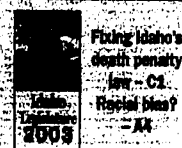


# Tax increase appears inevitable

### But lawmakers question size of governor's proposal

By John Deane  
Special Staff Writer



state's current budget crisis. But whether a whopping 1.5

percent increase is necessary hinges on what figures the governor reveals today when he lays his plan for the FY 2004 state budget.

On Tuesday the governor proposed in a powerful State of the State speech a three-year hike in the state sales tax from 5 percent to 6.5 percent. Kempthorne's manifesto left many lawmakers upset — and saying they won't be convinced a sales tax hike of that magnitude is necessary until they see some proof.

The governor's proposal would make the sales tax rate one of the highest in the nation. According to the Federation of Tax Administrators, only six states had sales tax rates of 6.5 percent or higher at the beginning of 2002. The figures compiled by the federation are the most recent available and do not take into account any increases other states may have enacted in the past year.

The same statistics showed 18 states with rates above Idaho's current 5 percent and 19 with

rates below or with no sales tax at all.

On Tuesday the governor's blue ribbon task force had asked for only a 1-percent increase. But a member of that task force, Jerome businessman Can Paulos, said he wasn't surprised when he heard the request as he watched the speech on television.

"The governor made his decision separate from our group," Paulos said. "But the committee

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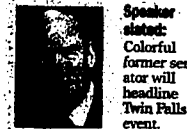
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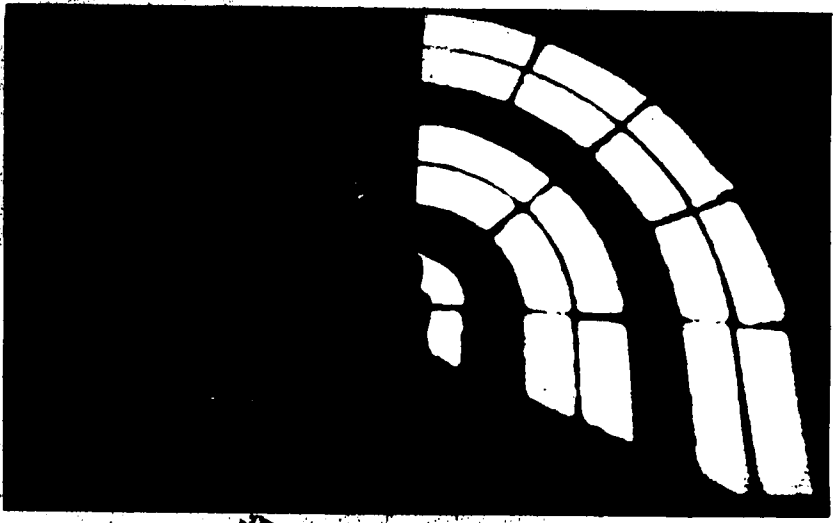
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## THE KEEPER OF THE MEMORIES



Marvin Hempleman is retiring as a Twin Falls County commissioner after more than 20 years in politics.

## Hempleman retires after 20+ years in office

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — His office on the fourth floor of the County Courthouse is more of a cubicle really, but it is the corner cubicle with the window.

For the past few weeks, County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman has been cleaning out his desk a little bit at a time.

"After 20 years, you get a lot of junk," Hempleman said.

Sunday will be his last official day as county commissioner. It comes 22 years to the day after he was sworn in for the first time back on Jan. 12, 1981.

Hempleman, 66, described his impending retirement as "bittersweet."

"It's nice to not have to come here every day, but I'll certainly miss it,"

he said. Come Monday, local businessman Tom Mikesell will be sworn in as the newest member of the commission. And Hempleman will begin tending to the long list of chores on the family farm that he has been too busy to attend to as a full-time county commissioner.

"There's a lot of fixing up that needs to be done — mending fences, cutting weeds, painting buildings," Hempleman said.

Hempleman lives on the same row crop farm where he was born in 1936. Someone else tended the 100-acre farm during the political years, growing the corn, silage and hay while Hempleman helped steer the direction of a growing county.

### Looking back

There was no shortage of contro-

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### Keeping Marv busy

Marvin Hempleman wants to make sure her husband, Marv, doesn't get bored after he retires from his county commissioner seat after 22 years. She even bought him some new woodworking equipment so he could revive an old hobby. Here's a sampling of projects Marv has put on what she calls her "honey do" list for Marv, who judging from the list, will not have time to get bored.

### Notebook

- Build gazebo.
- Plant grass.
- Put down some river rock.
- Repair privacy fence or build a new one.
- Put in curbing.
- Help with dishes.
- Recaulk windows.
- Take wife out to dinner once a week.
- Install ceiling fan in bedroom.
- Replace all doors.
- Take wife on vacation.
- Help plant flowers, tend to garden.
- Clean woodshed.
- Anything else I can think of.

### A celebration

• What: An open house for retiring County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman

• When: 2 p.m. Friday

• Where: In the conference room on the third floor of the County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

• Who: The public is welcome to attend

## Engineer likes new CAFO regs

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — New federal rules governing concentrated livestock operations will force operators to use their nutrient management plans, said Rog Sheffield, a waste management engineer with the University of Idaho. What are the new rules? — A2

In that regard, he sees the new rules offering protection for lakes, streams and ponds.

"This is saving a nutrient management plan isn't just something you develop and stick on the shelf," he said. The new rules offering protection for lakes, streams and ponds. "This is saving a nutrient management plan isn't just something you develop and stick on the shelf," he said. The new rules offering protection for lakes, streams and ponds.

CAFO

## Court: Citizens who turn against U.S. lose rights

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. citizens overseas who take up arms against their country can be held as enemy combatants without the constitutional rights afforded other Americans, a federal appeals court ruled Wednesday.

The decision by a three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., affirms President Bush's authority to detain unidentified American citizens captured in eight battles or those who put a name in terrorist attacks against U.S. interests.

But the ruling stopped short of approving those same powers over American citizens arrested on U.S. soil, which legal experts

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## In deep space, forces send star careening out

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Like a family member booted out of a dysfunctional household, a small, young star has been ejected from a star group in the constellation Taurus and is now wandering away on its own, astronomers say.

Researchers at the National Autonomous University of Mexico showed that the star was gravitationally ejected from its family after a close encounter with two bigger brothers.

"We are looking at a star being ejected from a system for the first time," said Laurent Loinard, leader of the research group. A report on the observation was delivered Wednesday at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

Using radio telescope observations starting in 1983, Loinard and his group plotted the path of

### A new planet — A4

the star — Tauri Sb — as it moved north and then curved south, heading almost directly for the binary stars of T Tauri Sa.

In 1995, Tauri Sb passed within about 200 million miles of the binary, which has a total mass of about twice the sun. The gravitational effect of the close pass acted on Tauri Sb like a slingshot, sending the small star streaking out in another direction at twice its earlier speed.

The fate of Tauri Sb is unknown. It could slow down over many years and remain within the gravitational grasp of its star family. But Loinard said the small star may have captured enough velocity from the celestial slingshot to escape the group altogether and is fated to wander through space alone.

## FOGGY AFTERMATH



Emergency personnel clean up the wreckage of several vehicles involved in a multi-vehicle pile-up on Interstate 80 near Salt Lake City, Utah, Wednesday. The morning pile-up was blamed on fog and black ice. No one died, but 11 people were taken to a hospital. The Interstate was closed for most of the day.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Turning mostly cloudy and breezy at times. Highs in the upper 30s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and light winds. Lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with a brief snow shower possible. Highs in the middle 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

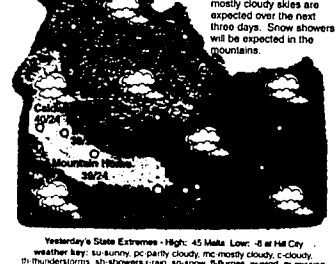
Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy at times. Highs in the upper 20s to near 40.
Tonight: Calm winds and mostly cloudy skies. Lows in the lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with a brief snow shower possible. Highs in the middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Seasonably mild temperatures and gradually increasing clouds are expected over the next few days. Be prepared for a significant Winter storm on Sunday and Monday.

Today Highs 17 to 37 Tonight's Lows 0 to 16
BOISE
Increasing clouds and turning breezy at times through Saturday. The chance for precipitation will be low. The next weather concerns for travelers will come on Sunday and Monday with rain or snow expected.

Today Highs/Lows 30 to 41/24 to 29
NORTHERN UTAH
Brisk winds and partly to mostly cloudy skies are expected over the next three days. Snow showers will be expected in the mountains.



Weather key: sun partly cloudy, cloudy, rain, snow, sleet, fog, ice, wind, waves, etc.

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New federal CAFO rules
Sheffield, an livestock waste management engineer with the University of Idaho, condensed 400 pages of new Environmental Protection Agency rules into a practical format to advise livestock producers of the new defined animal feeding operation regulations.

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Table with columns for Today and Tomorrow, and rows for various cities like Boise, Burley, and Idaho Falls.

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Mary

versal issues during his tenure - whether to build a new jail and open a county landfill, and the never-ending dairy issues, are just a few.
'Mary has brought a voice of reason to all those discussions,' said Marilyn Hempleman, Mary's wife of 27 years and an active member of the local Republican Party.

CORRECTION

An article published Saturday misspelled the name of Bruce Wojcik of Hansen, a partner in Old Mill LLC, doing business as Muggers in Twin Falls.

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All about Mary

This has been such a stable influence here. The knowledge he's gained over the years and shared so willingly - that just makes me really appreciate him and respect him.
-County Commissioner Bill Brockman
'Mary was always Mr. Solid. He always looked for the best way of accomplishing things for the county at the least possible expense to the taxpayers.

