few days in the Twin Falls district, although the school can petition for five more if the incident warrants the expanded punishment. Expulsions last up to a year. Activities that warrant expulsion include: • Truancy • Weapons • Infringibility, the cause of most expulsions. Not all students in violation of policy deserve harsh punishment, Ainsworth said. For instance, it's not unusual for a student to accidentally bring a pocket knife used earlier in the day for cutting bales of hay. "Normally these things are something brought to school with the intent intended," Ainsworth said. Yet, with the federal zero-tolerance mandate, the student

must be punished. "We don't want to catch somebody in a trap with zero tolerance," Ainsworth said. Thus, at the beginning of the year, school officials go from classroom to classroom, informing students of the school's weapon policy. **A broad mandate** Also vague in No Child Left Behind is the requirement to "create and maintain safe and disciplined classrooms." How one monitors or even measures such a policy remains a mystery. One way might be for a school to measure referrals to the principal's office and other disciplinary actions, Hasselquist said. The state already requires districts to report suspensions and expulsions. Now individual schools will have to report data on disciplinary action. The state is working to reach consensus on the terms of violent offenses and their consequences. Officials are fairly

close to an agreement on the number of incidents required to invoke sanctions, too, Hasselquist said. That last aspect has drawn a lot of focus and has proven to be difficult, she said. The proportion of students involved in or exposed to violence varies greatly among schools. For example, five expulsions in a large Boise school district don't carry the same gravity as would the same number in a rural school such as Bliss. Before sanctions, it will be necessary to determine that a school is indeed "persistently dangerous" and not simply experiencing a few isolated cases of violence. By the spring of 2003, the State Department of Education hopes to be in the final stage of definition so that by the summer everything is organized and ready to go for the next school year, Hasselquist said. "The only thing that keeps you out of knowing that the other states are in the same situation that we are," she said.

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SNOWING AND BLOWING



Traffic on Interstate 80 makes its way through high winds and blowing snow Tuesday in Stead, Nev. The snowstorm made driving hazardous. I-80 was closed overnight north of Lake Tahoe as heavy snow and wind gusting to 100 mph created whitout conditions.

Water panel OKs deal, fails to end dispute

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) - Federal officials intend to cut California's supply of Colorado River water after an Imperial Valley board approved a revised plan to sell some of its share that failed to satisfy other agencies involved in the dispute. Officials with the Imperial Irrigation District in southeastern California met a federal deadline Tuesday. But neighboring districts rejected the 11th hour offer, proposing the new terms to the proposed water transfer to San Diego no longer met federal criteria because the IID could back out of it as little as a year. And, they said, the deal would be too expensive for consumers. The disputed terms involved guarantees of state and other funds in case of environmental harm caused by the transfer. The water administration had given the water panel serving the Imperial Valley farms until midnight on New Year's Eve to decide to share its water with growing San Diego County or trigger a cut of 13 percent of the water California has been taking from the river it shares with six other states. Assistant Interior Secretary Bennett Riley, head of the

department's Western water issues, told reporters in a conference call before the 3-2 vote by the IID that it was already too late to stop the cuts. The last-minute timing of the vote left no time for three other agencies to approve the deal, he said. The supply cuts could be reinstated if the water agencies eventually reach an agreement, Riley said. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a wholesaler that serves 17 million people through other agencies, said that at the event it has enough water to supply its millions of customers for two years. The Imperial board voted after meetings that lasted much of the day. Board member Bruce Kuhn said he believed the panel had approved a better deal than it originally was offered. "There's no such thing as a perfect document. No document is," Kuhn said. "This has divided the farm community. I have good friends who were friends from grammar school who are fighting over this thing. It's time to put it behind us." The IID was one of the entities opposed to the version of the deal approved by the IID.

MWD chief Ron Gastelum said in a statement that the MWD could not support it because of "last-minute terms which deviate substantially from aspects of the October agreement" which Imperial tentatively signed. "In the end IID's demands ask every household in the state to put up about another \$30 for its transfer deal with no savings for future costs. The last time an 11th-hour proposal was hastily approved (in California) it created an energy crisis. This will not be the case with water," Gastelum said. For almost a century, Imperial County has used more than a trillion gallons of Colorado River water a year to turn the desert into rich, green farmland that provide much of a country's winter vegetables. The district has balked at giving up water. But in recent years, pressure has mounted on all sides to share that wealth. To the west, fast-growing San Diego wants to secure more of the river in a long-term water supply for homes and businesses. To the east, six other states want California to cut its overuse of the river so they can take their 'rightful shares.

Action Teen Mommy Darcy

BOISE (AP) - These are your typical G.I. Joe or Barbie figures. Instead, the dolls in an Idaho television campaign to discourage teen pregnancy are dressed in a military and working in a burger joint. They are called "Teen Mommy" and "Teen Daddy" and "Teen Darcy". The spots show the dolls changing diapers, driving a beat-up car and coming home to the run-down house.

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In the "Action Teen Father" spot, the father ends up getting fired from his job, and the two children playing with the doll exclaim, "Way to Go! On to unemployment." The "Teen Mommy Darcy" spot shows two girls playing with the doll as a young girl, who comes with her own tiny trailer, no child support and welfare checks.

Shrinking supply spurs shortage

The amount of water California draws from the Colorado River has remained steady over recent years, while the available water in the system has declined. Lower Colorado River water storage system. Maximum capacity 28.3. End of year contents 18.9. Releases into system 7.8. Delivery to Mexico 1.6. California 8.4. Limit 4.4.

An acre-foot is 325,851 gallons of water, enough water for a family of four for one year.

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

THE TIMES-NEWS GOODING - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following: Misdeamnor arraignments Rosenna Marie Fox, 19, 845 Colorado St., Gooding, dog nuisance (barking); sentencing Jan. 9; \$200 probation fee. Used by states 8.4 California 8.4 Limit 4.4

Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy, Benjamin Douglas Rasmussen, 18, 933 California St., Gooding, driving under the influence; 90-day driver's license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$750 court costs, \$25 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; open container; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Juvenile misdeamnor sentencing Matt A. Myers, 15, 3055 Sixth W., Wendell; exceeding the bag limit on Burton Highway 30, Buhl, driving under the influence; 90-day driver's license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$750 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

JEROME COUNTY COURTS

THE TIMES-NEWS JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following: Misdeamnor arraignments Lynn Ellis Carrasco, 31, 801 S. Davis, Jerome, driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Casey G. Curtis, 26, 1077 W. 500 N., Orem, Utah, driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Robert James Dick, 42, 619 12th Ave., Jerome, driving under the influence; driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. W. Wendell; inattentive/careless driving; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Andrew D. Furness, 36, 24115 Lansing Lane, Madillton; reckless driving; failed traffic sign; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Melvin Torres-Gonzalez, 27, 315 Fifth Ave., Jerome; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Napoleon Juarez-Sanchez, 19, 2891 E. 4100 S., Jerome; driving without privileges; exceeding the speed limit; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Ramon Sandoval-Carabaz, 28, 495 Hulme Lane, Harleton; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Wendy R. Shindelbeck, 43, 150 E. 500 S., Jerome; driving without privileges; carrying a concealed weapon without a license; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Laurie Kay Straubhaar, 44, 1064 Parkway Dr., Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference Jan. 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Jose A. Vasquez-Aguilar, 41, 421 E. Ave. F, Jerome; providing false identity information to an officer; driving with an expired driver's license; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Benjamin C. Wallace, 24, 708 Ninth Ave. E., Jerome; driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Harrell L. White, 40, 72 N. 200 W., Jerome; driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Jan. 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Michael G. Zabrutis, 61, 1616 Sixth Ave., Lewiston; inattentive/careless driving; pre-trial conference Jan. 6; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Rosendo Aguilar-Chavez, 23, 36B N. 100 W., Jerome; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference Dec. 30; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile misdeamnor arraignments W. Wendell; reckless driving; pre-trial conference Jan. 13; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Cheri R. Haral, 36, 702 E. 18th Ave., Jerome; dog at large in city; \$50; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Stefan Martinez, 24, 222 E. Ave. 1, Jerome; leaving a carcass near the highway, dwelling, stream, etc.; \$100 fine, \$50 suspended, \$250 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Anthony Aragon, 61, 38 N. 150 W., Jerome; driving under the influence; 180 days in jail, \$250 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Justin Lee Kaler, 18, 545 E. 300 S., Jerome; driving under the influence (under age 21) amended to privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 78 suspended, credit for 34 days served, 46 days discretionary; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Karl Lawrence Martin, 44, 209 N. Lincoln, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; willful concealment; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$40 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 54 suspended, credit for 36 days served; petti; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Jose Alfredo Ormnia-Truj, 17, 340 E. 400 N., Jerome; driving under the influence amended to driving under the influence (under age 21); \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 120 suspended, credit for 30 days served, no to re-enter the county illegally; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Amber R. Brien, 18, 218 W. 18th St., Idaho Falls; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 78 suspended, credit for 34 days served, 46 days discretionary; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Karl Lawrence Martin, 44, 209 N. Lincoln, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; willful concealment; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$40 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 54 suspended, credit for 36 days served; petti; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Jose Alfredo Ormnia-Truj, 17, 340 E. 400 N., Jerome; driving under the influence amended to driving under the influence (under age 21); \$500 fine, \$500 suspended; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 120 suspended, credit for 30 days served, no to re-enter the county illegally; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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Felony sentencing Taranga DeForest Padilla, 27, 1000 W. Ave. E., No. 14, Jerome; aggravated assault amended to disturbing the peace; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; six months in jail, 15 suspended; probation; 30 days in jail, 15 suspended; credit for 11 days served; possession of a controlled substance; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Contessa Marie Ayon, 20, 113 Fourth Ave. E., Apt. 3, Jerome; drug trafficking amended to aiding/betting controlled substance violation; \$2,000 fine, \$88.50 court costs, 10 years' supervised probation; 180 days in jail; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood. Felony sentencing Taranga DeForest Padilla, 27, 1000 W. Ave. E., No. 14, Jerome; aggravated assault amended to disturbing the peace; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; six months in jail, 15 suspended; probation; 30 days in jail, 15 suspended; credit for 11 days served; possession of a controlled substance; \$300 fine, \$300 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen. Contessa Marie Ayon, 20, 113 Fourth Ave. E., Apt. 3, Jerome; drug trafficking amended to aiding/betting controlled substance violation; \$2,000 fine, \$88.50 court costs, 10 years' supervised probation; 180 days in jail; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

Misdeamnor sentencing Ricardo Lopez-Villa, 21, 2210 California St., No. 3, Gooding; providing false information to an officer; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 175 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Austin T. Maxwell, 20, 1177 Blake, Twin Falls; trespassing on cultivated lands in violation of warning signs; \$75.50 hunting license suspension; \$25 fine, \$71 court costs, \$35 probation fee, 371 court costs, \$35 probation fee, one year unsupervised probation; 30 days in jail, 30 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Mica Hancock, 37, 906 Montana St., Gooding; driving under the influence; 90-day driver's license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$750 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 175 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Mica Hancock, 37, 906 Montana St., Gooding; driving under the influence; 90-day driver's license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$750 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 175 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Felony arraignments Mario Alberto Hernandez, 49, Department of Correction, Boise; escape by one charged and convicted of, on probation; \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$750 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy. Risk Management Alternatives vs. Tonya A. Torres, formerly known as Burton; Seeking \$1,934.12, plus interest; \$750 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection. Child support cases State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Vicente Martinez. Seeking monthly support of \$293.32, plus interest; attorney fees of \$363 attorney fees. Divorces Ruth Marie Thomas vs. Keith Lewis Thomas Tara Dawn Boston-Martinez vs. Juan Valdez Martinez.

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

THE TIMES-NEWS SHOSHONE - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following: Arraignments Stephanie M. Prescott, 20, P.O. Box 6124, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Dec. 18; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Michael Heworth, 40, 300 First Ave. W., No. 26, Lewiston; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference Dec. 18; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Bill R. Small, 49, 110 N. Main, Richfield; use of possession of drug paraphernalia; pre-trial conference Jan. 8; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Maria Valera Reyes, 23, 200 F. Third, Shoshone; driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Jan. 8; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram. Stephen Bradley Wilson, 56, P.O. Box 92, Richfield; 26; claims lead conduct with a weapon under 16; preliminary hearing; \$1,350.32, plus interest; attorney fees of \$452. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection. Maceley and Lori Alexson vs. Melanie Burda. Seeking \$4,000. Plaintiff alleges defendant owes for unpaid rent and extensive cleanup costs.