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# Bush's education funding draws fire

Los Angeles Times

**WASHINGTON** — A year ago, amid much self-congratulatory back-slapping, President Bush and congressional Democrats hailed their bipartisanship in adopting a broad revision of federal education policy.

What a difference 365 days and an approaching presidential election make.

On Wednesday, as President Bush marked the first anniversary of the No Child Left Behind Act by touting his devotion to education, his erstwhile Democratic allies stayed away from the White House gathering while questioning his fealty to the cause.

The war of words foreshadowed a year of anticipated partisan divisions on economic policy, health care, judicial nominations, energy proposals and a host of other issues as Republicans and Democrats begin sharpening their

## No Child Left Behind mandate required more money help to states, Democrats contend

differences for the 2004 campaign.

The flap over education centered on federal funding for states to carry out the reforms required by last year's law. Bush emphasized the unprecedented federal spending on education — \$22 billion annually.

But on Capitol Hill, Democrats accused the president of not living up to his commitment to spend billions more.

On the sidelines, at least for now, state officials already facing deep budget deficits are growing fearful that the economic stimulus proposal Bush unveiled Tuesday could further hurt their schools.

The president's \$674 billion plan would eliminate the corporate dividend tax, which could

cost states an estimated \$4 billion to \$5 billion a year in lost revenue. That could force state officials already struggling to produce balanced budgets to make additional spending cuts, including in education.

"The governors believe in the goals of (the education reform act)," said an official of the non-partisan National Governors Association. "But is (education funding) a concern? I hear it between the lines."

The education bill — supported by liberals such as Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., — gave states and local districts more leeway in spending federal dollars. But in return, the law requires them annually to test reading and

math skills and intervene in schools that persistently fail to improve. It toughens standards for teachers. And it allows parents to transfer their children to better schools, or receive funds to pay for after-school tutoring.

In his East-Room remarks Wednesday, he lauded the bill's key elements. Bush also took on his Democratic critics.

"The main reservations we've heard in the year since we passed the reform have come from some adults, not the children, who say the testing requirement is an unfunded mandate on the states," he said.

"Well, that's not true. We put up \$307 million to provide for testing, to pay for the testing in this year's budget. I intend to ask for the same amount next year. We demanded excellence. We're going to pay for the accountability system to make sure that we do get excellence."

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just knew (Kempthorne's) decision would be a point or a point and a half. We were just working off historical numbers, but if we had had the current numbers as he has, I'm sure we would have gone with 1.5 percent."

A sales tax is the only way to infuse money quickly into the revenue stream, said Paulos, who earlier in the four-month process of studying the state budget had stated he would not support a sales tax hike. The committee, which has been trying to resolve a shortfall of at least \$150 million in the FY 2004 budget, looked at every possible option and came to exactly the same conclusion as the governor, Paulos explained.

"The reality is if we're going to protect ourselves and have a state government that provides services, it can't be avoided," Paulos said. "We felt we had to stabilize government and also protect our bond rating. It also sends a message to higher ed that we can't afford to lose any more talent. We have to reassure people in education we are committed to educating our people."

Paulos said the revenue and taxation committee, of which he is a member, voted unanimously in favor of the 1 percent sales tax increase and that the entire 35-member task force had only two dissenting votes for the recommendation.

Randy Nelson, the president of the conservative tax watchdog group — Associated Taxpayers of Idaho, speculated that the extra half point the governor targeted as the best figure might be for negotiating purposes.

"I think by going to 6.5 percent it gives them a lot of room to work with," he said. But he also said he hasn't seen December's revenues, which have been rumored to be soft.

However, Nelson, who had said last summer that tax increases coupled with more cuts in government were needed to resolve the deficit, said that keeping the sales tax at 6.5 percent over three years makes him suspicious that the hike will become permanent. Veteran lawmakers recalled the temporary increases in the 3 percent sales tax passed in the mid-1980s to deal with that budget crisis. None were allowed to expire,

and the tax was set permanently at 5 percent in 1987.

"I would like to see it tiered down over three years so taxpayers could see an end," Nelson said. "I don't want to see it being built into the budget so it doesn't look like it would ever end."

Steve Ahrens, president of Idaho's most powerful lobbying group for business — Idaho Association for Commerce and Industry, even conceded that Kempthorne's proposal is probably based on dire need.

"I was a little surprised at the extent of his request, but I think the governor has access to financial numbers that haven't been published so far," Ahrens said. "The number for the shortfall to this point is \$160 million. The fact that he was using a \$200 million figure means the numbers are worse. There may be places where more cuts could be made, but we are reaching the point where more cuts would be counterproductive — especially in higher ed."

Ahrens noted that his organization is still pushing for efficiencies in addition to the proposed sales tax hike. Public education is a place where he says there could be more done to make money work better.

He also pointed out that the governor is somewhat at a disadvantage to the Legislature because he has to present his version of a balanced budget early in January while lawmakers will have two to three months to study updated figures before they pass a final budget. He said his organization will be studying those figures before taking a formal stand on the proposed 6.5 percent hike.

But in the end, he said, his group as well as legislators could very well come to the same conclusion as Kempthorne.

"The governor did a heck of a good job on hitting on the idea that you can't fill a \$200 million deficit with budget cuts," Ahrens said. Paulos said, "The only thing I can say is that the people of Idaho need to embrace this. The only other choice is to turn off the state services and turn our employees out in the street. We've come a long ways in the last 10 years, and we need to keep going forward."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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said leaves a major question for future courts to settle.

"They have substantially cooled what has been a legal hot potato," said Michael Greenberger, a former senior justice official under President Clinton and director of the University of Maryland's Center for Health and Homeland Security.

The appeals decision overturned a lower court's ruling that 22-year-old Yaser Esam Hamdi, a Louisiana native captured last year in Afghanistan, must see the government's evidence supporting its claims that he fought with al-Qaida and Taliban forces against the United States.

Courts, the judges ruled, must be "highly deferential" to the government's prosecution of battle during wartime, even an unconventional war such as that against global terrorism. Hamdi, they added, is being held under "well-established laws and customs of war ... the fact that he is a citizen does not affect the legality of his detention as an enemy combatant."

Hamdi's lawyer, federal public defender Frank Dunham Jr., did not immediately return calls seeking comment. Attorney General John Ashcroft applauded the decision, calling it "an important victory for the president's ability to protect the American people in times of war."

## A RALLY FOR PEACE



Kristina Oslen, a nurse from Newburyport, Mass., whose sister was killed in the Sept. 11 attacks, sings Wednesday at the al-Amaria shelter in Baghdad, Iraq, as part of the "Peaceful Tomorrow" group. Members, who lost members in the Sept. 11 attacks, traveled to Iraq to grieve with Iraqis whose relatives were killed 20 years ago when allied warplanes mistakenly struck a bomb shelter during the Gulf War.

## Arab leaders work to avert U.S.-Iraq war

Los Angeles Times

**WASHINGTON** — As the military squeeze tightens around Iraq, Arab leaders and the European Union have quietly begun mobilizing last-minute initiatives to avert a U.S.-led war, according to American, European and Arab officials.

Arab envoys are talking behind the scenes about Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's political future, while the European Union announced plans Wednesday for

a mediation mission to the Middle East early next month.

The prospect of success, at this advanced state of play, basically boils down to a single question: Would the Iraqi leader be willing to surrender power?

The Bush administration appears to consider that an option, several U.S. officials have said this week. After declaring that war is not inevitable, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday: "The first choice would be that Saddam

Hussein would pick up and leave the country tonight. That would be nice for everybody."

At the State Department, spokesman Richard A. Boucher said Wednesday: "It's an option that we would all hope he would take advantage of."

The response from Iraq, however, is a bluster and definitive "no way." A top Iraqi diplomat denounced the growing number of rumors as "rumor-mongering" and a "canard" in a psychological war against Baghdad.

## Bush signs bill extending jobless assistance

Nation in brief

to win approval for a more generous bill, and said they were overwhelmed by the GOP-crafted measure.

### Cheers: Study shows alcohol can reduce risk

Drinking a glass or two of wine, beer or any other kind of alcohol every day can significantly reduce the risk of suffering a heart attack, according to a large new study that is the first to examine whether drinking occasionally or daily is the best strategy for taking advantage of alcohol's health benefits.

The research also shows clearly for the first time that drinking any kind of alcohol, not just red wine, can protect the heart.

"What is important is the drinking pattern and not necessarily what the individual is drinking or even the average consumption," said Eric Rimm, associate professor of epidemiology and nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, who helped conduct the new study. "It's much more beneficial to have about a drinker two a day."

The new study is the latest installment in a long-running debate over the apparent Jekyll-and-Hyde qualities of alcohol.

### GOP adds black woman to panel after controversy

**WASHINGTON** — Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones was first Wednesday to become the first black woman to ever serve on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, but only after Republicans abandoned a

decision to shrink the size of the panel that threatened to embroil them in a controversy over race.

The reversal by the GOP came after Democrats complained to reporters that Jones, D-Ore., would have been prevented from joining the committee had majority Republicans reduced the committee's size.

Republicans argued that had the panel's size been cut, Democrats could still have appointed her because one Democrat who served in 2002 retired and another was defeated for re-election.

Either way, the episode illustrates the political sensitivities over race that are buffeting Washington following the down fall of former Senate GOP leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., after Lott spoke wistfully about Strom Thurmond's segregationist presidential run of 1948.

— compiled from wire reports

## CAFO

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vices to learn more about the new regulations.

Clean Water Act violations carry about a \$26,000-a-day fine per violation, Sheffield said.

### Where the rules originated

Sheffield comes from North Carolina, where he researched for his doctorate the effectiveness of the state's livestock regulations. North Carolina's regulations are similar to the new EPA rules, and the new rules used Sheffield's research as a resource.

He found that the biggest threat posed to surface water by concentrated livestock operations was no longer from intentional direct discharges but from runoff that resulted from the spreading of manure and liquid waste on

fields and from problems with waste lagoons.

While dairies and beef producers are the primary southern Idaho industries affected by the new EPA rules, dynamics from across the country converged to produce the regulations. The hog, poultry and veal industries were singled out for regulations that require their waste systems to either be covered or contained indoors in animal barns. Poor ventilation in barns with manure pits can result in livestock being killed from the deadly gases given off by their own manure, as hundreds of them are concentrated in a single area and can even be deadly for unknowing farm workers.

Enclosed livestock waste systems are more environmentally friendly and reduce the threat of contamination, said Bryce Oates, co-chairman of the Clean Water, Network, an organization of environmental groups watch-dogging

enforcement of the Clean Water Act. Waste systems that flush manure into open ponds with clay liners can leak, he said.

"We actually were really disappointed in the CAFO regulations," said Oates from his office in Missouri, a state where hog farming is huge.

Many hog farms are contract farms, Oates explained. The farmer owns the land and operates the farm, and the corporate meat processor owns the animals. The new regulations don't hold corporations responsible for discharges from contract farms, he said.

And the new rules still exempt farms from liability when land-applied manure runs off a field in a storm, said Ken Midkiff, who heads the national Sierra Club campaign for clean water. The Sierra Club is asking its attorneys to review the rules. A legal challenge is a possibility, he said.

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# Death penalty opponents seize on Maryland study

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A long-awaited study on capital punishment in Maryland found that blacks charged with killing whites are much more likely to face potential death sentences. Death penalty opponents seized on the findings released Tuesday, saying lawmakers should extend the state's moratorium on executions while they debate the law and review the report. Some black lawmakers planned to introduce bills Wednesday that would extend the moratorium. The report by University of Maryland criminologist Ray Paternoster was commissioned by Gov. Parris Glendening in 2000 to determine if death sentences were given out unfairly based on race and geography. Glendening imposed the moratorium on executions last May while the study was being completed, but Republican Gov.-elect Robert Ehrlich has promised to lift the ban when he takes office next week. He said he will review death sentences on a case-by-case basis.

## Killer gets death in murders of five restaurant workers

NEW YORK — The mastermind behind the massacre of five employees at a fast food restaurant was formally sentenced to be executed Wednesday, making him the sixth inmate on New York's death row. John Taylor, 38, faces death by lethal injection for his role in herding seven employees of a New York restaurant into a freezer, where five of the bound-and-gagged workers were executed. The other two workers were shot but survived. "If taking my life will make each and every one of you feel better, take my life today," Taylor told friends and relatives of the victims in court. A half-dozen of the relatives walked out of the courtroom when he stood to speak.

## Astronomers find the most distant extrasolar planet

SEATTLE — Using a new technique that will be used to search for Earth-like planets, astronomers have found a distant extrasolar planet, a bizarre place of torrid heat, with clouds and rain-drops made of iron. A team from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics found the planet orbiting a star 5,000 light years away by detecting the slight dimming of light caused as the planet moved between the star and telescopes on Earth. The sophisticated technique was compared to spotting the shadow cast by a mosquito flying in front of a searchlight two hundred miles away. More than 100 extrasolar planets — planets orbiting stars other than the sun — have been found by measuring a star's wobble caused by the gravity of the planet. The new discovery is the first using the new technique, called a transit search, which looks directly at the dimming light.

## Study: Speed of gravity matches speed of light

SEATTLE — Astronomers have confirmed that the speed of gravity does match the speed of light.

# Child killer told detectives during his interrogation, 'My life is over'

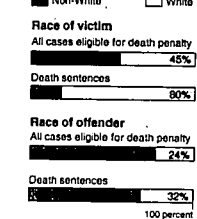
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Child killer David Westerfield told detectives interrogating him after the disappearance of 7-year-old Danielle van Dam, "My life is over," and he asked the detectives to leave him alone with a gun. A video released Wednesday of the interrogation conducted three days after Danielle was reported missing, shows Westerfield sitting in a small room fielding questions from two detectives, who pleaded with him at one point to admit to the crime and tell them where to find the girl. Westerfield never provided the information and Danielle's nude body was found weeks later by volunteers. Westerfield was sentenced Friday to death for her kidnapping and murder. On the tape, Detective Michael Ott can be heard telling Westerfield, "Things are falling apart around you." "They've already fallen apart," Westerfield said. "As far as I'm concerned my life is over. The life that I had, the life that I

### Nation in brief

#### Study suggests death penalty bias

A recent study indicates that murderers of white victims are more likely to be sentenced to death in Maryland.

Maryland murder cases, July 1978 through December 1999



SOURCE: University of Maryland AP

The astronomers took advantage of a rare planetary alignment to study one of the basic forces of nature. Edward B. Fomalout of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory and Sergei Kopelkin of the University of Missouri, Columbia, clocked the speed of gravity by measuring how light waves from a distant star were warped by the gravity of Jupiter as the planet passed between the Earth and the star.

They found that the speed was in agreement with an assumption made by Albert Einstein, who thought gravity moved at the speed of light, about 186,000 miles per second. But it was a value that, until now, was unmeasured and only assumed.

Although the measurement established a number for one of the last fundamental unknown constants in physics, Fomalout admitted, "gravity is not well understood."

#### One of sky's biggest stars experiences eruptions

SEATTLE — One of the brightest and biggest stars in the heavens is going through a series of eruptions and dimming that may lead eventually to a supernova explosion, astronomers say.

The star, called Rho Cassiopeia, is a hypergiant with 20 to 40 times the mass of the sun. It puts out a half million times more light than the sun and can easily be seen from Earth even though it is 10,000 light years away.

But Rho Cas, as it is called, is a seething, unstable ball of gas that expands and contracts over time and occasionally erupts with a violence that sends immense amounts of matter streaming through space.

Astronomers at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics captured images of such an explosion in 2000 and reported on their observations Tuesday at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

— compiled from wire reports

# Bush tries again with judge candidates

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has renominated appellate court nominees Charles Pickering of Mississippi and Priscilla Owen of Texas, saying opponents who blocked Pickering last year over concerns about his race-relations record were politically motivated. Pickering, a U.S. District judge in Hattiesburg, Miss., and a friend of Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., was blocked by Senate Democrats last year after civil rights groups lobbied against him.

This has nothing, nothing to do with race and everything to do with the ideology of a few liberal Democrats who oppose a man who has bipartisan support,"

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "Enough support to be confirmed by the full United States Senate, including having a rating of well qualified by the American Bar Association."

Pickering and Owen were rejected by the Democrat-controlled Senate last year but will likely have a better shot of confirmation under the newly Republican-controlled chamber.

Pickering and Owen's nominations were returned to the Senate on Tuesday along with 28 other judicial nominations who were not considered by the full Senate last year. Pickering and Owen, however, were the only two who were specifically rejected last

year by the Democrat-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee.

There was some question about whether Pickering, who was accused of being racially insensitive by Democrats, would be renominated after one of his patrons, Sen. Trent Lott, stepped down as Senate GOP leader after making racially insensitive remarks.

And Senate Democrats immediately pledged to do whatever they could to keep Pickering from getting a seat on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, including a possible filibuster of the nomination.

"Unfortunately, they have not learned from the Trent Lott episodes and I am going to do

everything I can to stop the filibuster nomination from passing."

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said.

Addressing reporters Wednesday, Schumer said that could even include a filibuster, a parliamentary tactic that would require a majority to pass 60 votes in the 100-member Senate instead of just a simple one-vote majority.

"To me, this is a moral issue," Schumer said. He said Pickering showed "blatant racial insensitivity" in his handling of a 1994 cross-burning case. Pickering had sought a lighter sentence for a defendant in a case in which a cross was burned on the lawn of an interracial couple.

# Officials probe cause of crash

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A commuter plane taking off in clear weather Wednesday veered sharply back toward the airport and crashed into the side of a hangar, bursting into flames and killing all 21 people aboard.

The cause of the nation's first deadly airline accident in more than a year was not immediately clear.

US Airways Express Flight 5481 hit the corner of the hangar at full throttle moments after leaving Charlotte-Douglas International Airport for Greer, S.C., officials said.

Dee Addison, who works at an airport business 500 yards away, ran outside after hearing a boom. "It was like a frenzy. People were running out of the hangar," she said. "At the time we didn't know a plane had actually crashed. It didn't even look like a plane. It was totally demolished." Heavy smoke rose from the wreckage for hours, so thick "you could taste it in your mouth," Addison said.

The Beech 1900 twin-engine turboprop was carrying 19 passengers and two crew members. It took off to the south, then cut back toward the airport, airport director Jerry Orr said.

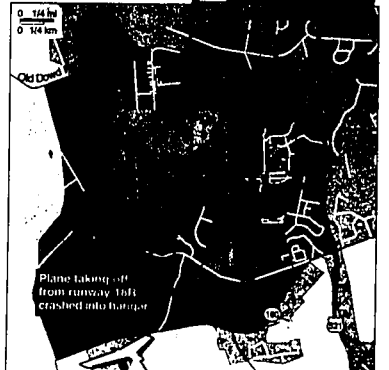
The pilot, Katie Leslie, contacted the tower to report an emergency, said Greg Martin, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman. But the transmission was cut short and the emergency was never identified, he said.