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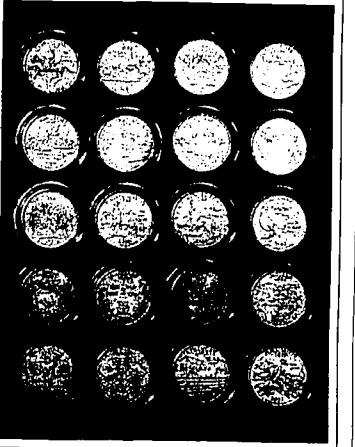
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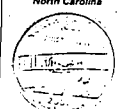



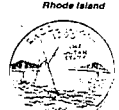
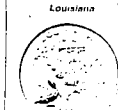


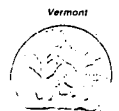
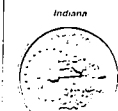
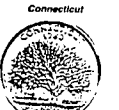



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<p>Delaware</p>  <p>Depicted here is Caesar Rodney and his last day ride to Philadelphia. He was the decisive vote for American Independence.</p>	<p>Massachusetts</p>  <p>The Massachusetts Statehood Quarter is adorned with the Native State of the Algonquians.</p>	<p>New York</p>  <p>As the national symbol of freedom, the New York Statehood Quarter is adorned with the Statue of Liberty.</p>	<p>Tennessee</p>  <p>Featured on the Tennessee Quarter is a guitar, violin, sheet music and fiddle, reflecting its musical influence to American culture.</p>
<p>Pennsylvania</p>  <p>The Pennsylvania Statehood Quarter portrays an allegorical female figure of Commonwealth.</p>	<p>Maryland</p>  <p>The Old State House Capitol Dome is revealed in coin history on the reverse of the Maryland State Quarter.</p>	<p>North Carolina</p>  <p>North Carolina honors the first flight with Wilbur and Orville Wright.</p>	<p>Ohio</p>  <p>Ohio features an early Wright Flyer and the Apollo era spacecraft, reflecting its musical influence to American culture.</p>
<p>New Jersey</p>  <p>A portion of an 1831 Leavitt oil painting is pictured with Washington crossing the Delaware.</p>	<p>South Carolina</p>  <p>The South Carolina Statehood Quarter honors the State's first trees and flowers.</p>	<p>Rhode Island</p>  <p>The Rhode Island Statehood Quarter is depicted with a common site in the state.</p>	<p>Louisiana</p>  <p>Louisiana design shows a Frenchman and celebrates the Louisiana Purchase with an early one of the United States.</p>
<p>Georgia</p>  <p>The Georgia Statehood Quarter features one of the masterpieces of the state: the Georgia Peach.</p>	<p>New Hampshire</p>  <p>The "Old Man of the Mountain," a natural rock formation, is struck on the New Hampshire Statehood Quarter.</p>	<p>Vermont</p>  <p>The Vermont Statehood Quarter is adorned with a depiction of one of their largest crops - maple syrup.</p>	<p>Indiana</p>  <p>The Indiana Quarter is adorned with an early car super-imposed over the state outline.</p>
<p>Connecticut</p>  <p>"The Charter Oak" is struck with fine detail on the reverse of the Connecticut Statehood Quarter.</p>	<p>Virginia</p>  <p>Virginia, known for the first English settlers, is shown with their ships: the Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery.</p>	<p>Kentucky</p>  <p>My Old Kentucky Home is pictured with an thoroughbred horse on the Kentucky Statehood Quarter.</p>	<p>Mississippi</p>  <p>Two magnolia blossoms are leaves which signify the southern perfume of Mississippi.</p>

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Year of scandal leads to changes

NEW YORK (AP) - Doing business is different now, after the scandals at Enron, Global Crossing, WorldCom and other companies produced an unstoppable push for reform.

Some changes designed to clean up accounting, insider trading, executive pay arrangements and other corporate activities have already been enacted, including many in the so-called Sarbanes-Oxley Act that was passed by Congress last summer. Others are still being formulated by a variety of regulators. Here is a glance of some of the major reforms.

Insider trading

Executives and directors of publicly held companies used to have as many as 40 days to report their trades of company shares. Now they have two business days. Reformers want still other rules, including a ban on trading during blackout periods when employees are banned from selling their shares.

Stock options

While any effort to legislate handling of stock options probably would fail, many publicly held companies are giving in to shareholder pressure and beginning to treat the stock options given to executives and workers as a business expense. Even as big companies like Coca-Cola and GE now start to expense options, however, most corporations still only mention them in the footnotes of earnings reports. The biggest resistance is from tech firms: Cisco Systems said last month that its first quarter profit would have been reduced by 60 percent had it treated stock options as an expense.

Director independence

Regulators may soon require that a company's board to have a majority of outside directors, who would have to take their independence seriously. Conflicts of interest, such as company donations to directors' pet projects, have abounded in cases of companies hit by scandal like Enron and Tyco.

Stock research

Tougher guidelines are being formulated to try to make sure a firm's evaluations of stock aren't biased by a desire to win more investment banking business. Some companies appear to be trying to pre-empt tighter regulation by putting more distance between their research and investment banking divisions. Regulators want more disclosure by analysts of any conflicts of interest, and want to bar companies from giving them bonuses or other compensation for helping

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They did a bad, bad thing



Troubled stocks
A modest rally this fall did little to reassure investors, leaving the markets down.

Shredded truth
Arthur Andersen LLP was convicted of obstruction of justice for destroying Enron Corp. documents.

What Enron wrought
Enron's collapse helped fuel investigations of those who did business with it.



Air turbulence
US Airways filed for bankruptcy protection in August and United Airlines followed in December, with the biggest industry filing ever.



Accounting for earnings
Many companies use their own formulas for so-called pro forma earnings, which are supposed to show how much money a company's real business operations are making or losing. Too often they are tailored to make profits look better. New rules prohibit pro forma statements from stripping out too many of the negative numbers required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which will have to be plainer in future quarterly and annual statements. Even tighter regulations are expected by late January.

Who's accountable when
Top executives have to certify the financial reports of publicly held companies, under penalty of fines and imprisonment. And these companies must report more quickly: They used to have 45 days after the end of a quarter to report on their performance; it's now 30. For annual reports the period has shrunk from 90 days to 60. Statements must now also include substantial off-balance sheet transactions - a vehicle used by Enron to hide debt.

Auditor conflicts
A new federal oversight board will monitor the practices of big

Scandals grip corporate America

The government investigated. Executives were led away in handcuffs. Retirement savings were wiped out. All were part of a tumultuous year in business that seemed to lurch from one scandal to yet another.

Government crackdown

Congress passed Sarbanes-Oxley, a bill toughening penalties for accounting fraud and requiring corporate executives to certify financial results.

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Many people... for economic recovery

It's a year later, and Mark Kulick is gradually pulling his life back together from the recession of 2001. But as with the economy, full recovery isn't coming easily.

Kulick, 45, laid off as a maintenance mechanic in the summer of 2001, enrolled in community college near his home in West Scranton, Pa., and is on track to get a degree in electrical engineering technology next spring. His confidence, though, remains shaky and job prospects uncertain.

"I feel I'm able to cope right now," he said. "But I don't think I'll be able to gain any kind of strength until I'm permanently employed."

The story is much the same for the U.S. economy. After being socked by the potent combination of a recession and the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001, the world's leading economy climbed back up tentatively in 2002 but remained sluggish and shadowed by doubt at year's end.

"Unemployment is back at an eight-year high, consumer confidence has dropped in the last six months and 401(k) statements are still painful to look at. Those 'Dow 10,000' caps the New York Stock Exchange handed out in the golden investing days of 1999 aren't ready to come out of mothballs yet."

While some economic signs are positive and a double-dip recession seems unlikely, most experts still see a full-blown recovery before the second half of next year.

"We had almost everything you could hit us with between 2001 and 2002 - Sept. 11, corporate malfeasance, the war on terrorism, Iraqophobia, a dock strike," said Diane Swonk, chief economist for Chicago-based Bank One.

The economy proved much more resilient than anybody thought, and prospects are better for more balanced growth next year. But it will probably be another six months before we start to feel a single about the economic trades.

The tight job market has many on edge. The economy, while inching forward, isn't growing fast enough to create new jobs for the army of the jobless.

Kulick is one of several job-cut victims interviewed for an Associated Press story in December 2001 about the economic toll of the recession.

Contacted a year later to see how they were faring, several cited a common sentiment they'd felt during the difficult months of unemployment: fear.

having to re-define himself and invest in a new calling in the second half of his working career, all in a changing economy.

"It was a very frightening experience," said the second-year student at Luzern County Community College, 2001 Nantuxite, Pa. "Once you've been 25 years in the same job, you kind of feel your life is never going to change."

"Losing that security caused a lot of problems in my life. I was thrown into a completely new environment, financially and socially. Working is a lot of who you are."

Kulick and his coworkers at Thompson Consumer Electronics used to joke that they'd end up flipping burgers at the fast-food place down the street if the economy went sour. Now, he said, reality has set in.

The unemployment rate jumped back to 6 percent in November, delivering what one analyst called a "cold, hard slap in the face" about the economy, and is expected to rise as high as 6.5 percent. Concerned about a possible war with Iraq and their own sinking stock prices, corporations and businesses are showing extra caution in staffing and costs. Manufacturing remains in recession, with employment in the nation's factories continuing to decline.

In the face of that bleak outlook, Michael Stanchina was thankful to land a job at a tube bender at a tire plant in his home town of Fairview, Mich.

Stanchina, 50, scored a large area for work after losing his year manufacturing job. It still took him a year to find a permanent job, and for less pay, a year in which he fought forest fires, did road construction, spent months on unemployment and tried to stay positive.

"I consider myself lucky," he said.

"I take one day at a time, and as long as I get paid and pay check after pay check, and insurance, I'm happy. You feel good when you can make your bills and you've got a little money in your pocket."

Fund investors could benefit from making resolutions

By Amy Baldwin
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - 2002 was definitely a year mutual fund investors would rather forget, and for good reason. It was the worst year for funds in nearly two decades and nearly every stock fund posted a loss.

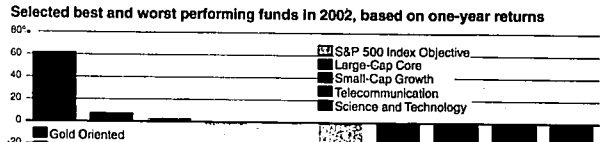
According to fund tracker Lipper Inc., equity funds dropped 20.25 percent in 2002, the worst decline since 1974, when they fell 24.72 percent. And, 96 percent of stock funds declined this past year.

The nation's 93 billion fund investors could certainly wallow in the dreadfulness of 2002. But if they'd prefer to take a more positive approach to 2003, there's quite a bit they can do to help their sagging portfolios. Here are some suggestions:

- Become a more knowledgeable investor.
- Buy smart. Vanguard Group and Money Magazine found in 2002 that investors' knowledge is slim. The two groups tested 1,000 people on investing 101, and the mean score was a failing 40 percent. The hardest question, stumping 84 percent, asked investors about the purpose of an index mutual fund.
- If you want to improve your investing know-how in 2003, read a book on finance or newspapers' business pages. Or, join an investment club or take an investing course.
- Turn to the Internet. Several fund companies, including Vanguard and Fidelity, have educational materials on their Web sites. Fund researcher Morningstar's site allows investors to look up fund profiles, which feature information on performance, holdings, ratings and fund managers.
- Be savvy about taxes.
- Keep an eye on the market's ups and downs, but you can exer-

Equity mutual funds finish mostly lower in 2002

A broad-based market decline hurt equity funds in 2002, with double-digit declines common in most sectors. Still, investors could find solace in gold-oriented funds, which led the way for the second straight year.



Category	Total net assets in billions	One-year return by %	Three-year return by %	Worst	Total net assets in billions	One-year return by %	Three-year return by %
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Specialty				Telecommunication	\$2.5	-40.41	-34.46
Diversified Equity	\$4.4	8.14	9.29	Small-Cap Growth	\$36.5	-28.89	-16.76
Real Estate	\$16.2	3.43	12.48	Large-Cap Core	\$405.1	-22.69	-15.11
Emerging Markets	\$30.8	-3.72	-12.95	S&P 500 Index Objective	\$223.4	-21.77	-14.78
Natural Resources	\$5.8	-5.42	-3.92				

NOTE: Asset figures are as of Nov. 30; all other figures are as of Dec. 25.

SOURCE: Lipper Inc.

Some control over your tax bill. In particular, you can limit some of the capital gains taxes paid when a fund manager sells shares during the year.

Taxes weren't an issue in 2002, as nearly all stock mutual funds had capital losses. But those losses can work to investors' advantage in 2003, said Jordan Goodman, author of "Everyone's Money Book."

"If you are a contrarian, buy a fund that had a huge loss this year," Goodman recommended. "Say next year the fund has profitable trades, those capital gains will be offset by capital losses" carried over from 2002.

Also keep in mind that in 2002 it got easier for investors to track the tax implications as funds are now required to disclose after-tax returns as opposed to just pretax results.

In future, remember that even if a fund posts a negative return, you could still incur a tax bill for capital gains registered earlier in the year. Again, that wasn't a problem for most funds this past year.

• Pay attention to fees, or even pay lower fees.

Face it, fund costs cut into a fund's total return or accentuate its losses.

Financial advisers say fees can claim as much as 25 percent of your return and they often recommend investors stick to funds with a fee of less than 2 percent.

Fees vary by fund type. Index funds, which mirror major stock indexes like the Standard & Poor's 500, have the lowest fees, running about 0.5 percent due to the fact that these funds require little management.

Top banker acknowledges public anger over euro price

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) - New Year's Day marked the first anniversary of the use of the euro in cash transactions, and Europeans increasingly were complaining about higher prices for everyday items - from cups of coffee to haircuts - boosted during the switchover from national currencies.

One of them is Europe's top central banker, who says he's upset at being gouged for parking fees. He also concedes that bank officials may have helped him sell his argument, admitting the link between euro's launch and some price rises.

"I will confess we were very reluctant to admit that, indeed, the switchover did somewhat act to increase prices," European Central Bank President Wim Duisenberg said in a Dutch television interview last week. "We should have been more honest about it."

Heinrich believes that would have helped him sell his argument, generally backed by economists, that inflation because of the euro was "very limited."

But even he conceded the bigger picture has masked sharp increases in some very noticeable areas, such as restaurant meals, newspapers and chocolate bars. Those are the items people are likely to remember because they buy them every day or every week, Duisenberg said in another TV interview.

In Frankfurt, where the ECB is based, Duisenberg was dismayed to find he had to pay one euro, equivalent to \$1.04, for a beer at the main train station - a 93 percent hike from the pre-euro price of one German mark.



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More specialized funds, such as those that focus on companies by industry, region or size, carry higher fees because managers must do more research and often execute more trades.

Diversified investors have a variety of assets, such as stocks, bonds, real estate and cash. The idea here is not to have all your proverbial eggs - or in this case, all of your nest egg - in one basket.

It is also important to have diversification among mutual fund holdings. That means owning different types of funds, such as large, mid- and smallcap varieties, as well as domestic and international funds and perhaps some sector-specific funds, such as technology and financial services funds.

"You don't want to have four funds and all of them are technology. You want to diversify your funds and have a bit of everything," said Marsha Bertrand, author of Getting Started in Investment Clubs.

But a plethora of funds isn't necessarily the answer, she said.

"You don't have to buy 10 or 20 funds," Bertrand said. "You can really diversify yourself with two or three funds if you buy the right ones."

With the occasional late fee

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DEAR ABBY: That grandmother should have used this experience as a "fun" and instructive opportunity to show her grandchild the due date, mark it on the calendar and return the book together - before it was overdue. It would have provided a valuable lesson to the child, based on positive role modeling.

DEAR ABBY: Indeed. Even with library discounts, the cost of rescuing our libraries is considerable. Read on:

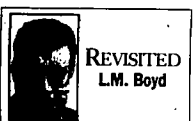
DEAR DENISE: On Dec. 7, 1963, a man named Richard Dodd returned an overdue library book to the University of Cincinnati. His great-grandfather had checked out the volume in 1823. Although he did not have to pay the fine, the library computed the fine - and it would have totaled \$22,646.

DEAR HELEN: You have made a good point. It reminds me of a stanza from a wonderful poem, "The Reading Mother," by Strickland Gillilan, that has appeared in this column a number of times: "You may have tangible wealth untold, "Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. "Richer than I you can never be - "I had a mother who read to me."

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for putting in a good word for libraries, and for exposing children to them. During World War II, my first library was a very small room on the upper floor of the old Grange Hall in the little village of Salvo, N.Y. Since it was close to my home, I was allowed to go

More words describe thief than honest person

Crimed goods shelves in supermarkets have to be kept extremely clean. So if a can sticks even slightly, that signals leakage. And leakage from a can suggests the food therein is bad, dangerously bad, maybe even deadly bad.



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cal growth at age 1, but a man's brain keeps on growing until about 10 years after sexual maturity. Our Love and War man has seen much proof that man's driving interest in matters romantic develops long before his brain does.

Some milk farmers once used pink lights over their cages. That produced mostly males. But they get better pelts from females. So they switched to blue lights. That produces mostly females. Simple.

Restoration of harmony is possible for Libra

IF JANUARY 2ND IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you are sensitive and creative and take marriage both seriously. Family and home mean much to you, and you have sacrificed to keep them. You are alert to moods of others; now be creatively aware of your own happiness. Capricorn, Cancer individuals play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: B, K, T. September will be your most intense, romantic month of the year.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

forward. Be analytical, obtain story behind the story. Flirtation should not be taken lightly - it is serious. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Restoration of domestic harmony is possible, if you so desire. Attention revolves around home, income potential. Your voice is melodious; sing in or out of shower.

Remember, that clockwork snail is on its south side. One thesaurus offers 17 words for an honest man and 193 for a thief. Figures. Q. How frequently do parachutes fail to work just right? A. Once in every 1,200 jumps is

a much-used statistic. Not all chud malfunctions are fatal, might mention. Q. Does a bear have fur on the soles of its feet? A. Not every bear. But the polar bear does. On ice, if it didn't, it would act like Chevy Chase. Scientists say the brain of a chimpanzee completes its physi-

cal growth at age 1, but a man's brain keeps on growing until about 10 years after sexual maturity. Our Love and War man has seen much proof that man's driving interest in matters romantic develops long before his brain does. Does a scatter of coffee grounds keep cats and dogs out of a flower bed? One kindly client insists so. No doubt as a child you, too, were told to listen more and talk less. Ancient advice, that. It was Diogenes who first said that's why we have two ears but one tongue. The National Anthem of Bahrain - a dandy anthem - con-

tains no words. Q. Does Saudi Arabia have zoos? A. Indeed. Men and women are admitted on alternate days. Odds run against the unmarried young lady in search of a tall matrimonial mate. Chances are 13 to one she'll wind up with a man shorter than 6 feet. Our Love and War man says something else not too likely is that she'll give a hoot.

'24' reignites actor's career

RADDOR, Pa. (AP) - Kiefer Sutherland's career has been reinvigorated by the Fox show "24" and he knows it. "Right now, my life revolves around this show," Sutherland told TV Guide for his Jan. 4 issue. "When something like '24' happens, you bow your head and say thank you."

"When something like '24' happens, you bow your head and say thank you." - Kiefer Sutherland Kiefer had a 6 a.m. makeup call," said director Joel Schumacher, who has worked with Sutherland on four films. "He'd party until four, drive to Warner Bros, park his car next to the security guard's gate and ask the guard to wake him at six."

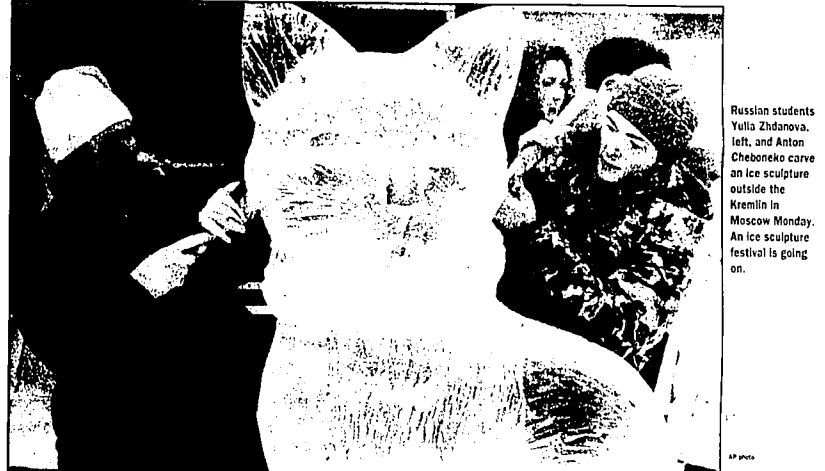
ABC offers college football fare today and Friday

Today "College Football" - From Miami, ABC, 6 p.m. "Election" - A popular teacher's life takes a downward turn as he attempts to run a hated student's campaign for class president. (CC) (TV14) FOX, 7 p.m. "Friends" - Joey sneaks a peek as Rachel tries unsuccessfully to nurse her newborn baby; Monica and Chandler retire to a closet for privacy. Elliott Gould guest stars. (CC) (TV14) NBC, 7 p.m. Friday "College Football" - Miami and quarterback Ken Dorsey look to repeat as national champions but Ohio State and running back Maurice Clarett stand in their way. From Tempe, Ariz. ABC, 6 p.m. "The Shawshank Redemption" - A mild-mannered banker and a seasoned convict forge an unlikely

friendship behind bars at a maximum security prison. (TV14) TURNER NETWORK TELEVISION, 6 p.m. "The Nutty Professor" - An obese scientist drops the pounds and his poor self-image when a secret formula turns him into a slender ladies man. (CC) (TVPG) FOX, 7 p.m. Saturday "Beetlejuice" - Two recently deceased newlyweds hire a vulgar ghost to frighten obnoxious new tenants out of their New England home. (TVPG) VIDEO HITS CHANNEL, 6 p.m.

"Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" - Slacker pals Jay and Silent Bob head to Hollywood to sabotage a new movie based on their comic-book personas. (CC) SHOWTIME, 9 p.m. "A Beautiful Mind" - Mathematical genius John Nash battles schizophrenia and wins the Nobel Prize. Winner of four Academy Awards. (CC) HOME BOX OFFICE, 9 p.m. Sunday "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" - A world-famous confectioner offers a lifetime supply of candy to the five winners of a treasure hunt. (CC) (TVY) ABC, 6 p.m. "Gente Ben 2: Danger on the

Mountain" - Mark and Gentle Ben uncover an insidious threat to the environment after Fog allows drilling operations on his land. (TVG) THE ANIMAL PLANET CHANNEL, 6 p.m. "The Crooked E: The Unshredded Truth About Enron" - Based on former Enron employee Brian Crutcher's account of the scandal that brought about his company's downfall. (CC) CBS, 8 p.m. Monday "The King of Queens" - Carrie Dave Foley's therapist (guest star Glee Douc) a laundry list of bad habits to work on. Arthur fights an addiction to nasal spray. (CC) CBS, 7 p.m.



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Goodbye to old-time work

"Yeah, Bruce doesn't need a job, but he's never alive," he said. "I wouldn't have one. They've eliminated jobs like Bruce's. The hangar yards are closing all over the country. Trains aren't set up for small-line freight."

"Bama with cowboys," Field Woodland said. "Aren't many. When I was hunting, I'd see one coming. I'd sit and wait until rider and horse pulled up. We'd visit for a minute or two while she put in a chew."

"I've seen that, too," I said. "Kind of gets me. I tried chew. It didn't burn my tongue off, but it did get rid of my breath."

"Just goes to prove who's the toughest," Field said. "I'd turn the conversation with a cowhand as quickly as I could to bird hunting. 'You know? Seen any edge grouse around?' She'd say something like 'Yeah, a few.' I'd say, 'Where?' She'd say, 'In the draw. Hellers Draw.' I'd ask, 'Many?' She'd say, 'Yeah, a flock. Maybe 12-15.'"



DOG-EARED TALES
Bill Stubbins

"Made it easy, huh?" I said. "Well, easier. Gave me confidence to keep on moving," Field said. "I'd talk a bit more about the weather, grass, horses, and yin. Then she'd ride off. The horse walked briskly, hips twisting as it found footing and followed the faint trail down the rocky slope."

"I don't see many cowboys or cowgirls, anymore," I said. "That's my point," Field said. "They've been eliminating cowboys as fast as they have workers in a highway. It's pickups, all-terrain vehicles, and rapists. They're not cowboys. They're goof balls. No time to chat. And if they see birds, the cackle, pop, and whir of their motor flushes them."

"I used to get good points from cat, coyote, and fox trappers, too," I said. "They'd see birds, and they'd tell me where. Right on the money, too."

"Well, that's just it. The price of fur has wrecked the trapping business," Field said. "I've had dogs tracked by coyotes, and I've seen cats on ledges above me. I've told hunters and trappers where, too, but that's another story. "I had a dog get in a trap once," I said. "It was Sicily. We were hunting chuckars. I was walking the ridge lip. Sis dropped down to hunt the terrace. That way, I could shoot up or down. I was romancing the landscape when I heard Sis let out a bloodcurdling howl. Then she began whining. Her cry was desperate and sad. It was the sound of helplessness."

"What did you do?" Field said. "I ran, scrambled down the ledge, and jumped across boulders. Sis was under a ledge, and her left front leg was in a trap. The trap was chained to a stake in the ground. She was standing on three legs, pulling against the chain, and whining in bewilderment."

"Was her leg hurt?" Field said. "I didn't know right then, but when I told her to whoa, she stopped pulling and looked at me, waiting for help. I moved her back so I had some slack in the chain, and I got the trap off. Just in those few minutes, her foot had swollen, but nothing was broken. I put the trap back, but I didn't set it."

"How'd you get the trap off her leg?"

"I kept it on the ground, got Sis angled out of the way, and did the hop and hold on the springs with all of my weight. That released the jaws enough for Sis to free her leg. Traps are tough, and if you're not familiar with them, or if they're big, you can't get them off."

"I don't know. It seems like traps have gone the way of cowboys and hangar yard workers," Field said. "You just don't see them anymore. We're missing a whole set of changes in the wind, rain, sun, and snow made. They saved me and my dogs a lot of walking. And I've enjoyed the ambience."

Flocking together

Christmas bird count keeps long tradition

By Rita Marcell

Tucson-News correspondent

Billed as the largest wildlife census in the world, the annual Christmas bird count conducted by Audubon members is 103 years old. It all started in 1900 when 27 conservationists counted and recorded birds in an area near Washington, D.C. The annual event has grown to 55,000 volunteers from 50 states, Canadian provinces, across Central and South America, West Indies and Pacific Islands.

The Twin Falls count is 23 years old, and the leader has been Jeff Ruprecht. He was honored at the compilation meeting on Dec. 21 for his dedication.

The Twin Falls old post office is the center of the census area, extending in a radius of 35 miles. This year, four groups totaling nine volunteers observed birds in their assigned localities. Weather conditions of rain and snow made observations difficult, and many birds that are normally seen were absent.

The volunteers identified 59 species and counted 14,873 total birds. It was obvious that the 9,000 starlings and 1,500 house finches were predominant. Field pigeons, "rock doves," were the next highest with 420 seen, primarily around dairies and feedlots.

The highest number of mourning doves ever recorded in the Twin Falls count was observed this year with a total of 225 of these warm-weather species. The past mild winters have evidently convinced them to remain in our banana belt.

Birds of prey "raptors" were way below previous counts with only 12 red-tailed hawks, three rough-legged hawks, no northern harriers and no eagles seen. Whether this is a result of the mild winters, drought or reduction in the mouse populations is difficult to assess. One great horned owl and two barn owls were observed.

The downward trend in game birds is obvious with only two pheasants, 11 California quail and no gray partridge seen by the nine volunteers. They counted areas all along the Snake River, Rock Creek and agricultural lands surrounding Twin Falls, which have held these



A portion of an estimated 3,000 starlings take off from a feedlot east of Jerome. A serious problem at dairies and feedlots is the high number of starlings competing heavily with native birds.



House finches, house sparrows and Juncos feed near the author's home in Jerome.

Duck numbers drop - D2

birds in the past.

There were two unusual sightings that the observers reported. Karl Ruprecht said he saw an otter catch a large trout in Dierkes Lake. The otter is a great overland traveler and will occupy new water areas if the food supply is present. Evidently, the recent fish release in Dierkes Lake have been to his liking.