Investigators believed they had found the flight data recorder and were looking for the cockpit voice recorder, said John Goglia, a National Transportation Safety Board member. The FBI said there were no immediate indications of terrorism.

The weather at the airport was clear at the time, with winds of only 8 mph, said Rodney Hinson, a National Weather Service meteorologist. The flight originated in Lynchburg, Va., and was bound for the Greenville-Spartanburg airport in Greer, only 80 miles from Charlotte.

## Plane crashes into airport hangar

A commuter plane crashed into a hangar at Charlotte/Douglas Intl. Airport Wednesday, killing all 21 people on board.



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SOURCES: Associated Press, ESRI AP



Emergency personnel are shown near the charred hangar after US Airways Express Flight 5481 crashed into it Wednesday at Charlotte/Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, N.C.

# Racist faces solicitation of murder charge

CHICAGO (AP) — The leader of a white supremacist group was arrested Wednesday on charges he tried to have a federal judge murdered.

Matt Hale, 31, was taken into custody by agents of an FBI-led terrorism task force as he arrived at Chicago's federal courthouse for a contempt of court hearing in a trademark infringement lawsuit.

The East Peoria man is head of the World Church of the Creator.

A former member of the racist organization, Benjamin Smith, went on a deadly shooting rampage against minorities in Illinois and Indiana in 1999. Smith killed two people and wounding several others before killing himself.

Hale was indicted on charges he tried between Nov. 29 and Dec. 17 to get someone to kill U.S. District Judge John Humphrey Lefkow.

Lefkow has been presiding over the trademark case involving Hale's use of the name World Church of the Creator. She had recently ordered the organization to stop using the name and turn over all printed materials reading "World Church of the Creator" because the name infringed on the rights of an Oregon group, the TE-TA-MA Truth Foundation. But Hale refused to comply.

# Judge halts sonar testing on whales

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday blocked scientists from studying the impacts of a newly developed sonar on migrating gray whales.

The ruling by the Massachusetts-based Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and New Hampshire-based Scientific Solutions Inc. was to begin Wednesday a mile off the Northern California coast during the whales' southward migratory season.

District Judge Samuel Conti set a hearing for Jan. 17, when he is expected to rule on whether to uphold his temporary order or allow the three weeks of testing to begin.

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David Westerfield During closing arguments Aug. 6

he be left alone for a few minutes with one of the detectives' guns, a request that was denied.

The exchange was the closest Westerfield came to admitting he kidnapped and murdered the girl, whose family lived two doors away from him.

Jurors never saw the tape, released to the public on Tuesday. Superior Court Judge William Mudd ruled some of Westerfield's statements could not be used against him because detectives had violated his rights.

Mudd agreed to release the tape and hundreds of pages of documents after media lawyers pressed for them to be made public.

During the interrogation, Westerfield asked several times for a lawyer toward the end of the 45-minute interrogation, but he was tired and hadn't showered or changed his clothes in almost two days.

He complained about being "abused" and said that "nobody is looking out after David's rights."

was living is over."  
"But you can't blame anybody for that but yourself, Dave," Ott replies.  
"And I have no problem with that," Westerfield says.  
At one point, he suggests that

# Kim Jong Il's image turns sour again

## Nuclear weapons issue shines light again on darker side

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — His South Korean counterpart praised him as "a man of insight." Madeleine Albright had "a special and unique dynamic along with him." It was quite a turnaround for a man long vilified as a terrorist, a kidnapper and a crackpot.

But now the pendulum is swinging back for Kim Jong Il, leader of North Korea, to the image of international villain bent on making nuclear weapons.

In 1993 his father and president, Kim Il Sung, confronted the world with the first threats to go nuclear. That crisis passed and the elder Kim died, but now his 60-year-old son has re-ignited the fuse with moves to develop nuclear weapons in violation of international agreements.

Only 2 1/2 years ago, he held a historic summit with South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, heralding a new era for the divided Korean peninsula. The secretive communist state was, it seemed, finally opening up. Now he has expelled U.N. monitors and threatens to quit the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which confines nuclear weapons to the United States, Russia, France, Britain and China.

Kim Jong Il has a long history



North Korean leader Kim Jong Il leaves in his armored car from talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Vladivostok, Russia, in this Aug. 23, 2002, photograph.

of alleged involvement in kidnapping and terrorism.

In 1983, after a bomb killed 17 senior South Korean officials visiting Myanmar, a captured North Korean agent said the mission was sanctioned by Kim Jong Il.

In 1987, a North Korean agent was arrested getting off a South Korean airliner. She publicly testified that she put two time bombs on the plane on Kim's orders.

The incident put North Korea on the U.S. State of Department list of countries sponsoring terrorism, along with Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria.

Kim is also a movie buff of sinister proportions. In 1978, a

famous South Korean movie director and his actress wife were abducted to North Korea. The couple fled back to the West eight years later and quoted Kim Jong Il as telling them that he personally ordered their kidnappings so they could help develop the North's film industry.

In September, Kim confessed

to visiting Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi that his country had kidnapped about a dozen Japanese citizens in the 1970s and 1980s to train communist spies in Japanese language and culture.

North Korea's official party apparatus under Kim's direct control is also widely alleged to be involved in trafficking drugs, particularly methamphetamines, into Japan.

Kim's image dramatically improved after the 2000 summit. A few months later, Albright, then secretary of state, visited Pyongyang and said later that Kim was "not the kind of peculiar person" he had been made out to be.

Kim charmed his guests with eloquence and humor and proved that he was on top of world affairs.

But still, little personal detail about him is reliably known beyond his height (5 feet 3), weight (187 pounds) and hairdo (exaggerated pompadour).

He is said to be a movie fan who owns a collection of 20,000 foreign films. He reportedly has produced several films himself, mostly historical epics with an ideological tinge.

Even his birthplace is disputed. North Korea says he was born on Feb. 16, 1942, in a "secret camp" at Mount Paekdu on the North Korea-China border when his father was supposedly a guerrilla fighter against the Japanese.

Western officials say he was born in the Soviet Union.



SOURCES: Associated Press, ESPI AP

## Turkish jet crashes in heavy fog

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — A Turkish Airlines flight crashed Wednesday as it tried to land at an airport in southeastern Turkey, killing 72 people. Interior Minister Abdullah Akso said.

The plane, which was on its way from Istanbul, crashed in the largely Kurdish city of Diyarbakir, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. Private NTV television said the plane crashed in heavy fog.

NTV television quoted Akso as saying that the plane carried 77 people and that there were only five survivors.

The RJ-100 passenger aircraft crashed in a military area near the airport, and soldiers were helping to evacuate the injured. CNN-Turk television reported.

The RJ-100 is a four-engine plane built by British Aerospace.

The five injured were evacuated to the main hospital in Diyarbakir, about 645 miles southwest of Istanbul and 75 miles north of the Syrian border. CNN-Turk television said the injured were in shock but had no life-threatening injuries.

Last week, several flights to Diyarbakir were canceled because of poor conditions on the runway.

In May 2001, a military transport plane crashed in southeast Turkey, killing 44 officers and soldiers from Turkey's elite special forces.

A civilian jetliner crashed in eastern Turkey in 1991, killing 55 people after the pilot miscalculated landing despite a storm that drastically cut visibility.

## U.N. probes reports of cannibalism

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — U.N. investigators have found credible evidence that Congolese rebel troops have killed and eaten Pygmies in northeastern Congo, U.N. officials said Wednesday.

During the past week, U.N. human rights investigators have been receiving reports of cannibalism in Ituri province. Forces of the rebel Congolese Liberation Movement, or MLC, and its allied Congolese Rally for Democracy, RCD-N, are accused of killing and eating Pygmies in the dense tropical forests.

"The U.N. is taking these accusations very seriously and has sent a team of six officials to investigate the accusations and other human rights abuses in the region," said Manodje Mounoubai, spokesman for the U.N. mission in Congo.

Speaking by telephone from the Congolese capital, Kinshasa, Mounoubai declined to give further information until until investigators leave the area.

Other U.N. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said investigators have established that the charges are credible.

The two rebel factions often have been warring for food for them in the forests as they fight to oust the rival rebel Congolese Rally for Democracy-Liberation, or RCD-ML, from mineral-rich areas of Ituri province, a U.N. official familiar with the probe said.

If the expert hunters return empty-handed, rebel troops kill and eat them, the official said.

Sudi Alimasi, an official with the U.N. D-ML, said people displaced by fighting between reporting incidents of cannibalism more than a week ago.

"We hear reports of MLC and RCD-N commanders feeding on several organs of Pygmies, apparently believing this would give them strength," Alimasi said from Kinshasa. "We also have reports of Pygmies being forced to feed on cooked remains of their colleagues."

The Program for Aid to Victims in Beni, a Congolese advocacy group, called for help for the Pygmies, who it said were "threatened with extinction."

"It is unacceptable that the international community focuses on protecting endangered animals like the okapi, the mountain gorilla and the rhinoceros and pays no attention to the fate of human beings like ... the Pygmies, who are nevertheless even in his much greater danger of extinction," the group stated.

Pygmies, not all of whom are below average height, are believed to be the earliest inhabitants of Central Africa. An estimated 60,000 live in Congo.

Nearly all foreign troops involved in the war in Congo that broke out in August 1998 have withdrawn, but fighting has intensified among the country's main rebel factions.

# U.S. women bring \$3.5M to Afghanistan

The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — The first official delegation of American women to visit the Afghan capital since the fall of the Taliban arrived Wednesday — offering more than \$3.5 million in aid to help women across the country and to, in the words of White House counselor Karen Hughes, "pride some small sense of encouragement to the women of Afghanistan."