My own experience involved a sharp-shinned hawk that attacked the birds in my bird feeder as I was photographing,

them. This hawk favors small birds as its prey. It is adapted with a long tail for balance and short, curved wings to pursue fleeing birds in heavy cover. Needless to say, they all fled, but she sat on top of my bird feeder for a photo.

These annual counts are utilized by ornithologists to determine trends in worldwide bird populations. For example, they have shown a reduction in some of the species that utilize the rain forests in South America. Monitoring the status of early winter bird populations is increasingly important to determine the health of our environment.

Sure-footed mules give riders splendid view of Grand Canyon

It was a fantastic day on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. The air was cool and the wildlife plentiful, as we drove into the Grand Canyon Lodge on Sunday, Sept. 1.

We paid our fee of \$90 each, were weighed in, filled our boots with water, and loaded up into a van for the adventure of a lifetime.

We were driven to the mule corral, a few minutes away, and each of us were sized up, and questioned as to our mule experience. We were then matched up with a mule that would give us the best possible ride. I was given Gus, a dependable, older mule of 17 years, and he had been in and out of the Grand Canyon many times. He was experienced and I was not, so we made a great match.

My husband Terry, who weighed in just under the maximum weight, got paired up with a mule named Junior. Junior was no baby mule, he was the biggest mule in the corral.

There were five other people in our group. After everyone mounted his or her mules, we were off. Our guide Hank led us down the narrow path.

At first the path was edged in



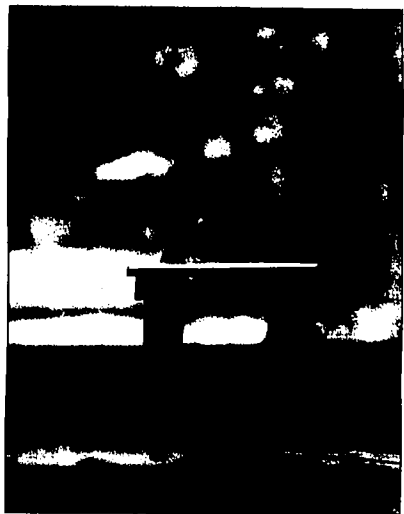
Karla Barnes, last on the trail, rides the dusty roads scaling along the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in Arizona, during a September 2002 trip.

with growth on both sides, but as we descended into the canyon, the vegetation became thinner and our trail did too. We rode six miles into the canyon. The views were spectacular. As I rounded each corner of the narrow path, my eyes were in awe of the fantastic vistas before me. I went through a rock tunnel, and then around Headache Rock, I held my breath and shut my eyes

around John Wayne corner, as it was a very narrow sharp turn, and the drop off was over 2,000 feet.

Our group crossed a narrow bridge as we traversed lower into the canyon. Our guide was careful to keep all the mules close together as we traveled along the narrow pathways.

At times it felt as though we were in paradise, the beautiful



A sharp-shinned hawk sits on a bird feeder outside the Murrell home in Jerome.

CALLS FROM THE WILD

Karla Barnes

About this column

"Calls from the Wild" features first-person experiences submitted by wilderness readers about their outdoor adventures. To submit your story to the WFD, contact Outdoors Editor David Cooper at 733-0931, ext. 246, or e-mail him at dcoop@...

red rock walls on one side of us, and the awe inspiring view of the Grand Canyon on the other. Only one did I think of falling off my mule and into the canyon. That was only because Gus like to hug the outer edge of the path as we went along. I guess mules like to do that sort of thing. Our guide explained that the mules could see all four of their feet, so they are very sure-footed animals.

It was a glorious day, warm and sunny. Our group reached Roaring Springs in about 3 1/2 hours. We had a good sack lunch,

and relaxed around the waterfalls. It felt great to get off the mules, and soak our feet in the ice cold spring water.

After an hour or so we mounted our mules, and started our ascent out of the canyon. It was a crystal clear day, and the sky was so blue and the clouds hung perfectly in the summer sky. We were about three-fourths of the way up when a rock slide frightened Gus. Before I knew what happened Gus turned around 180 degrees and was headed back down into the canyon. I panicked and started howling, "Whoa, whoa, whoa!"

Thank God my husband was traveling behind me, and called for me to pull on the reins, which I did, and Gus responded appropriately. I was a different color for a while, but we all gathered up close and finished our journey up the canyon. We passed many hikers along the way, and I must say I was thankful I was not one of them.

The adventure of a lifetime was accomplished. I wouldn't trade it for anything. I hope, in that, that I can do it again someday.

Karla Barnes lives in Burley.

OUTDOORS

Tribes can request protected bird parts

Question: I am a Native American registered in a tribe in South Dakota. I know I can possess parts of protected birds such as hawks and eagles for ceremonial and religious purposes. My question is how do I go about obtaining feathers for religious purposes? Can I collect road killed or electrocuted specimens to get the feathers?

ASK THE OFFICER
Gary Hompland

tribe you cannot exercise any treaty rights in Idaho unless the above tribes give you access to their treaty rights.

You are correct in assuming you may possess protected birds parts such as eagle feathers. However, you may not collect any of those parts on your own. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service strictly control the distribution of protected bird parts such as eagle

feathers. The National Eagle Repository at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Commerce City, Colorado distributes all protected parts to Native Americans. All protected bird parts obtained for Native American ceremonial or religious purposes must be obtained through an official request from your tribe. Your tribe will in turn request the parts on your behalf. The demand for protected bird parts far exceeds the supply. At the Eagle Repository your request will be put on a waiting list and filled as the supply of parts such as eagle feathers allows.

In summary, as a Native American you are entitled to possess eagle feathers for religious purposes but you can't sal-

vage what you want from road kills or electrocutions. You will have to make a formal request through your tribe to the National Eagle Repository. Non-Native Americans are prohibited from possessing any protected bird parts unless they were obtained before the law protecting the species were adopted or they have obtained a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Call him at (208)324-4350 or e-mail a question at the Fish and Game Web site at www2.state.id.us/fishgame.

Snowmobile plans safety

TWIN FALLS—The Magic Valley Snowmobilers, in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the Idaho State Snowmobile Association, will be holding a Snowmobile Safety Awareness Course and Ride on Day Jan. 14 to 16 in Twin Falls, from 6 to 9 p.m. each night.

The course will provide an introduction to the sport of snowmobiling, teach proper clothing and protective equipment, teach proper snowmobile maintenance and repair. The course will also teach proper snowmobile etiquette, and proper riding techniques and give basic introduction to first aid, emergency and survival skills, map, compass, and GPS use and how to recognize hazardous conditions. Participants shall receive a basic first aid/survival kit.

The course instructors will be from the Magic Valley Snowmobilers Club in Twin Falls. All participants will receive a certificate of completion. The class is limited to 25 students and will be held at the Obenchain Insurance Community room.

Introductory course teaches avalanche safety

An introductory course designed to provide students with the basics of avalanche safety and snow study will be held Friday, Jan. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m., also at the Obenchain Insurance Community Room.

The course is designed for any and all winter activity users interested in snow and avalanche awareness. Topics covered include the elements of safe winter travel in the backcountry, the dynamics of snow, what is avalanche terrain and what factors influence the development of avalanche conditions. Lectures will be from the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center.

For more information about these clinics, or to reserve a spot, contact Sam Nickles at 733-3293 or Rene Neumeayer at 423-9781.

Cross-country Idaho provides free Nordic skiing

HAGERMAN—The sponsors of Cross-Country Idaho are offering free cross-country ski rentals and lessons at Magic Mountain Ski Resort, on Saturday, Jan. 11. Everyone wanting to learn about the sport of cross-country skiing is invited to attend. Magic Mountain Ski Resort is located south of Hansen on Rock Creek Road. From I-84 to Exit 182 at the Travelers Oasis and travel south.

Participants will be furnished with skis, poles and boots. They also will be given lessons on skiing techniques and safety and will be

able to use the equipment for a while.

For additional information on the event, call Jack Vartrough at 837-4500.

High Desert Nordic club learns of winter birds

TWIN FALLS—Identifying birds seen in winter will be a highlight of the meeting of the High Desert Nordic Association on Wednesday, Jan. 8. The cross-country ski group will meet at 7 p.m. that night at Idaho Joe's restaurant on Blue Lake Boulevard in Twin Falls.

Karl Ruprecht, a member of the local Audubon Society chapter will present the program focusing on how to identify birds which may be spotted while on cross-country ski trails in Southern Idaho.

In addition, HDNA members will receive information for two events in January. Members will serve as instructors and support personnel for the annual Free Ski Day, Saturday, Jan. 11 at Magic Mountain ski area in the South Hills. The event is sponsored by the Idaho Parks and Recreation Department.

Arrangements will also be completed for the organization's trip to the Hansa Ski Area in Park in eastern Idaho from Friday, Jan. 17 through Sunday, Jan. 19. The organization and meeting are open to the general public and all cross-country enthusiasts. Call Dale Stewart for more information at 733-1882.

Snoocross season will open Saturday

STANLEY—The first race of the Sawtooth Snoocross Circuit will be held Jan. 4 at Stanley. Snoocross is extreme snowmobile racing combining the speed and thrill of an oval track, the bumps and corners of a cross-country race, and the high-flying excitement of a motocross race.

Registration will run from 7 to 9 a.m. at Bridge Street Burgers and Brew. The drivers meeting will be held at the track at 11 a.m. Racers can pre-register online at sawtoothsnoocross.com.

Spectators will have the opportunity to witness some of the best snowmobile racers our area has to offer. Current weather forecasts should ensure premium track conditions. Concessions will be provided.

There will be a total of five snoocross events this season. For further information visit our Website at www.sawtoothsnoocross.com or call 764-3699.

— compiled from staff reports

Weather contributes to lower duck numbers

Fewer hunters mean less revenue for Idaho

BOISE (AP)—Times are tough for Idaho duck hunters. The number of birds whistling into the state are down due to a mixture of dry Canadian prairie, wetlands development and maybe even the unpredictable global warming phenomenon.

The number of duck and goose hunters has dropped, meaning less revenue for habitat improvement and a struggle to maintain the tradition that has been handed down through the generations.

Fortunately, those hunters have people like Dan Papp, Idaho Fish and Game Department hunter education chief.

"I'm a dedicated waterfowler," he said. "My co-workers call me 'Daddy Duck.'"

Papp checks the local schools, confers with biologists and encourages people to pick up a gun and put out some decoys.

"This is not a banner year in the duck blinds."

"At least for the fall flight, we're seeing numbers way below average. The nesting success has been down quite a bit after several years of drought in Canada," he said.

The numbers of 2002 arrivals

to Idaho have not been compiled. Still, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that total duck numbers in the nation fell 14 percent from a year ago to 31.4 million birds, a record low. The long-term average since surveys began in 1955.

The 2001 Idaho duck harvest totaled 190,493 birds, 8 percent below the previous year. The goose harvest was 51,000, a 42 percent drop from 2000.

Papp said the drying-up of the vast "prairie pothole region" in Alberta and Saskatchewan is part of a regular cycle. It is the traditional northern terminus for the ducks on their migrations.

When ducks find thousands of pothole ponds empty of water, they fly farther to a boreal forest area where breeding activity is lower and the food supply poorer.

"The prairie goes through a wet and dry cycle naturally. It has happened as long as the potholes have been around," said Bruce Batt, chief biologist for Ducks Unlimited, the waterfowl group that has raised millions of dollars to improve habitat.

But Mike Anderson, Canadian director of Ducks Unlimited's research arm, worries that global

warming caused by a buildup of greenhouse gases will erase the potholes over the long term.

"If pessimistic forecasts come to pass, global warming will have extensive impact on wetlands and their ability to function in improving water quality, moderating water flows and providing critical wildlife habitat," said Anderson's Institute for Wetland and Waterfowl Research.

It is certain that development on the American flyways is removing waterfowl habitat on a grand scale.

In 1999, President George H. Bush set a goal of "no net loss of wetlands" by requiring developers who disturb wetlands to create other wetlands to compensate.

Fish and Wildlife estimated the nation was losing 58,500 acres of wetlands annually as of 1997, only one-fifth the amount that was being lost each year a decade earlier.

Idaho duck hunting limits remain the same as last year's, with a total of seven allowed daily, but no more than two female mallards, one pintail, two redheads and four scaup for the season.

Canines receive training to find missing hikers, hunters

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—Several yards off a trail on Flagstaff Mountain, a man quietly waits to be found.

Perched behind a large outcropping of rock, he is motionless except for turning an occasional page of T.S. Eliot. The sky above him holds clouds swollen with snow.

In the next few moments, his solitude is broken as a lithe black Labrador named Torie bounds down the hill, a jingling bell on her collar signaling her approach.

Running to the man, she dances around him, then dashes back up the sharp incline to bark excitedly at her owner, Ann Wichmann.

"Did you? Did you?" Wichmann asks her 50-pound partner, now springing back and forth between her owner and the "lost" man. Her mouth opened wide in what looks like a grin. "Show me!"

So ends a successful November training exercise for one of the Front Range Rescue Dogs. The nonprofit group of volunteers and canines provides rescue teams in missing-person emergencies.

The group has about 25 members. Eight are qualified handlers, and the rest are trainees or provide operational support. They work primarily in Boulder County but respond throughout Colorado and other states as well.

Team members wear a pager and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They receive an average of 30 calls a year to aid in cases that include lost children, wayward hikers or victims of disaster.

The demands of such an undertaking can be arduous—members must know wilderness navigation and survival, search and rescue techniques, and both dog and human first-aid.

They must also spend countless hours training their dogs for them to become certified, a process that usually takes about two years and must be practiced regularly. In addition, handlers must learn the intricate nature of human scent, and how it is dis-

On the Net
Front Range Rescue Dogs: <http://www.frontrangerescue-dogs.org>

persed and affected by temperature, wind, terrain and other factors.

Nearly all juggle the demands of a full-time job with their volunteer work. Some have families. And while each has his or her own motivation for climbing out of a warm bed at midnight to tramp around the woods looking for an overdue hunter, all agree that it starts with their love of dogs and their desire to give.

"I can really relate to missing-persons incidents," said handler and group President David Such, 43, a Lyons engineer who has two young children. "This way, I can do something more than stand there and wring my hands."

Handler Matt Ehn, 30, of Morrison fell in love with the idea of search and rescue work after watching a documentary about it.

"I thought it would be a great way to volunteer and rescue," said Ehn, who now partners with his black Labrador, Drake.

For others, the hard work is also recreation of sorts.

"It combines my love of working in the back with the outdoors," says Bill Hayes, 44, a Boulder adolescent psychologist and member of the group since 1987. Hayes—who is training his young German wirehaired pointer, Gunner—who was the man who pretended to be lost during the practice exercise.

After being "found" by Torie, Hayes helped Wichmann with the dog's reward: an enthusiastic game of tug with a hollowed-out Frisbee.

Wichmann, 53, of Longmont, a co-founded Front Range Rescue Dogs in 1984 with two other members who have since moved on. Her desire to begin the group stemmed from the loss of two friends—one a former boyfriend—who died in separate mountain accidents.

"It made me want to help people in that situation," she said. She learned the most, Wichmann said, from a Labrador she named Logan for the mountain where her boyfriend died.

Certified in water rescue training, Logan became legend for his uncanny ability, Wichmann said.

Now her most experienced partner is Jenner, a 10-year-old black Labrador who traveled to New York with her after Sept. 11 to help with victim recovery.

Months later, Jenner was diagnosed with cancer, and Wichmann believes the toxic conditions at cancer zero were the cause.

While the dog undergoes chemotherapy, Wichmann trains five of his offspring in search and rescue work.

"I'm a dog-trained person," Wichmann said. "Everything I know about searching and rescuing is taught to me by a succession of dogs."

Like Wichmann, Boulder County Sheriff's Lt. Jim Smith, makes search and rescue work a way of life. Smith is a veteran handler whose black Labrador, Gal (in honor of Jenner's daughters) is in the process of becoming certified.

"It gets to be more of a lifestyle than anything," Smith said of doing a dog search and rescue work.

He said his family's support is crucial to his work as a volunteer. "At times, getting ready to sit down to a family dinner, somebody goes missing, and you're out there looking for them," he said. "But I think they understand what a calling this is."

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National panel will begin river study

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP)—A national committee has been formed to help Washington state figure out the best ways to meet the often-competing needs of fish, farmers, utilities and others dependent upon the 1,200-mile-long Columbia River.

"It's a look at existing science by an independent panel," Joyce Redfield, a state spokeswoman for the state Department of Ecology, said Monday.

"The goal of this initiative is to bring every voice to the table, and say, 'Look, is there a way to manage this river where fish needs are met, where we can have new withdrawals from the river and still maintain the capacity for the dams and the hydroelectric needs?'"

The Ecology Department commissioned the \$48,000 study, which the committee is supposed to complete by the spring of 2004.

The committee will review environmental conditions and management options in the river and try to determine what federally protected salmon need to survive and thrive.

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Club news

The Times-News welcomes announcements and other news from our outdoor clubs.

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Your best shot

Did you bag a big buck this year? Did you reel in a whooper?

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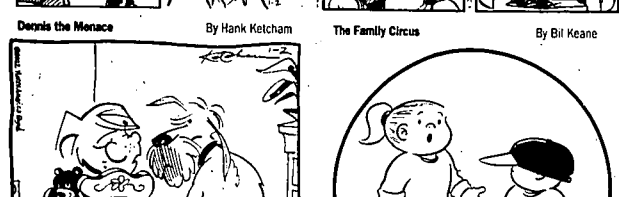
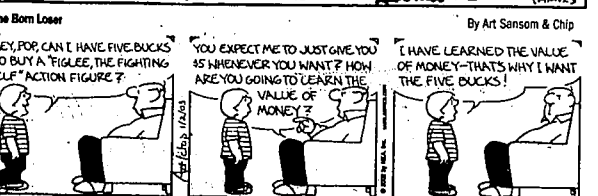
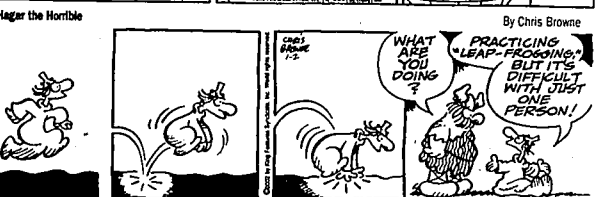
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FISH PILE



With just-hooked perch on the ice, Casey Stratton, 35, of Columbia Falls, Mont., pulls in another wriggling fish while ice fishing on Smith Lake near Kallapell, Mont., Dec. 28. Stratton was fishing with his cousin and uncle in the 32nd annual Sunfish Llone Smith Lake Ice Fishing Derby.

STRETCHING FAR AND WIDE

Wasatch Mountains span a 220-mile distance

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — From Mount Nebo, a mammoth examination point on the south end near Nephi, to the craggy Sheep Rock Point at Soda Springs, Idaho, on the north, the rugged Wasatch Mountains span a 220-mile distance.

Most people think the Wasatch range only runs from Provo to Ogden, but it is actually the longest and most prominent in the state. Although the Wasatch is Utah's fifth-tallest range, it is significant because it creates a watershed and climate that helps sustain about 90 percent of the state's population. The mountains also sustain most of Utah's ski resorts.

The southern edge of the range ends at Nephi's Mount Nebo — the king of the Wasatch at 11,928 feet — where US-152 heads up Salt Creek Canyon to Fountain Green. The San Pitch Mountains, sporting an entirely different composition of rocks, begin here and run southward.

"Cold, austere, a triple pyramid of limestone, Mount Nebo rises under the central Utah sky, the final exclamation point in stone of the Wasatch Mountains," was how Harrison R. Merrill, a Deseret News reporter, described it on July 4, 1930, after hiking to its summit. In southern Idaho, Soda Point or "Sheep Rock," a craggy point with basal cliffs, is the abrupt north end to the Wasatch. Here the range is at its shortest — 8,918 feet. Located about four miles north of Grace, Idaho, it is also the site where the Bear River does a 180-degree turn, looping around Soda Point into the Gem Valley to head toward the Great Salt Lake.

John C. Fremont, early explorer, wrote in his diary on Aug. 26, 1843,

"In sweeping around the point of the mountain which runs down into the bend, the river here passes between perpendicular walls of basalt which always

affix the attention, from the regular form in which it occurs, and its perfect distinctness from the surrounding rocks among which it has been placed. The mountain is rugged and steep, and, by our measurement, 1,400 feet above the river directly opposite the place of our halt, is called Sheep Rock, probably because a flock of the common mountain sheep had been seen on the craggy point."

J. Goldsborough Bruff, an early Oregon Trail traveler — the trail passed near Sheep Rock — said in his diary on Aug. 19, 1849:

"This remarkable cliff is surmounted by a high round hill, studded with pines & vedure a height 1,000 feet... Deep below, within these basaltic walls, the clear cold waters of the (Bear) river rush and roar, hastening to mingle with the Salts of the Great Salt Lake, some 90 odd miles... A broken place in the bank, filled with detritus, permitted us, by a troublesome path, to reach the stream and dip up water."

However, the Bear River didn't always loop around Sheep Rock. Until some 28,000 years ago, in the early days of Lake Bonneville, the river flowed northwest through Portneuf Canyon toward Lava Hot Springs and into the Snake River. Then, lava eruptions near Sheep Rock blocked that path and the river curved south toward Utah.

This additional water from the Bear River helped Lake Bonneville overflow at Red Rock Pass into the Snake River. A dramatic change in climate then shrunk Lake Bonneville into today's Great Salt Lake.

Today, Soda Point is a majestic scenic wonder. Darrel Vandeweg, geologist with the U.S. Forest Service in Soda Springs, said the stunning view at the north end of the Wasatch is all due to the past volcanic

activity in the Gem Valley; lava rock is scattered throughout.

"It's amazing," he said. "Still, many residents in southern Idaho — both those around Bear Lake on the east and those in Grace on the west — call these mountains the "Bear River Mountains," unaware they are actually part of the Wasatch.

In fact, the Wellsville Mountains and the Portneuf Mountains on west side of the Gem Valley, are segments of the Wasatch, too.

"The Wasatch Range actually splits," Vandeweg said. "The westernmost finger is the Wellsville, while the main portion of the range heads into Cache Valley. The mountains east of Bear Lake are also the Wasatch, though part of another split."

"Geographers like to put different names on it," he said, though geologically it's all the Wasatch Range. "It is confusing. Geographic names evolve differently than geologic names."

Paul Jewell, assistant professor of geology and geophysics at the University of Utah, agrees that the confusion in these sub-names comes from geography and mapping, not geology. The Wellsvilles are definitely a sub-range of the Wasatch.

Jewell said the current scientific belief is the mountains were formed some 15 million years ago from the uplift created at the junction of tectonic plates that float on the earth's surface.

Jewell said the Wasatch Mountains are still growing a fraction of a millimeter each year. However, they may not actually be getting any taller because of erosion.

Paddlers prepare for unexpected as firm guides them to remote waters

By Sam Cook Knight Ridder News Service

ELY, Minn. — One moment, Steve Piragis and his paddling partner were sitting calmly in a kayak just off Ellsworth Island in Canada's Northwest Territories. The next, they were lifted 2 feet off the water atop a surfacing walrus.

That experience remains one of the most memorable Piragis has had since he began guiding international kayaking trips in 1994. His firm, Piragis Northwoods Co. in Ely, guides small groups by kayak in some of the most remote waters on the planet.

The walrus incident ended harmlessly enough. A timely bracing of paddles on the water when the walrus submerged allowed Steve and his client, a man named Larry, to steady the kayak. But Piragis noticed he was sitting in a puddle of cold water. The walrus had opened a slit in the fabric-covered raft, and the men had to hastily paddle to shore in the frigid water.

"The walrus sat out there and looked at us for about an hour," Piragis said. This year, Piragis and his fellow guides will lead kayaking trips to Mongolia, Vietnam, Iceland, Greenland, Greece and Patagonia, in addition to trips on Lake Superior. While other adventure travel companies offer a mix of raft trips, hiking treks, bike trips, safaris and camel trips, Piragis sticks to kayaking.

The kayak trips were a logical spin-off from the firm's canoe outfitting service and retail business catering to travelers of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

"It's a short season in Ely," said Piragis, 51. "We have all this off-season in the winter. And we wanted to be able to reward our staff with these special trips."

Piragis led the first trip, to the British Virgin Islands, in 1994.

"We realized we could just move the Boundary Waters trips down to the tropics for free and we'd have a lot of fun," he said.

The firm's offerings grew from there. Now groups travel to Mongolia, Iceland, Vietnam, and among native fishing families of the coast of Vietnam and camp near ice fields on Greenland.

Twelve of the firm's staff members guide trips. Group size is kept small — from seven to 10. Many clients are repeat customers or paddlers who have made Boundary Waters trips through Piragis Northwoods Co. Small groups allow guides to keep in touch with all their clients.

"In bigger groups, you start getting cliques," said Kim McCluskey, Piragis' retail store manager and a frequent international paddling guide. "I want to give all my clients equal time. Every day."

Smaller groups are also flexible, said McCluskey, who has made two trips with Piragis Northwoods Co. and plans to go to Vietnam this spring. Neill, 58, and her husband had previously made international biking trips with groups as large as 20.

"Just getting through a dinner is a major feat," Neill said.

Kim McCluskey always makes sure he has a Polaroid camera and plenty of Tootsie Roll Pops when he leads a trip. He takes pictures of local villagers, many of whom have never seen a photograph of themselves, then leaves the photos with them. And the Tootsie Roll Pops are a universal hit with kids.

Seasoned travelers

Piragis' international travel clients are typically in their 50s and 60s, though the trips have included paddlers as young as 18 and as old as 86.

Trips usually cost from \$1,500 to \$5,000, plus airfare from the United States to the trip's departure point. Participants don't have to be highly trained athletes. Paddling is limited to a few miles per day on protected waters or in good weather. Some trips involve camping, while lodging for others is in inns, guest homes, cabins or boats.

The most important thing participants can bring to a trip is an adventurous spirit, and most clients do, McCluskey said. "They're all such great people," he said. "They take it as it comes. I don't get mad, grumpy people on my trips."

"My experience has been you can get people from different socio-economic groups and different livelihoods and when you put them in an environment where there needs to be some level of teamwork, nine times out of 10 everyone meshes together and gets along," said Dan Jaeger, 35, of Chicago, who made a Vietnam trip guided by McCluskey.

Things don't always go exactly as planned in international travel, especially in remote areas. A flight was once 12 hours overdue to pick up a group in Iceland, McCluskey said. But the fishing was good, and nobody seemed to mind. In Greece, where the rain is rare, a group once camped in a slight depression and endured a huge rainfall overnight. Participants found themselves in a few inches of standing water.

"The next morning, we're up, making coffee. People are hanging out clothes to dry. Nobody was griping," McCluskey said.

Piragis writes all of his customers before each trip, telling them to be ready for whatever happens.

"I tell them attitude is more important than almost anything," he said. "I say that, no matter what, we're going to go with the flow. It makes a huge difference in their attitudes when they get there."

Sometimes, challenges lead to unexpected discoveries.