Under tight and heavily armed security at the Afghan government's Ministry of Women's Affairs, the Americans met to discuss women's rights, education and business opportunities under the auspices of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council — founded last year with the encouragement of President Bush and Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

While the issues discussed and plans made would not be considered controversial almost anywhere else in the world, they remain so in Kabul. More than a year after the Taliban were defeated and fled, most women on the streets of the capital still go outside only if shielded by the head-to-toe covering of a burqa, and in many sections of the country few women are seen outside at all.

At a press conference in front of the ministry, Hughes said that she was "a little surprised to see so many women still in burqas. ... I hope it is a choice and not out of fear, but I think we heard in the meeting that there is still a substantial amount of fear."

Hughes said that she had been encouraged to come by Bush to "as a symbol of his personal commitment to the people of Afghanistan."

The new American assistance will include a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to open women's centers in 14 provinces designed to offer help with literacy, health, education



Jamila Mujahid, 38, left, a famous Afghan poet, writer and editor of the 'Malalat,' Afghanistan's glossy magazine for women, works with staff at her office in Kabul Wednesday. Jamila won a prize in Washington in 2002 for her struggle for women rights during the Taliban's anti-women rights regime.

and how to start small businesses. Soraya Rahim Solhraz, deputy director of the women's ministry, said her office hoped the center could also offer additional help with women's legal and family planning needs in the future.

According to Paula Dobriansky, the State Department under secretary for global affairs and the head of the delegation, relief

groups will also compete for \$1 million in programs related to the women's issues discussed at the meeting. In addition, Daimler/Chrysler and AOL TimeWarner have given money to help Afghan women's projects.

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## London police arrest seventh man in poison case

LONDON — Police said Wednesday they had arrested a seventh suspect after the discovery of the deadly toxin ricin in a north London apartment.

Metropolitan Police said they had arrested the 33-year-old man, whom they did not identify, in north London on Tuesday.

Investigators apprehended six men Sunday in north and east London and seized ricin at a flat in the Wood Green neighborhood had tested positive for trace amounts of ricin, a virulent poison — double the strength of cobra venom.

Doctors throughout Britain have been warned to be alert for signs that Britons have been poisoned by the toxin, for which there is no antidote. Victims die within days.

None of the men, who were arrested under the Terrorism Act, has been charged. Scotland Yard said they are of North African origin but declined to specify what country or countries they came from. Officials refused to confirm media reports that the men are Algerian.

Police refused to confirm reports that investigators had discovered a makeshift laboratory in the Wood Green apartment, or that they were looking for more ricin elsewhere.

### World in brief

**Mexico's foreign relations secretary will leave office**

MEXICO CITY — Foreign Relations Secretary Jorge Castaneda, who raised Mexico's stature abroad while irking lawmakers at home, is leaving his post, government officials said Wednesday.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, confirmed reports in Mexican newspapers that Castaneda had decided to step down and that President Vicente Fox would accept his resignation.

Castaneda, who took office two years ago, has been credited with bettering relations with Europe and helping Mexico obtain a seat on the U.N. Security Council. But he has incurred the wrath of Cuban President Fidel Castro and lawmakers at home by adopting an increasingly critical attitude toward Cuba's communist government, while pushing for ever-closer ties to the United States.

**Report: Ex-Taliban leader freed by U.S., returns home**

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A former Taliban regional commander

has been released from American detention, officials said Wednesday.

Mullah Salam, who was allied with the Taliban, arrived home late Tuesday in southeastern Afghanistan's Zabul province, Zabul Gov. Hamidullah Khan said, speaking by telephone from the province's capital of Qalat.

It wasn't immediately clear where Salam had been held or why he was freed. U.S. Special Forces troops captured the former Taliban commander in Kandahar in May.

Salam, a warlord in Zabul, had earned the nickname "Mullah Rocket" for his love for high-tech weapons when he was leading forces against the former Soviet troops that invaded Afghanistan in the 1980s. He joined the Taliban when the militia gained power over major parts of Afghanistan in the 1990s, serving as a commander in the eastern city of Jalalabad.

**School looks to protect poor students from stigma**

LONDON — A new high school said Wednesday its students will be charged for their lunches with a retina scanning device to prevent poor children who eat for free from being ridiculed in the cafeteria.

Dr. Ed Yates, headmaster of the Venerable Bede school, said the advanced eye-recognition software will be in place when the institution opens its doors to 900 students in September in Sunderland, western England.

He said the school is concerned that if students are forced to pay for their lunches in cash the poor ones who receive food for free could be stigmatized. So officials have decided to make the entire school "cashless."

The retina scanning device also will be used in the library when students take out and return books, Yates said.

He assured parents the low-intensity light of the retina scanning devices will be safe for all students.

— compiled from wire reports

## Turtles turn up dead in India

BHUBANESHWAR, India (AP) — Nearly 3,000 endangered Olive Ridley turtles have been found dead off India's east coast, killed by fishing trawlers at the start of the nesting season, environmentalists said Wednesday.

The annual mass nesting of the turtles did not take place earlier last year off the coast of Orissa state because of a 30-day closure of the sea. Activists say the nesting is endangered again this year because of illegal activity by fishermen.

Biswajit Mohanty, secretary of the private Wildlife Society of Orissa, said nearly 3,000 turtles had already been killed since the turtles began swimming toward the shore in November at the start of their nesting season. Most were killed after becoming caught in the trawlers' nets.

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## EDITORIAL

### Legislators should resist sweeping tax increases

Idaho's state government has long been billed as one of the most conservative in the nation. But after Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Tuesday night speech, that notable reputation is fading fast.

Kempthorne pulled no punches in his State of the State address, recommending a \$267 million tax increase to balance next year's budget. Kempthorne proposed increasing the 5-cent state sales tax by 1.5 cents for three years, plus a 34-cent cigarette tax hike.

Liberal pundits praised the Republican governor for making such demands of a predominantly GOP Legislature. Democratic legislators responded with predictable glee to see the governor jump on his tax-and-spend bandwagon.

But if Idaho's conservative politicians want to effectively represent the people who voted for them, they need to seriously question Kempthorne's recommendation.

The reality of Idaho's \$160 million revenue shortage for next year is hard to ignore. Some tax increase ultimately may be part of the solution when the Legislature adjourns in March.

But Kempthorne is off base in recommending a whopping \$267 million. It is too large for taxpayers who are enduring a recession.

His suggestion to restore \$80 million for college building construction is over the top. These projects should wait until the economy recovers. Idaho families don't launch expensive home renovations when money is tight — so why should state government? The proposal sounds like public works pump-priming, a technique popularized by New Deal Democrats in the '30s.

Kempthorne's 1.5-cent sales tax proposal trumps the 1-cent recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Task Force. When a Republican governor asks for more money than his own task force has suggested, something is askew. We wonder why.

The governor proposed a three-year sunset on the tax hike, so that it ends in July 2006, just before he leaves office. But don't expect the state to surrender that revenue when 2006 rolls around. When government gets used to taking more money from its citizens, a tax sunset usually becomes a mirage.

It's up to conservative legislators to find more prudent budget solutions. That won't be easy. If lawmakers reject the big tax increase in favor of more cuts in state government.

Kempthorne might urge their budget. A growing coalition of Democrats and liberal Republicans would likely block an override.

But conservative lawmakers need to make a stand for fiscal prudence — and voters should demand it. If conservatives don't put up a fight, they'll be joining the liberals and wayward Republicans in Boise, who believe state government programs are a higher priority than the taxpayers who support them.

In the end, lawmakers may repeat, may conclude that a sales tax increase is necessary. If they do, it shouldn't be anywhere near as big as Kempthorne has proposed.

We urge conservative lawmakers to keep their campaign promises, and resist tax increases. We urge local voters to tell their legislators, "You represent me, not state government."

Kempthorne has let the horse out of the barn. It's the Legislature's job to keep the tax fully from galloping away in a cloud of free-spending dust.

## Why Iraq is still hotter than North Korea

North Korea's announcement that it is expelling U.N. nuclear facility inspectors and reactivating a reactor that produces nuclear-weapon material raises questions of American priorities. Is the Bush administration right to threaten war against Iraq, which seems less close than North Korea to obtaining nuclear weapons, while making clear that force is not an option in dealing with the Pyongyang government?

**MICHAEL MANDELBAUM**

A comparison of the two situations makes clear that the administration is right. Using force against North Korea is inadvisable because the Communist nation is less vulnerable to attack than Iraq. War also is a less compelling option in dealing with North Korea because its nuclear weapons threaten American interests less than Iraqi nuclear arms would. A nuclear-armed Saddam Hussein would be more dangerous to the United States than a nuclear-armed Kim Jong-il.

A war to destroy the North Korean nuclear program is not feasible for three reasons.

First, the Pyongyang regime may already have such weapons, which it could hurl at South Korea in response to an attack.

Second, even without nuclear arms, North Korea has enough firepower to inflict severe damage on South Korea, especially if the United States is not there to help. A war would surely end with the demise of the Communist government. One reason countries seek nuclear weapons is to deter attacks by their neighbors. North Korea can already do this without nuclear arms.

Third, North Korea's neighbors, whose views the United States must respect, strongly oppose war. South Korea natural-



ly wishes to avoid the damage it would suffer in a war and, in addition, is leery about the costs of reconstructing and rehabilitating North Korea, which the outcome of a second Korean War would surely force it to assume. Further, China and Japan are not eager to see the Korean peninsula reunified, another likely consequence of war there.

As far as is known, Saddam Hussein, by contrast, lacks both nuclear weapons and the non-nuclear capacity to do grievous damage to other countries. Also, none of his neighbors strenuously objects to a military confrontation with him and, even if they did, their objections would weigh heavily with the United States. The cost of war with Iraq is likely to be considerably lower than the price of war in Korea.