That happened to Piragis and a fellow guide who had led their group three hours against the wind into a bay they hadn't previously explored. They had planned to camp near the foot of a glacier where a creek entered, but upon arriving they found the

most magnificent scenery and the sailing birds, and the water. The shore. "We found an unbelievable spot that we wouldn't have found if we weren't forced in," Piragis said. "We spent three days there camping and hiking."

Cultural connections One of the benefits of traveling self-propelled in remote lands is that groups often are welcomed by local residents.

"In every place we go, there are people," Jaeger said. "In another way, people are attracted to you."

Piragis groups usually work with a local guide, who makes travel and lodging arrangements in the country and travels with the group. That guide knows the language, which fosters better communication.

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"Give me a Polaroid and 200 Tootsie Roll Pops, and you can take over Mongolia or Vietnam," he said.

Neill was among those who traveled to Mongolia with McCluskey.

"We were able to go into a reindeer herder's tent and spend some time with the family," she said. "We got a feel for the day-to-day life of these people. Whenever we'd camp, they'd see us coming from miles away and come running or on horseback with big smiles on their faces."

Often, the Mongolians wanted to share their culture with the travelers.

"They'd share whatever they could — Mongolian tea or maybe cheese curds," Neill said. "Even though none of us spoke Mongolian, we were able to communicate. Those kinds of things — that's why we go on these trips."

Jaeger had a similar experience in Vietnam one day. The local guide was sick and had to remain behind. Jaeger and McCluskey hiked into a village and stopped at a cafe.

"Several small girls gathered around us," Jaeger said. "I used my phrase book to ask them questions. Our beers came, and I put the book down. One of the girls picked it up and put it back in my hands. They wanted me to keep asking them questions. I spent 45 minutes with them and asked them every possible question I could."

"That was one of the greatest events of the whole trip. If we had had our interpreter along, we might not have been able to interact with those girls."

Paddling solo early one morning in Vietnam, McCluskey was invited onto a fisherman's boat for breakfast with the man's family. McCluskey could speak no Vietnamese, and the family could speak no English. But they laughed and ate together for 45 minutes.

"We were connected in spirit," McCluskey said. "You don't need language. You can go beyond language and really feel other people. That's the beauty of traveling."

State clarifies fee

BOISE (AP) — The Department of Fish and Game on Tuesday said when it announced a new fee to be paid when hunters file their mandatory big-game harvest reports, it neglected to clarify that the charge will not be imposed until 2004.

The fee, approved by the commission in December, will be assessed when sportsmen buy their new hunting license. The report on whether a deer or other antelope were killed during the 2003 season must be filed before a new license can be issued.

Hunters are required to send in their reports within 10 days of harvesting an animal, or within 10 days of the end of the season for which the tag was valid.

Those who have filed within those deadlines are eligible for entry in a drawing for 10 "super tags," but hunters could use in any controlled hunt in the state for that particular species. They must choose the species by May 1.

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CAUGHT BEING GOOD



Students at Robert Stewart Junior High in Twin Falls are given tickets when they exhibit one of the agreements of mutual respect, attentive listening, responsibility and appreciations and then, a monthly drawing is held. Caught Being Good winners for the seventh grade are Abel Gutierrez, Karmella Dolebeck, Randi Parks, Lacey Glasson, Allissa Schester, Corinne Quigley, Kasey Warner and Ethan Tucker.

Job's Daughters installs honored queen on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Cathryn Walker, daughter of Fred and Pat Walker of Twin Falls, will be installed as honored queen of the International Order of Job's Daughters Bethel 43 at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Masonic Temple on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls.

Other officers to be installed are Katie Baxter, senior princess; Jacinda Conrad, junior princess; Jessica Lupton, guide; Abby Waters, marshal; Brenley Box, chaplain; Mary Ann Valentine, librarian; Aryn Probasco, treasurer; Shayla Charbonneau, recorder; Tara Lupton, musician; Ariel Brim, first messenger; Erica Herrmann, second messenger; McKalee Conrad, third messenger; Nausha Lupton, fourth messenger; Tiffany Herrmann, fifth messenger; Amanda Telleria, inner guard; Erica Kober, outer guard; Tiffany Bowman, senior custodian; and Andrea Loya, junior custodian

Choir members who will be installed are Danielle Anna, custodian of lights; Kendra McCollum, flag bearer; Molly Breland, bear grins and growls; Erin Ferlic and Heidi Wiseman.

Retiring Honored Queen Tara Lupton will be the installing officer. She will be assisted by Erin Ferlic, installing guide; Jill Newsham, installing marshal; Brooke Jardine, installing chaplain; Jessica Corder, installing recorder; Jenni Kroll, installing musician; Jill Koffer, installing flag bearer; K Ellen Baxter, installing senior custodian; Jenni Ferlic, installing junior custodian; and Colene High, installing custodian of lights.

Peggy Kroll of Twin Falls is the narrator. The Star Ferie family will be the hosts. Solos will be presented by Jill Koffer and Angela Miller of Twin Falls. The public is invited to the installation and reception.



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GROUP OFFICERS



The Castleford High School Family, Community and Career Leaders of America Chapter officers for the year are, from left, front: Larissa Blich, co-activities director; Heidi Wiseman, treasurer; Janet Hurley, secretary and Rachel Bulkie, vice president; back row: Kelly Tabet and Jorie Schorzman, co-historians and Bobbie Schorzman, co-reporter. Not pictured are Katie Atkinson, president; Stephanie Guerry, co-activities director and Tessa Burkhalter, co-reporter.



Spencer Black, Cody Searle and Scott Heins work on solving a problem at the East Magic Valley District FFA annual Meats Evaluation, Agronomy and Food Products Career Development Events.



Burley FFA agronomy team members who won a competition at the event include, from left, back: Cody Searle, Chad Smith, Spencer Black, Alan Bingham and Cory Weyment; front: Molley Nelson, Erin Jensen and Aubrie Ward.

M-C FFA members test meat, agronomy, food knowledge

BURLEY - Mini-Cassia FFA members tested their knowledge of food, meats and agronomy at a recent competition.

The East Magic Valley District FFA held its annual Meats Evaluation, Agronomy and Food Products Career Development Events on Nov. 11.

Jensen's Meats hosted the meats career development event, which was won by the Minico FFA team. Team members are Scott Heins, Ryan Hruza and Daniel Zunino. In second was Declo FFA and third, Burley FFA.

The purpose of the event is to promote an understanding in meat science, which includes identification of retail cuts, evaluation of wholesale cuts, beef carcass grading and placing of beef and pork carcasses. High individuals were first, Adrain Flores of Burley; second, Daniel Zunino of Minico; third, Scott Heins of Minico; fourth, Lynzee Hendrix of Declo and fifth,

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Stephanie Durfee of Raft River.

Burley hosted the agronomy career development event, which was won by the Burley FFA.

In second was Minico and third, Rockland. The purpose of the event is to demonstrate a basic knowledge of agronomic sciences, including identification of crop and weed plants, seed samples, crop diseases and pests; and problem solving related to insecticide selection for Raft River.

pests in crops. High individuals were, first, Amber Kelley of Minico; second, Chad Smith of Burley, tied for third, Spencer Black and Alan Bingham, both of Burley; and tied for fifth, Scott Heins and Tessa Osterhout, both of Minico.

Burley also hosted the food products career development event, which was won by the Burley FFA. Team members include Heidi Lake, Cassie Douglas, Dale Bowen and Cade Mendenhall. In second was Declo and third, Raft River.

The purpose of the event is to enable students to identify varieties of cheese, evaluate quality of milk flour, and grade poultry carcasses and eggs. High individuals were, first, Cassie Douglas of Burley; tied for second, Dale Bowen of Burley and Cody Allen of Declo; fourth, Stephanie Durfee of Raft River; and tied for fifth, Kim Mong of Minico and Katie Santini of Raft River.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Delta Epsilon Chapter Initiates Stone at university

Andrew Stone, son of Dana and Roshanna Stone of Twin Falls, has been initiated into Beta Theta Pi by the Delta Epsilon Chapter at University of Puget Sound.

He is a graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Beta Theta Pi, which was founded in 1839 at Miami Ohio University, says it is dedicated to scholarship, brotherhood and community service.

Krumm wins competition at Albertson College

Matt Krumm of Twin Falls was one of three students who won the Albertson College of Idaho Students in Free Enterprise ethics competition held Nov. 5 at the Albertson campus in Caldwell.

The team presented the most compelling arguments concerning work-place Internet privacy and to what extent should employers be allowed to "spy" on their employees' Internet usage.

The three-member team won a \$500 grand prize.

Students in Free Enterprise serves to help students of Albertson College learn about free enterprise through various community service and enterprising projects involving both the campus of Albertson College and the community of Caldwell surrounding the campus. The team was formed six years ago, and for the past four, has been named regional champions.

Area students win Who's Who college scholarship

A \$1,000 college scholarship has been awarded to Melissa Snow of Twin Falls and Michelle

Pospichal of Filer by the publisher of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

Snow will attend Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa. Pospichal will attend the University of Idaho in Moscow. Both students already have received many awards for academic and leadership achievements.

The teen-agers are among the 201 students selected to receive financial awards for college expenses this year by the Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, which was funded by the Austin, Texas-based publishers of Who's Who.

"Who's Who Among American High School Students" publishers say they annually recognize more than 750,000 of the nation's high-achieving high school students for their leadership in academics, extracurricular activities, community service and athletics.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OVAC holds tryouts for 'The Fantasticks' today, Saturday

OAKLEY - The Oakley Valley Arts Council will hold tryouts for "The Fantasticks" from 7-10 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Howells Opera House in Oakley.

For more information, call Steve Tuft at 677-2922.

Indoor Flier Flea Market collects Coats for Kids

FILER - The monthly Indoor Flier Flea Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

A drop box for Coats for Kids will be available. All coats donated

go to the Twin Falls Optimist Club for children in the Magic Valley.

Santa will visit at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Admission is 50 cents with return privileges. Pre-school children are free.

New vendors are always welcome. For more information, call 532-4439 or 431-9939.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Dec. 27 were: first, Jodi Faulkner and Clare Majors and tied for second, Susan Faulkner and Carole Benner with Al and Frances Algen. Refreshments were served.

The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall.

For a partner, call 934-8371.

Kimberly City Library puts juvenile books on shelves

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly City Library announced the addition of the following new books: Juvenile fiction: "Junie B. Jones Has a Monster Under Her Bed" by Barbara Parks; "The Bad Beginning" by Lemony Snicket; "Nowhere Land," "Them," "Destination Unknown," "The Mayflower Project," "The Prophecy" and "The Proposal" by K. A. Applegate; "Rage of Fire" by Gloria Skurzynski; "Riding the Flame" by Patricia Curtiss Phitsch; "Changes for

Kaya: A Story of Courage," "Kaya Shows the Way: A Sister Story" and "Kaya and Lone Dog: A Friendship Story" by Janet Shaw; "The Hero" by Ron Woods; "Thanksgiving on Thursday" by Mary Pope Osborne; "Louis the Hero" by Lin Oliver; "Rainbow Fish: Spike and Substitute" by Marcus Miller; "The Birthday Present" by Valerie Garfield; "The Treasure Tree" by John Trent; "The Berenstain Bears and the Homework Hassle" by Stan and Jan Berenstain; "Winnie the Pooh's Thanksgiving" by Bruce Talkington and "The Little Engine That Could Saves the Thanksgiving Day Parade" by Watty Piper.

For more information, call the library at 423-4556.

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Free seminar on harmful ingredients set on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - A free seminar entitled, "Protecting Yourself from Harmful Ingredients" will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the North's Chuckwagon meeting

room, 1839 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

The speaker will be Melissa Timmerman, an environmental health consultant with 14 years experience in the personal-care and cancer-prevention industry, organizers say.

Topics covered will include how to read labels, skyrocketing cancer rates and how to protect yourself, dangers of hormone replacement therapy, chemical absorption through the skin, poison warning labels on hygiene products and how to become an informed health care consumer.

There is no charge for this seminar, which is hosted by Dr. Troy Crane of Burley. The lunch is no-charge. For more information, call Kari Crane in Burley at 677-1164 or Jan Wimberly in Buhl at 543-8013.



Rosa Madera paints a playhouse for the Orchard Valley Head Start center in Wendell. Madera is member of Wendell High School's BESO Club.

BESO Club makes mark in community service

By Betty Taylor
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Wendell High School has a new club - BESO, which stands for the Bilingual Education Student Organization.

Jennifer Goodbody, co-adviser, says she is impressed with these students as a group. They have been an asset to the school and the community.

"We wanted to show other Hispanic students that we can have clubs, too, and we help encourage other younger Hispanic students to get involved in school activities and sports," said Rosa Madera, club treasurer.

She is involved in a project of repainting the playhouse at the Orchard Valley Head Start center in Wendell.

Madera and other members also check out books to preschool and kindergarten children, read to the Head Start children, translate whenever needed, tutor, plan a bilingual puppet show in January, and help whenever and wherever they feel they are needed in school and in the community.

"They are the most wonderful students. I am impressed with Wendell High School students as



Another member of the BESO Club, Eloy Medina reads to some children from the Head Start center.

they are so willing to help out. They are good role models," said Cindy Scott, supervisor at Orchard Valley Head Start.

The BESO students also helped at the center orientation by greeting parents. They handed out Head Start pamphlets last summer at a local parade.

"They are so enthusiastic when they help and seem to be glad to be here helping. They are such a

dynamic group of kids. They light up the room when they come in," Scott said. "Erika Ferreira is translating the newsletter from English to Spanish. Yvette Gonzalez, club president, is a very strong young woman and a good leader."

BESO members also hold fundraisers like a dance, and plan to use the money raised for scholarships.

U.S.-based musicians make strong showing

By Agustín Gurza
Los Angeles Times

With the record business down sharply in 2002, some observers suddenly seem depressed about the prospects of Latin music. Shakira is the only one riding high, but she dyed her hair blond and changed to English to get there.

In good years and bad, however, finding the best Latin albums is always a bit of a treasure hunt. Some great works, such as an exquisite collection of trova tunes by Cuba's premier singer Isaac Delgado, aren't even released in the United States.

Others, such as the edgy ska-cumbandero by Uruguay's feisty La Vela Puerca, get released but not promoted.

The big news of 2002 was right under our noses. More than half of my top 10 Latin albums were made in the U.S.A. These six entries by exiles and immigrants, by West Coast Chicanos and East Coast Cubans, mark a milestone, because U.S.-based artists are historically overshadowed by their Latin American counterparts.

Chicanos had an especially strong year, led

Top Latin albums

1. Ruben Blades' "Mundo" (Columbia/Sony Discos)
2. Cabas' "Cabas" (EMI Latin)
3. Oneshas' "Emigrante" (Surco/Universal Music Latino)
4. Joan Manuel Serrat's "Versos en la Boca" (BMG US Latin)
5. Quetzal's "Sing the Real" (Vanguard)
6. Albita's "Hecho a Mano" (Times Square)
7. Alex Acuna and Eva Ayllón's "To My Country" (NDDO Entertainment)
8. Alagano Escovedo's "By the Hand of the Father" (IMG/Texas Music Group)
9. Silvio Rodríguez's "Expedición" (Fononisc Spain)
10. Bacilos' "Carolina" (Warner Music Latina)

by the melodic, thoughtful and committed Afro-jarocho fusion of Quetzal, a mature, multicultural group from East L.A. And from Austin, Texas, singer-songwriter Alejandro Escovedo recorded his gorgeous, evocative music from the immigrant-themed play "By

the Hand of the Father."

Two Miami-based artists also made memorable albums in 2002. Veteran singer-songwriter Albita with her most rootsy and intimate work to date, and Bacilos, a new trio with a smart and lyrical brand of folk/pop.

The year also gave us stirring new albums by three of the greatest pop poets in the Spanish-speaking world - Panama's Ruben Blades, Spain's Joan Manuel Serrat and Cuba's Silvio Rodríguez.

In his masterful, multicultural "Mundo," Blades delivers the best album of his stellar career, a sweeping, spellbinding exploration of global music. Percussionist Alex Acuna, offered an uplifting, contemporary take on Afro-folk music from his native land, featuring Lima's captivating criolla vocalist, Eva Ayllón.

Salsa did not have its best year in 2002. Even the Cubans were uncharacteristically quiet, with rare exceptions such as flutist Maraca's "Tremenda Rumba."

The same is true of the brilliant debut by Colombian singer-songwriter Cabas, who offers by turns tender, satirical and hopeful songs in a fluid cumbia-rock fusion.



Ruben Blades' "Mundo" made it to the top of Latin top albums.

Fox greets migrants at U.S. border, pledges to fight corruption

By Raul Llamas
Associated Press Writer

NUVEO LAREDO, Mexico - President Vicente Fox traveled to the U.S. border recently to give his annual greeting to migrants returning home for the holidays.

This year, he promised to "redouble efforts" to combat corrupt officials who try to rob them or demand bribes.

Tens of thousands of migrants

headed home for Christmas each year, many loaded with cash and gifts. Some fall victim to highway bandits. Others have confronted border officials who have demanded they empty their cars on the sides of highways to evaluate their goods and assess a bribe.

Marking International Migrant Day, Fox met with migrants and border guards at the Nuevo Laredo crossing for the third year in a row. The president praised

officials, but acknowledged that many problems remain. "There's still some bad apples in the bunch and we have to redouble efforts," he said. "We have to work harder."

To that end, Nuevo Laredo officials this year are offering police escorts to migrants passing through the rough border city, across the Rio Grande from Laredo, Texas.

After traveling five hours from

Dallas to Nuevo Laredo, Benito Hernandez said he was pleasantly surprised by the changes. Hernandez was personally greeted by Fox, who welcomed him back and wished him luck on his journey to his native Michoacan state in central Mexico.

"Honestly, I never imagined President Fox would talk to me," the construction worker said.

Hernandez said this year he was able to get a car permit to

enter the country in 20 minutes, compared to hours long waits in past years.

The president also traveled to Tijuana to visit migrants driving across the California border - including David Torres, who was returning to the city of Nayarit from Vista, Calif., after seven years of not seeing his family.

The 57-year-old gardener said he was robbed of \$5,000 in cash as well as several gifts for his fam-

ily in 1982 while traveling on the highway.

"But now my brother just told me after traveling there that everything is fine, and there is good service," he said. "There aren't problems like before."

Fox's government has posted more than 1,000 independent observers at major border crossings from the Pacific coast to the Gulf of Mexico to reduce corruption.

Mexican town has a distinct Chicago accent

By Hugh Dellios
Chicago Tribune

LA PURISIMA, Mexico - A few more mothers were smiling, as they prepared the pork tripe and the turkey with mole sauce for Christmas dinner in this Mexican hamlet.

The more festive mood had everything to do with the extra number of shiny new trucks lined up along the sidewalks outside, almost all of them with Illinois license plates.

The annual arrival of Mexicans heading home for Christmas cooking from Chicago and elsewhere picked up again this year after slowing down last year because of fear and uncertainty after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

This year's pilgrimage to La

Purísima included several hundred residents of Carpenterville, Aurora and other Chicago-area communities, all returning for the inauguration of a modern hilltop church funded with \$190,000 of the money they sent home.

More surprising was the resumed trickling in of illegal immigrants. While almost all of them stayed in the United States last year, some now dared to head home despite fears that stepped-up border vigilance might mean they can't return to their Chicago jobs.

"With our parents here and us there last year, it made it kind of sad. It just wasn't the same," said Manuel Lopez, 20, a landscaper from Carpenterville who flew home to Michoacan state for the first time in four years.

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Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the telephone number is (208) 765-5511. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 612 C Avenue West, Jerome, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said property.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of Trust executed by JUNIOR L. PARKER and VELMA PARKER, husband and wife, as Grantors, to Land Title and Escrow, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and interest of the holder of an unamortized loan, dated December 20, 1994, and recorded December 21, 1994, as Instrument No. 945532, all records of Jerome County, Idaho.
The above Grantor(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.
The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to:
(1) pay all principal and interest on or before December 15, 1999.
(2) to pay at least ten days before delinquency all taxes and assessments affecting said property.
The principal balance is \$2,833.06, together with interest thereon at 20.00% per annum in the amount of \$544.83, as of October 24, 2002, and accruing interest. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges advanced to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
DATED this 22nd day of November, 2002.
First American Title Insurance Company
Successor Trustee
/s/Sydney Smith-Hale, Trust Officer
PUBLISH: January 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2003

Notice, Allen E. and Lana M.
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On April 15, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in the lobby of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, Esq., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:
Lot 11 in Block 10 of EASTMAN'S FIRST ADDITION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 4 of Plats, Page 11.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 607 City Avenue, Burley, Idaho is sometimes associated with the said real property.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Allen E. Galtier and Lana M. Galtier, husband and wife as Grantors, with Blazer Financial Services, Inc. an Idaho Corporation, now doing business as Washington Mutual recorded June 25, 1996, as Instrument No. 1996011804, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$752.00 due for the months of November, 2001, through and including the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. Turn owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$4,752.00 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 14.00% from October 1, 2001, together with any subsequent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.
The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the real property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
DATED this 6th day of December, 2002.
/s/Aida Peterson
Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MATRIMONIAL DIVISION
Case No. CV-02-2903
SL/ALM/LL/LANDLAFORD, Plaintiff,
vs.
CASEY BENNETT and JENNIFER BENNETT, husband and wife, Defendant.
TO: CASEY BENNETT and JENNIFER BENNETT, husband and wife.
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY LANDLAFORD, the Plaintiff in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, ID, Case No. CV-02-2903.
The nature of the claim against you is COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT AND DEMAND FOR PAYMENT.
Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless you prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No. and any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court, at 425 Shoshone St., P.O. Box 120, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0126
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
FA-15036
On the 16th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Street North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot 1 in Block 3 of KINGSGATE No. 1 SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 10 of Plats, Page 8.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors office, the address of 274 Knechtling Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by LEONARD S. KRULL and STACY L. KRULL, husband and wife, as grantors, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., fka NORWELL Mortgage, Inc., as beneficiary, recorded August 27, 1996, as Instrument No. 1996015341, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust, Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$638.12, due per month for the months of July through November 2002 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$25.52, with interest accruing at 7.375% per annum, and cost of late charges, together with any principal balance owing as of this date on or before the date secured by said Deed of Trust is \$26,020.52, plus accrued interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts of interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts of interest, costs and advances, together with any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Date: December 12, 2002
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC.
/s/Elinah M. Ricky, Trust Officer
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The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 2420 Jordan Lane, Twin Falls, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Rex O. Borjae and Deborah D. Borjae as husband and wife, as Grantor, to Twin Falls Title and Escrow Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Mac Bank, F.S.B., as Beneficiary, dated 12/8/2000, under instrument No. 2000-019118. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is held by Mac Bank, F.S.B. The above Grantors are named in the Deed of Trust as 1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are or are not presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 1/22/2000, the Trustee's payments became due on 5/1/2002 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth in the Deed of Trust. PUBLISH: December 26, 2002, January 2 and 9, 2003

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 Trustee's Sale No. 02-CJ-2614:
 Notice is hereby given that, First American Title Insurance Company, the Official Successor Trustee, will on April 15, 2003, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. of said day, in the lobby of First American Title Company, 200 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, all the right, title, and interest in and to the property hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property", situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho to-wit:
 Lot 8 of Post Subdivision No. 199, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 15 of Plats Page 35. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 809 Post Circle, Kimberly, ID 83341 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by James R. Marten, a married man, as his sole and separate property, as Grantor, to First American Title Insurance Company, as Beneficiary, dated 9/13/2000, recorded 9/18/2000, under instrument No. 2000-01442. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Olympus Servicing L.P. The above Grantors are named in the Deed of Trust as 1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are or are not presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV-02-3457
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON EXECUTION
PLAINTIFF
BRUCE BLAIR and AMY BLAIR, husband and wife, Defendants.
 By virtue of a Writ of Execution dated November 16, 2002, directed by the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, and for the County of Twin Falls, on a judgment rendered in that Court on October 21, 2002, in favor of BLYND LULLY Co., the Plaintiff therein, and against BRUCE BLAIR, the Defendant therein, for the sum of \$817.80, I have levied on all the right, title, and interest in the defendant BRUCE BLAIR, in certain real property described on Exhibit A and located at 2834 ADDISON AVE. E. TWIN FALLS, ID 83301.

EXHIBIT "A"
 Township 10 South, Range 17 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 14. A parcel of land in the NW1/4 NE1/4, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said NW1/4 NE1/4. THENCE South 1°13' East for 40.0 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE South 1°13' East for 40.0 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE South 1°13' East along a line parallel to and 30 feet from the Western boundary of said NW1/4 NE1/4 for 243.3 feet; THENCE South 70°35' East for 248.0 feet; THENCE South 49°12' East for 63.7 feet; THENCE North 1°00' West along a line parallel to and 30 feet from the Eastern boundary of said NW1/4 NE1/4, for 387.5 feet to the Southern right-of-way line of present State Highway 50; THENCE due West along said line for 281.3 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

The undersigned, Sheriff of Twin Falls County, will on January 14, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at 2834 ADDISON AVE. E. TWIN FALLS, ID 83301, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, all the right, title, and interest of BRUCE BLAIR in the above-described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise sufficient money to satisfy such execution, together with the interest and costs thereon.
 DATED: December 10, 2002
 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC.
 As/Notary Cole, Trust Officer

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 On Thursday, the 24th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock, a public sale will be held at the Courthouse, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, TITELFAC, INC. an Idaho corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:
 The North 377 feet of Township 11 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 9. A parcel of land in the E1/2NW1/4, more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at a point on the North line of said E1/2NW1/4, said point lies West 350.76 feet from the North quarter corner of said Section 9 and said point also lies East 227.34 feet from the Northwest Section corner of said Section 9.
THENCE South 0°29' West, a distance of 1070.4 feet; **THENCE** due West a distance of 130.00 feet; **THENCE** North 0°29' East, a distance of 1070.4 feet; **THENCE** due East a distance of 130.00 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.
SUBJECT To a county road right-of-way on the North 25.00 feet thereof.
 Commonly known address is 2943 East 3400 North, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by MICHAEL J. McMASTERS and NANCY A. McMASTERS, husband and wife, grantors to TITELFAC, INC. as trustee for the benefit and security of R. GLENN ARRINGTON TRUST, HOWARD G. ARRINGTON and F.M. EGBERT, JR., TRUSTEES, recorded July 15, 1988, as instrument No. 941853. Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Said property herein above described is now owned by WILLIAM L. WALKER, a single man.
 The default for which this sale is to be made is:
 1. Failure to pay regular payments through November 30, 2002, in the total amount of \$1,572.23 plus late charges accrued through November 30, 2002, in the amount of \$16.89.
 2. Failure to pay real property taxes on the subject property for years 1999, 2000 and 2001, together with penalties and interest.
 3. Collection charges in the amount of \$497.94.
 4. Failure to maintain insurance on the premises.
 The principal balance owing at the time of sale on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$28,592.44, plus interest from September 15, 2002, late charges and foreclosure costs.
 DATED December 11, 2002
 TITELFAC, INC. Trustee
 By: Todd Bliss, Vice President
 COLEMAN, RITCHIE & ROBERTSON
 Attorneys for Trustee
 Residing at Twin Falls, Idaho

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 FA-14638
 On the 10th day of April, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 200 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:
 Block 53 and 54 in Block 14 of BLUE LAKES ADDITION WEST, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 3 of Plats, Page 30.
 The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referred real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 2867 York Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.
 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by RICHARD E. JORDAN, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., an Idaho Corporation, as beneficiary, recorded March 16, 2002, as instrument No. 200003771, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1608(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
 The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for for the months of January for the month of February 1999 through August 2002, through and including to the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$18.45, with interest accruing at 8.5% per annum, and continuing to accrue from January 1, 2002. The principal balance owing as of this date is \$47,344.08, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are due at the time of sale, together with late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
 DATED: December 10, 2002
 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC.
 As/Notary Cole, Trust Officer

PUBLISH: January 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2003

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 On April 8, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in the lobby of First American Title Company, 200 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:
 Lot 47, FAIRWAY ESTATES, Phase 1, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 18 of Plats, page 30, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.
 The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referred real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 975 Welch Lane, Twin Falls, Idaho is sometimes associated with the said real property.
 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust recorded August 17, 1999 as instrument No. 1096018338, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Chase Manhattan Trust Company National Association, as Trustee, via dated as of March 1, 2000, recorded July 14, 2000, as instrument No. 2000010465. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Oakwood Acceptance Corporation, LLC, recorded November 29, 2002 instrument No. 2002025181 in the records of said County.
 THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1608(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for for the months of June 2002, through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accrued to the sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$105,673.47 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all costs expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 8.25% from May 1, 2002, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.
 The beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
 Dated this 2nd day of December, 2002.
 s/ Paula Peterson
 Trust Officer for Charles C. Just, Esq.
 PUBLISH: December 19, 26, 2002 and January 2 and 9, 2003

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that application has been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources for changes to water rights in Twin Falls, Idaho.