More importantly, a nuclear-armed North Korea, although hardly desirable, would pose a less grave threat to American interests than would a Saddam in possession of the bomb. For even

a nuclear-armed North Korea could not intimidate, let alone conquer, its neighbors. China, Japan and South Korea are all prosperous, powerful countries with strong governments and formidable armed forces.

Japan and South Korea, although not nuclear-weapon states themselves, have solid alliances of long standing with the nuclear-armed United States.

In contrast, Saddam's neighbors, within whose borders is located much of the oil on which the global economy depends, are neither politically legitimate nor militarily powerful. They are no better able to defend themselves now than they were in 1991, when, after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the United States led an international coalition that came to their rescue.

A nuclear-armed Saddam could intimidate or even occupy his neighbors, dominate the region, and hold the world hostage by the influence he would thereby exercise over its supply of oil.

he did possess nuclear weapons, the world would likely not be as quick or forceful in opposing him as it was in the early 1990s.

Of course, the acquisition of nuclear weapons by the Communist government of North Korea would adversely affect American interests in East Asia and globally. But the acquisition of nuclear weapons by an Iraqi regime headed by Saddam would, from the standpoint of American interests, be worse.

That is why the Bush administration is justified, even as it relies on diplomacy to keep nuclear weapons out of North Korea's hands, in committing itself to using all means necessary to disarm Iraq.

Michael Mandelbaum, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, is the author of "The Ideas That Conquered the World: Peace, Democracy and Free Markets in the Twenty-First Century."

## LETTERS

### State needs to control magpie population

I've had a few phone calls agreeing with me about the magpies.

The population of magpies and crows is completely out of control. I haven't seen a pheasant in two years.

If all you who agree with me will do as I will and write to the Fish and Game Commission, perhaps it will do something about the situation.

Years ago, they had a bounty on magpies. There were also poison stations set up which kept them somewhat in control. Don't worry about anything getting poisoned by eating a magpie — nothing will eat them but maggots.

Anything is fine in moderation but the magpies are increasing at an alarming rate to the extent that in a few years, there will be no game birds, no song birds — nothing but magpies and crows.

Then Mr. Freshour can be content with his favorite bird!  
**EDITH ROBERTSON WENDLE**

### Like Russian Olives? Come and take some of mine

To all you Russian olive tree-lovers out there, my ship has come in. I have numerous Russian olive trees of various shapes and sizes for sale — cheap. Come on over and pick some out: don't worry about damaging them as you pick 'em, they're nearly impossible to kill.

Don't have a truck? That's OK, just grab a branch, break it off, take it home and throw it on the ground; you'll have a great Russian olive grove growing before you know it. If that's too much trouble, feel free to collect up a bucket of seeds, feed them to the birds around your place and they'll do the planting for you. Speaking of birds, if you'll take

any of the trees with maggie nests in them, I won't charge you at all. I'm in the book, and please don't yell come at once, parking is limited.

**DOUG MASON**  
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### Cable TV service price raising amounts to robbery

On Friday, Jan. 3, you had an article regarding CableOne. You expressed how CableOne is improving the cable reception and adding channels and raising prices to cover these expenses. When my wife and I agreed in 1993 to have TV cable in our house, there were approximately 32 channels for about \$24. At that time, the service was called basic cable TV. Since then, channels have been added and prices have been increased.

At that time, my wife and I only watched about 12 or 14 channels from the 32 channels of

basic TV. We did sample the other channels and found them wanting. Now we have 52 channels and we only watch 18 of those channels, a couple of those infrequently. We are willing to pay more for the reception improvement, but having somebody throw more channels at us and forcing us to pay more for something we did not ask for and do not want is a strong relative to highway robbery.

There are laws against robbery, and I know there is nothing covering this arrogant form of robbery, but there should be. There are a lot of people on a limited income such as my wife and I, and there are a lot of people worse off than we are, who resent this kind of treatment. Keep it up, cable TV, and you will lose the people who cannot afford your service, forced service at that.

**EDWIN BALLERSTEIN**  
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## There's still time for good ol' Saddam to take forced exile over war or assassination

The clock is ticking for Iraq and North Korea. These two outlaw regimes brutalize their own people and threaten the peace. President Bush insists on a change of heart in Pyongyang and a change of regime in Baghdad, which he, at least for now, regards as the greater danger.

Virtually all options point to a U.S.-led military attack against Iraq within months. Yet Bush keeps saying that all options are still open.

The most likely option is to overthrow the regime by a massive military assault against Baghdad. Less probable strategies to achieve the same result include a U.S.-backed uprising by rebel Iraqis, a coup d'etat by Saddam Hussein's top brass, a

### ERNEST LEFEVER

CIA assisted assassination of Saddam or any combination of the above.

The least likely option by far — one bordering on the fantastic, but not impossible — is voluntary or forced exile for Saddam in a country that would accept him. If this time-honored practice of defanging brutal tyrants were negotiated, it could spare thousands of American and Iraqi lives and billions of dollars.

Assuming exile for Saddam seems a preposterous idea. But given the stakes, it should be examined. There is still time.

Surprisingly, perhaps, the Bush administration has already hunted

ed that it is considering asylum for Saddam. And Washington is no stranger to assisting in such covert efforts to neutralize brutal tyrants. Further, a little-noted quirk in Saddam's psyche suggests that he may not be totally resistant to the asylum option.

First the hints. On Dec. 12, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, in a CNN interview with Wolf Blitzer in Qatar, suggested that with catastrophe looming, Saddam just might decide to give up and go live with Idi Amin. A week later, Rumsfeld told Larry King that Saddam still had the option of stepping down and leaving Iraq.

Was Rumsfeld kidding or was he serious? His fleeing reference to Amin is pertinent. Most Americans are unaware that the

former Ugandan dictator, responsible for perhaps half a million deaths during his nine-year reign, is still alive. In 1979, Amin fled to Saudi Arabia and now lives near Jidda, where he watches sports on TV and fishes in the Red Sea.

Precedent suggests that the Bush administration may be quietly exploring this unorthodox path to regime change in Iraq. Washington in recent years has provided covert support to help persuade several bloody tyrants to escape total disaster at home by accepting exile.

In 1991, the CIA facilitated a haven for Mengistu Haile Mariam of Ethiopia. During his 17-year reign as head of a Soviet-sponsored junta, about 500,000 people were killed. Today, Mengistu lives in Zimbabwe.

If Washington offered to find asylum for Saddam, would he cooperate? With his delusions of grandeur and sense of destiny, would he ever accept asylum? Not likely. But, then again, some elements in his twisted psyche suggest he might.

Foremost is his proclaimed mystical tie to Nebuchadnezzar, who ruled the Babylonian empire in the 6th century B.C. Saddam has often likened himself to his Babylonian hero and admired his conquests of Syria and Palestine and Jerusalem.

Nebuchadnezzar gloried in his imperial power and his grand palaces. But he eventually accepted the handwriting on the wall: "You have been weighed in the balances and found wanting. Your kingdom is divided ..."

(Daniel 5:27 and 28). He "was driven from among men, and ate grass like an ox ..." (5:21). But that was then. Today, a tyrant's fate may be less bitter.

Crushing evidence suggests that Saddam will cling to his evil dream and, like Adolf Hitler, may decide to go down in a Götterdämmerung of his own making.

But this grim fate is not foreordained. Given his mystical ties with his ancient predecessor, Saddam may yet see the handwriting on the wall and accept U.S. assistance in finding him asylum abroad.

Let him eat grass.

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### Doonesbury



### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

# Editor from Mayberry shouldn't alarm President Bush

ZEV CHAFETS

Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina announced on Thursday that he has established a committee to explore a run for the presidency. My guess is this committee will decide what this country needs is John Edwards in the White House.

This may seem counterintuitive, since Edwards lacks even the most elementary qualifications. A trial lawyer who first ran for office in 1998, he has no political chops to speak of, no executive record beyond the law-firm level and no important legislative accomplishments. In short, he is pretty close to a cipher.

This impression is confirmed by Edwards' Web site. There you will find the senator's achievements, none of which could be described as presidential. He sits on a few Senate committees. He's for better schools and modernization of the banking system. He co-sponsored a Patient Protection Act that passed the Senate. The site advertises oddly lukewarm newspaper reviews. The Raleigh News & Observer calls the senator "smart, disciplined and hard-working." The Wall Street Journal says he "impresses colleagues in behind-the-scenes deliberations." The Washington Post observes that he has "the ability to think on his feet ... master complex issues and ... communicate in plain language to ordinary people." These are quiet virtues you would look for in the manager of a Ford dealership.

One of the longest paragraphs on the Web site is devoted to the apparently noteworthy fact that Edwards has visited every one of North Carolina's 100 counties, "from Murphy (where he went to a college) to Mantes (where he honored Andy Griffith)."

Edwards calls himself "The People's Senator," but this is a stretch. As a personal-injury lawyer, he has taken from the rich and given to the poor. But unlike Robin Hood, Edwards kept a good share of the loot, making him a multimillionaire. He also doesn't look like a folk hero. In fact, he bears a more than passing resemblance to Troy Donahue's Merle, the snarmy gigolo in "The Godfather, Part II."

The senator's title to a log cabin is, in any case, derivative—he had a mill-hand father and post office room. Unfortunately, proletarian parents have lately been supplanted by former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's invocation of his shipyard.

workin' daddy.

Still, Edwards has pluses. First, it appears that he'll be up against a field of dull, if more conventionally qualified, competitors. Second, he is the favorite son of his fellow trial lawyers, a major source of Democratic funding. And, he is a faux-populist wild-card candidate in the style of Bill Clinton.

This worries President Bush. His inner circle has been keeping an eye on Edwards for months. They fear he could mount a Tribune-of-the-People Southern strategy in a bad economic climate. This concern has given rise to a not-so-subtle pre-emptive strike. One of Bush's stock lines is that Osama bin Laden must have thought America was so weak that it would retaliate with a lawsuit or two.

On the other hand, Clinton, it is rumored, favors Edwards' candi-

dacy. Romantics attribute this to a natural fondness on the part of the Man from Hope for the young Senator from Mayberry. Cynics discern a somewhat less-sentimental motive.

Bush may fear Edwards as a wild card, but Clinton knows it's unlikely that he, or any Democrat, can beat an incumbent wartime president. But a candidate who does well in 2004 would become a strong contender for the nomination in 2008.

Hillary Clinton's year is 2008. From the point of view of the Clinton Restoration, it is preferable for the Democrats to lose big in 2004 and clear the boards. A wartime candidate like Edwards, whose defense expertise consists of owning a home security system and whose foreign policy experience was a trip to Manteo County, would fit that bill nicely.

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## Re-runs of the Class Warfare Horror Show

There they go again. Like the TV Land cable channel, that recycles decades-old television shows, Democrats are reprising their familiar class warfare drama in opposition to the Bush administration's tax-cutting proposals.

The central question in this debate is not whether government should decide how much money it should allow to keep. Rather, it is how much of our money we will allow the government to spend.

President Bush has deftly fired the latest shot in the tax-cut battle at several targets, including the double taxation on dividends that stock market investors must now pay. He specifically has mentioned the unfairness of taxing twice the dividends paid to older Americans. This is a group Democrats regularly prey upon by suggesting Republicans want to cut Social Security, even though it was Bill Clinton who added a tax to some Social Security checks, thereby lowering benefits.

In his speech last Tuesday (Jan. 7) to the Economic Club of Chicago, the president noted how many older people rely on dividends from investments to subsidize their retirement. He suggested freeing them from having to pay taxes on money that has already been taxed once would augment their financial security. With 55 percent of Americans, owning at least some stock (compared to only 23 percent a decade ago), the president has highlighted an issue that should be widely popular.

Last fall, Rep. Chris Cox (R-Calif.) introduced a bill that would eliminate dividend taxes. He noted the double tax can exceed 60 percent and "even individuals whose total income is less than \$28,000 lose more



CAL THOMAS

than half of their dividends to federal tax."

Democrats, led by their new House Minority leader, Nancy Pelosi of San Francisco, whine about the deficit, which is caused by too much spending, not too few taxes. Funny how the deficit never bothered Democrats while they were in the majority. If they care about it now, let them lead the way in reducing waste, fraud and abuse in government. Some Republicans, who are just as guilty as Democrats for binge spending, need to go on the wagon as well.

What Democrats continue to sell is a false notion that the opportunities presented by liberty are insufficient incentives for success. That is contrary to everything most of us of a certain age were taught as children.

When I was poor, making \$99 per month as an Army private, working a civilian second job to pay the rent and buy food and riding to work on public transportation because I could not afford a car, I never envied the rich. I wanted to be like them. I studied how they became rich in order that I might be if not rich than at least more successful. I took college classes at night and on weekends, as my father did to improve his life. I worked hard, believing that such an ethic might allow me to have a piece of the economic pie and possibly even create new pies.

I grew up learning at home and in public school that America offered opportunities,

and if I took advantage of them, I could make a good living and have a wonderful life. When faced with setbacks, such as getting fired from a job, or not being hired, or promoted in one, I was taught persistence was a better road to success than crying, despair or resignation to my fate.

We don't teach such things anymore. Instead, we (or at least those institutions reflecting the Democrats' philosophy) teach that anyone who is rich is robbing the poor, implying they came by their money dishonestly. This is the subtle message of the Democrats' favorite phrase "Working Americans." It implies the well-off didn't work for their money, so they owe everyone else.

We teach that the poor are victims who cannot be expected to become up-poor, much less rich. Never should they have faith they can free themselves from their present condition, lest they not need Democratic programs and thus start voting for Republicans whose policies are more likely to emancipate the poor from their poverty, along with their own initiative.

America has until recently been a land that offered opportunity and promoted hard work. Now it penalizes success, encourages dependency among the shiftless and subsidizes failure. Republicans mostly believe in the former. Democrats mostly believe in the latter. The public has another opportunity to decide which one it believes—the old rerun, or the new and better idea, class warfare, or personal responsibility, empowerment and the tax cuts and reduction in government spending that will make both possible.

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## RIISING High School Sports STARS

### Michael Grant Valley basketball

Valley's Mike Grant has been making the most of his sophomore season lately. Don't worry, he's planning on making it all year. Grant is a big guy, to become a chiropractor. Or at least find a good career and make some money.

As for now, he's making opponents pay. Grant can dribble, drive, shoot from mid-range and out deep.

He had a career high of 33 points against reigning Class 1A state champion Cole Valley Christian at the McHugh Holiday Tournament this year, and last Tuesday lit up Kimberly for 16 first-half points en route to 41 points in the 56-51 victory over the bulldogs.

Tuesday's barrage included a 4-point play, as Grant hit from all over the floor in what he said was "by far" the team's best 16 minutes of play this year. The second-half wasn't.

And it didn't help that Grant sat out most of it with foul trouble. That first half, though, gave the Vikings confidence that at their best, they can get to state and do some damage once there, Grant said.

"We have to come together, though," he said. "And stay out of foul trouble."

Grant also plays football, in which he's a running back/linebacker, and runs track.

He was part of the Vikings' fifth-place medley relay team and qualified for state in the mile his freshman and sophomore years.

But basketball is his first love "probably, because I'm best at it," he said.

His freshman year played a pivotal role in his development as the varsity team won the state championship and he helped the junior varsity team to a district championship victory over Wendell.

Watching the older boys, including College of Southern Idaho sophomore Rob Black, win the state championship helped Grant see the commitment it takes to achieve at the state level and beyond.

"It made me want to be as good as they were," he said.

Grant is hoping to land a scholarship to play at the next level before starting that career as a chiropractor.

- Scott Thompson

### Melissa Webb, Declo basketball

Melissa Webb has been casting a large shadow over the Declo Hornets' competition lately.

On Tuesday, the 5-foot-11 junior led her second double-double of the season in the Hornets' 78-71 overtime victory over Wood River to support senior teammate Whitney Anderson's 23 points.

It's that kind of performance that is helping the Hornets recover from an admittedly slow start. Declo is now 8-4.

"It was a little scary at first," Webb said. "Because my dad kept saying, 'This was the year we were going to go to state and have a good chance of winning it.' But it just took a little time to come together."

Declo lost a lot from last year's state tournament team, but with Anderson, Webb and other strong performers stepping up, the Hornets are looking much stronger.

Part of that core is Meagan Webb, Melissa's twin sister. They are never far apart.

"We are best friends," Webb said. "We do everything together. We also push each other to get better. I was worried about the competition, if one of us got better than the other, but that hasn't been a problem. It's been good."

"Melissa also excels in track and field and volleyball."

Volleyball is her slight favorite. "I think it's because I have more of a body for volleyball. I'm kinda scrawny," she said.

As for the future, Melissa hopes play volleyball at a small college.

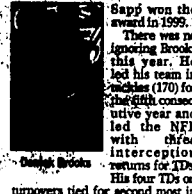
- Scott Thompson

# Bucs' Brooks tackles top defensive award

The Associated Press

Tampa Bay linebacker Derrick Brooks is the crown jewel of the NFL's best defense and easily topped Miami and Jason Taylor for The Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year award Wednesday.

The Buccaneers' star has been one of football's best linebackers since he broke into the league in 1995. But teammates Warren Sapp and John Lynch often drew more attention, and



Derrick Brooks  
turnovers tied for second most in

a single season in league history. Brooks also had career highs in interceptions (five) and passes defended (15).

So was the award overdue? "You can say that, but I'm going to be positive and say it's the right time for me to win it," Brooks said Wednesday. "Hopefully this can be done in a championship year. I just feel kind of funny. It's really, in my opinion, a team award."

Brooks' team allowed 136 points, 45 fewer than any other team, in winning the NFC South

with a 12-4 record. It ranked first in overall defense and against the pass and had 31 interceptions, six better than any other team.

And nobody played a bigger role than Brooks, an eight-year veteran who received 36 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL.

That easily outdistanced Taylor, who led the league with 18.5 sacks. Taylor got 11 votes, while Philadelphia's safety Brian Dawkins earned the only other

vote. Last year's winner was Giants end Michael Strahan.

There actually was some doubt about how effective a pro football award would be when he came out of Florida State after an All-America career. He went 28th in the first round because some scouts thought he was too light and short.

But at 6 feet and 235 pounds, Brooks is as effective in pass coverage as any linebacker in the last decade. And no one at his position is more adept against the run, regardless of size.

# WREAKING REVENGE

## Hornets' depth wears down Snake River

By Scott Thompson  
Times-Herald writer

DECLO - He who has the most weapons wins.

At least it went that way Wednesday night as the Declo Hornets boys basketball team finally got a measure of revenge against thorn-in-the-side Snake River, downing the Panthers 60-47 Wednesday night at Declo High School. And the Hornets did it despite getting just one field goal and seven points from star guard Marc Christensen.

But the deeper Hornets (7-1) did get a combined 30 points from senior guards Trae Jones and Spencer Glenn, while limiting Panther guard Preston Kelly to just five points and getting back at it the only team to beat them this season.

The Hornets have a short but dark history against the Panthers (4-3), and that loss in December isn't the half of it.