KANAKA RAPIDS RANCH OWNERS WATER SYSTEM INC.
 PO BOX 201
 TWIN FALLS, ID 83416
 Filed an Application for Amendment of Permit No. 47-7600 on November 17, 2002 for the following purposes. **ORIGIALLY** the ground water permit was for a priority date of 11/20/1980 was authorized to divert a total of 14.6 cfs: 0.00 cfs for irrigation, 0.00 cfs, 2.70 cfs for commercial use, 4.90 cfs for residential use, 0.40 cfs for domestic uses. The Amendment proposes to divert a combined total of 6.45 cfs as follows: BRICKS (1.41 cfs) of 70.5 Acre from 03/15 to 11/15 CFS, COMMERCIAL (0.04 CFS) and DOMESTIC (0.55 CFS) use for 141 homes with 3000 sq ft of living space at Kanaka Rapids Ranch P.U.D. and Lots 201, 203-234, and 236-244 of The Riverside at Kanaka Rapids Ranch. The domestic use does not include the use of water for irrigation, lawns, landscape, or gardens. The irrigation use specified includes all lawns, gardens

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Trustee of the Escrow Corp., the duly appointed Successor of the Trust created on April 9, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 AM, of said day, at the entrance to Alliance Title & Escrow, 311 Second Street North, Twin Falls, ID, set at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to-wit: Lot 2 in Block of Midway Meadows Estates 2, according to the Official Record of Deeds of the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, Book 11 of 14 of Plats at Page(s) 50. Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referred Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 45-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the 2.53 Block 4, CARTER SUBDIVISION 2, Twin Falls County, Idaho, and described as follows to-wit: Lot 3 in Block 4, CARTER SUBDIVISION 2, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 11 of Plats, page 19, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

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AND Township 10 South, Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls, Idaho, according to the Official Record of Deeds of the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, Book 11 of 14 of Plats at Page(s) 50. Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 45-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of 1659 Wrenching Ave., W. Twin Falls, Idaho is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding use, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by the mortgage, and the proceeds conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Jones J. Lugo, a single man as Grantor(s), with Household Finance Corporation III as the mortgagee under the Deed of Trust recorded November 7, 2001 as Instrument No. 2001-020519, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLETE WITH SECTION 45-1506(a)(4), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments of \$893.87 due for the months of May 2002, through and including to the date of sale, together with interest and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$140,992.78 as principal, plus service charges, attorney fees, costs of the foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 8.24% from April 1, 2002, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

Dated this 03rd day of December, 2002.

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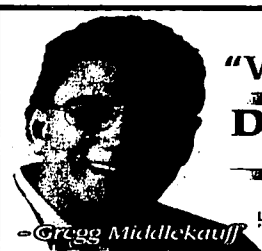
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4 bdrm, 2 bath, 2046 sq ft
2 story home on 2 acres

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TWIN FALLS Pleasant view across on 1+ acres
Built 1997, 3383 sq ft

TWIN FALLS Excellent for investors
\$248,900. Excellent for first time home buyers

TWIN FALLS 1000 sq ft, condominium 2 bdrm, 2 bath

JEROME '94 Garden single wide, 2 bdrm, 2 bath

KIMBERLY like new, '94 14' x 70' Fleetwood, 3 bdrm, 2 bath

RUPERT Fleetwood '84 14' x 70' Fleetwood, 2 bath, Call 431-4113

MAGIC VALLEY AREA New country looking to buy or lease houses

DRABICALLY REDUCED Ready to move into
11700 Hwy 16, Burley

OAKLEY '98 24' x 52' 2 bdrm, w/bonus rm, 2 bath, Call 431-1277

TWIN FALLS Best deal in town! Microfracking, apr, daily maid service

TWIN FALLS 2000 Country cottage off the main rd
1.7 acres, high ceilings, 2 bdrm, 2 bath

TWIN FALLS New home 17.7 acres, well, with septic, lots of trees

MURTAUGH South East Farm for sale
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CAREY 280,000 Excellent property located outside of Carey

HANSEN 5 to 50 acres for home site/Rock Creek

SHOSHONE 2 acre lots, incl. well, septic & power, \$25,000 each

TWIN FALLS Now available, Rock Creek Rim Estates

BURLEY 8-plex, .01 net income \$16,868

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\$365
\$10,895
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\$465
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2003 RANGER 4X2 XL REG CAB
\$4125
\$8,995
\$179

2003 Ford Focus ZX3 5-Door
\$375
\$11,995
\$199

2003 Ford Focus ZX3 5-Door
\$475
\$11,995
\$199

2003 RANGER 4X2 XLT SUPER CAB
\$4125
\$13,995
\$229

2003 Ford Focus ZX3 5-Door
\$575
\$13,995
\$229

2003 Ford Focus ZX3 5-Door
\$675
\$13,995
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2003 RANGER 4X4 XLT SUPER CAB
\$4125
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2003 MUSTANG 2-DOOR
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SAVE \$4350
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Thursday, Jan. 2, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Genius does what it must, and talent does what it can. -Owen Meredith

NORTH ♠ K 8 5 4 3 ♥ A 2 ♦ 2 ♣ K 8 5 4

WEST ♠ J 10 9 7 ♥ A 5 ♦ 10 6 3 ♣ K Q 3

EAST ♠ K 2 ♥ 10 6 3 ♦ 9 8 7 6 4 ♣ 7

SOUTH ♠ A 5 ♥ Q J 7 4 ♦ A J 5 ♣ A J 10 2

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South

The bidding: South 1NT West 2NT North 3NT East 4NT

Opening lead: Club three

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ K 2 ♥ 10 6 3 ♦ 9 8 7 6 4 ♣ 7

West 1NT North 3NT East 4NT

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. A jump raise of an overall is pre-emptive, not a limit bid.

West decided he had to pitch the diamond queen guarded, so he pitched first the spade seven, then the 10, and came down to the diamond.

Classifieds

It pays to read the fine print.

Call 733-0931 or 677-4042 Burley

DIETICH 3 bdrm, 2 bath, kitchen w/white house, 6 stall metal corral & ad...

FILER Nice clean, small mobile home, water, sewer and sanitation fur...

GOODING 3 bdrm W/D hook-up, fenced back yard, 52x60 plus dep. Call 530-0517 or 530-0292

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HAGERMAN Cottage on river 2 bdrm W/D hook-up, new kitchen, garage, 2100 sq. ft. Call 736-0322

JEROME 3 bdrm, family rm, 212 sq. ft. A 5650, new carpet, new dep. Call 736-0322

JEROME 3 bdrm, 1 bath, carpet, new kitchen, 923 S Buchanan, \$550, no dep. No smoking. Call 324-3427

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath, mobile home, no pets. 5500 Long term lease. 321-8903 or 543-8342

JEROME 1 bdrm house, 5375 sq. ft. dep. 2129. Call 530-0517 or 530-0292

JEROME 2 bdrm, kitchen, new paint, garage, 5600 dep. 324-3267

JEROME Clean & quiet! 1 w/d, 2 bath, detached garage & workshop. Call 736-0322

JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1500 sq. ft. Call 736-0322

SHOSHONE 4 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, detached garage & workshop. Call 736-0322

SHOSHONE 4 miles N, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, garage, 5 acres, \$350,000. Call 886-9874

602 UNFURNISHED HOUSES

Buhl 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 629 13th Ave. N. \$425 + dep. Call 736-0322

Buhl 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 2100 sq. ft. Call 543-8601

JEROME 1068 Tractor, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$550 dep. Call 734-5856

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TWIN FALLS NE location, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 4 yrs old, large garage, avail. now. \$350,000. Call 734-7437

TWIN FALLS Near CSI, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, energy efficient, fenced yard, \$74,000 + dep. credit check. No pets or smoking. Call 208-4-0-904 or 800-228-4305

TWIN FALLS Nice 1 bdrm house, W/D hookups, \$450,000. Call 733-6805

TWIN FALLS Nice 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, patio, vinyl tile, storage, 423-5104

TWIN FALLS quiet area, clean, fireplace, garage, appliances \$585. 734-3110

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 411 Hwy 83 \$550. 733-9658 or 731-2345

TWIN FALLS Urgent! 9 bdrm, 7 bath, 4 acre, 2100 sq. ft. Call 733-1558

TWIN FALLS 3 acres, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, \$650. Call 730-0322 797 6300 N.

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, gas heat, all appls., W/D. Call 644-9137

TWIN FALLS 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, garage, ref., stove, DW, W/D hookups. Call 734-3373

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MISCELLANEOUS Washers & Dryers, like new. \$250/offer. Air Healey table, \$100 Call 431-2125 leave message

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FREE Boxer X, 9 mo. old, spayed, with blue dog house. 733-0827.

FREE Hamsters with cages. Several to choose from. Call 423-4874.

FREE Labradors X 2 chocolate males, 1 black female, 6/5 wks., call 328-6472

FREE to good home(s), 2 neutered male, house-dog, lovable. Great companions. 623-6474.

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GOLDEN SHORTHAIR AKC pups. Just right for Christmas. Champion line. \$250/male \$350/female. 324-5082 or 308-0073

GOLDEN LAB, beautiful pups, purebred, females, not reg. \$150. 536-6473

GOLDEN RETRIEVER pups, 2 males/2 females. AKC, purebred, 1st shots, \$279 each. Call 934-9288.

GOLDEN RETRIEVER AKC, 7 month old female, smart dog, loves kids, needs room to run. Call 543-8653.

GOLDEN RETRIEVERS, AKC registered, 5 males, 1 female, 8wks. old, 1st shots, 404-6495 days or 543-8833 even.

LAB puppies beautiful AKC male and 1 female. Call 206-578-7919 if you want a great dog.

LABS AKC registered pups, 8 wks old on 12/28, 8/10 parents on site. Exc. retrievers. Also TC copetender 221 Fireball. Please call 386-2858 or 386-7473 for more info.

MINI DACHSHUNDS purebred ready 1/11 \$250, shots, wormed, males and females shorthair 324-2542 or 539-5540.

PARAKEETS - now cages, food, and supplies. Call 733-1322 or 733-9688.

TOY POODLE AKC female \$650. Please call 734-0078 or 731-2251.

WEIMARANER AKC, (2) blue females, \$300ea. Please call 432-5637.

AIR COMPRESSOR Champion, 5 hp, 230 volt, single phase, 2 stage pump on 90 gallon vertical tank, industrial quality, incl. Lincoln 90' capacity 3/8" air hose reel, \$750. Cash only. Call 420-8725.

TABLE SAW 10" Craftsman, cast iron table, built in router table, rolling base, bought new Feb. '02, \$250. Craftsman 10" radial arm saw, includes drum and attachment. \$150. Cash only. Please call 420-9725.

COIN Collector would like to buy US coin collections & miscellaneous. US coins, 1-800-817-8088. Also, Ask for Harold, or 208-878-1878 even.

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WANTED Artificial Trees, plants and other decor for a tropical room. Also small rot-top deck. 735-9376.

WANTED Knives and standards for 12 row. Elimos or Alloy Boat. Cullivator. Call 326-4872

WANTED Old gas pumps or gas station items. Tom 208-866-0274.

WANTED To buy 3 post hitch post hole digger, in good shape, with 12" x 14" auger, 5-7 hp, outdoor gas motor. 544-2862.

WANTED Vintage Barbie dolls and clothing, 1959-1979. Interested in estates and collections. Call 733-1322 or 733-9688.

WANTED WWII military weapons, cash for rifles, pistols, machine guns, holsters, parts, knives, daggers, swords, etc. 1-800-974-8919

BLOW OUT SALE going on at the Indoor Flea Market, Jan. 4th & 5th at F. County Fairgrounds, 30 dealers. 522-4434.

HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY NEAT Please remove all garbage sale signs after your sale is over. It is our responsibility to keep the community clean, let's work together and show pride in our town. Thank you for your cooperation

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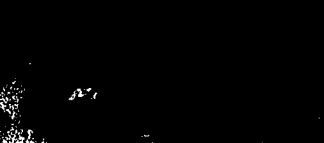
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