The Panthers smashed Declo 66-49 in the state championship game last March to win their second title in three years. And then in November, Snake River knocked the Hornets out of the football playoffs 27-12 in the quarterfinal round en route to their fifth straight state title and seventh crown in eight years.

On Wednesday, the Hornets left no doubt as they never trailed despite Snake River's defensive effort on Christensen, who was scoreless at half.

"He's a good player and we knew we were going to have to concentrate on him," Snake River coach Bob Coombs said. "But they did a good job getting out and putting pressure on Preston, knowing that he's a shooter, too."

Jones led the way with a game-high 18 points, including a 12-of-13 effort from the free throw line.

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Declo Hornet forward Terry Darrington takes the ball to the basket to the hole against Snake River's Sagean Dew Wednesday in the Hornets' 60-47 victory over the Panthers at Declo High School.

## Kobe Bryant sets NBA marks for 3-pointers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Kobe Bryant rose to stardom with medium-range jumpers, dazzling drives to the basket and scoring dunks.

For one game, he found another dimension - the 3-pointer.

Bryant made an NBA-record 12 shots from beyond the arc, including nine straight Tuesday night to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 119-93 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics.

"That was perhaps the greatest streak shooting I have ever seen in my life," said Lakers' coach Phil Jackson, who coached Bryant in his first season while coaching Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls for nine years.

Bryant scored 38 points in a span of 17.5 minutes during the second and third quarters, making 11-of-13 shots from 3-point range during that time.

He finished with 45 points - one off his season high - in 47 minutes.

"I just felt an incredible rhythm," Bryant said with a beam smile afterward. "And the catches, it wasn't like shooting anything like that. It's hard to describe, I didn't really realize what was going on, really."

And making it even more surprising, just last Sunday night in Phoenix, he shot 0-for-8 from 3-point range.

Against the Sonics, Bryant appeared to be having a torrid battle game midway through the second quarter, having shot 2-of-8 for four points and missing his only 3-point attempt.

Suddenly, and without warning, he couldn't miss. And when it was over, he had broken the record of 11 3-pointers set by Orlando's Dennis Scott against Atlanta on April 18, 1996.

The previous single-game 3-point record was eight straight by Steve Smith, Sam Perkins and Jeff Hornacek.

"Pulling up, he felt it, and he felt like the basket was an ocean," Seattle star Gary Payton said. "He was just in a rhythm. It was good defense on all of them."



Kobe Bryant

## Teen jockey gets off to galloping start

By Steven Wine  
Associated Press writer

HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla. - Shannon Uske knew she wanted to race horses by age 4 - and maybe even before that.

Good thing she can ride. At only 16, the jockey doesn't have a driver's license.

"When I was a baby and started to crawl, I'd get on my German shepherd and ride around," she says. "My mom would yell at me, 'Get off the dog!' And I'd go, 'He's my horse!'"

No wonder Uske's career is off to a galloping start. The precocious high school junior won the first race she entered last week at Calder Race Course in Miami, and she'll try to make it 2-for-2 Thursday at Gulfstream Park.

Her mount will again be a 6-year-old mare named Lilah, who carried Uske to victory in a 5.5-furlong sprint last Thursday. Bettors made Lilah the favorite in that race, even with the rookie rider, but Uske (pronounced YOU-skee) was assumed to find herself in the winner's circle.

"I always dreamed about winning," she says. "But I never thought I'd win the first time out."

Many riders must wait until



Teen jockey Shannon Uske, 16, holds on to Lilah, the 6-year-old mare she races, during an exercise session on Tuesday at Gulfstream Park in Miami, Fla. The high school junior won the first race she entered last week at Calder Race Course in Miami, and she'll try to make it 2-for-2 Thursday at Gulfstream Park.

they're 18 or older for their first race, but Hall of Fame trainer Allen Jerkens put Uske on a fast track. A native of Freehold, N.J., she landed a job last summer as an exercise rider at Belmont Park for Jerkens, then joined him in Florida for the winter season.

Because Uske doesn't have a driver's license, her mother or grandmother has been dropping her off at the track every morning.

## NASCAR plans to stop autographs in garage area

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - NASCAR is considering a plan to prohibit drivers from signing autographs in the garage area at tracks to reduce fan congestion.

NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. said Wednesday the possible ban is part of the sanctioning body's ongoing effort to restore order in the garage.

"We need to get the garage area back to where the guys can work on the cars," France said in an interview with The Associated Press. "So if we do this, when a fan asks a driver for an autograph, the driver will be able to say 'NASCAR won't let me.'"

A sport that has long prided itself on the level of access that fans have with the teams, NASCAR in recent years has seen an overcrowding that has led to numerous complaints from drivers and crews, as well as injuries among spectators.

Jeff Gordon is swarmed by dozens of fans every time he's in the garage. Dale Earnhardt Jr. has taken to sprinting to his destinations.

Jerkens has given about 20 jockeys their first mount, and Please see JOCKEY, Page B2

around, and fans have been treated for injuries from being run over by heavy tool carts or being knocked down in the crowds surrounding drivers.

Last season, a Tennessee woman charged Winston Cup champion Tony Stewart with assault for allegedly letting fans into the garage, especially after several drivers went to the sanctioning body in support of Stewart saying the current garage access was creating near chaos.

So France said he's proposed only allowing drivers to sign autographs in the area immediately around their hauler and organizing a period once a weekend where all 43 drivers would take turns sitting at a table to sign autographs in 10-minute increments.

Punishment for signing autographs at any other time could be monetary - perhaps a \$500 fine - although France said he preferred penalizing offending drivers by sending them to the back of the field at the start of the race.

SPORTS

Wolverine girls whip downtrodden Bulldogs

The Times-News

KIMBERLY - Senior guard Kimberly scored a game-high 17 points as Wood River trampled Kimberly 64-51 in girls Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference basketball in Kimberly Wednesday.

Katelyn Green and Springs Starck each contributed 14 points for Wood River (8-3, 2d SCIC). Kimberly coach Darla Wadsworth said Wood River's aggressiveness was key.

"The Wolverines pressed most of the game and we had a difficult time," she said. "It was a very physical game. Wood River just picked up loose balls and slushy buckets."

Whitney Fung scored a team high 16 points and Millie Mulberry added 10 for Kimberly (1-11, 0-5), which travels to Gooding Friday.

Shoshone 39, Bliss 28

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone Indians downed Bliss 39-28 Wednesday night in Northside girls basketball.

Indians Katie Strunk and Sara Hubbsmith scored 13 points apiece. Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said the game was close until the third.

"The first half was kind of back and forth with a 16-15 score at halftime," he said. "Bliss played really hard, but then we just outscored them 18-2 in the third, and that was the ballgame."

Mallorie Kay scored a game-high 19 points for the Bears (4-2, 1-2 Northside). The Indians (11-3, 5-2) hosts Dietrich Tuesday.

Dietrich 54, Carey 25

CAREY - The Dietrich Blue Devils outgunned the Carey Panthers 54-25 Wednesday in Northside girls basketball.

Dietrich's Rysa Parker scored a game-high 21 points and teammate Michelle Anderson added 11 points.

Panther coach Greg Carlson said Dietrich dominated the game. "They just flat ran over the top of us," he said.

Jesse Molynaux scored nine points in lead Carey. The Panthers visits Richfield Friday.

Shoshone JV 54, ISDB 17

GOODING - Hady Harris scored 14 points and Kallie Axelson led 12 with three 3-pointers to lead the Shoshone girls junior varsity over Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 54-17, in Gooding on Wednesday.

Jessica Fehus led the Lady Raptors (11-8) with 10 points. Guard Aubree Thompson was

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held to five points. It was the first game back for ISDB since Dec. 19. ISDB hosts Lighthouse Christian on Monday.

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Boys basketball

Carey 61, Dietrich 40
CAREY - Shawn Hennessee netted 19 points leading Carey over Dietrich 31-40 in Northside boys basketball Wednesday.

Ty Simmons added 11 for the Panthers. Carey assistant coach Dick Simpson said the game was fast-paced. "We dominated well and played an uptempo game throughout the whole game," he said.

Flint Dill scored 16 points for the Blue Devils. Carey (6-2, 4-0 Northside) travels Richfield Friday.

Hillcrest 68, Minico 57

IDAHO FALLS - Hillcrest defeated Minico 68-57 Friday in Region III boys basketball play in Idaho Falls Wednesday.

Minico coach Mike Graefe said the game was close. "We competed with them. We were right there with them," he said. "But we made enough mistakes with costly turnovers and misses from the free throw line to allow the homecourt to be an advantage for them."

Spartan Travis Noble had a game-high of 21 points. Teammate Kody Cole contributed 17 points. Minico (4-5, 0-1 Region III) hosts Pocatello on Saturday.

ISDB 37, Shoshone JV 25

GOODING - Angel Castilleja led all scorers with 12 points and Tanner Carr had 10 to lead the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind over Shoshone's junior varsity 37-25 in Gooding on Wednesday.

Greg Scruggs netted 11 to lead the Indians.

Late score

Twin Falls Christian JV 58, ISDB 52
TWIN FALLS - Michael Harris scored a game-high 20 points and Matt Leubetter had 18 including three 3-pointers to lead Twin Falls Christian's junior varsity over the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 58-52, in boys high school

basketball late Tuesday. Blake Roemer added 16 points for TFC.

Twin Falls Christian had to weather a torrid fourth-quarter rally by the Raptors, who outscored their hosts 27-13 in the final period.

Shoshone JV 54, ISDB 17
GOODING - Hady Harris scored 14 points and Kallie Axelson led 12 with three 3-pointers to lead the Shoshone girls junior varsity over Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 54-17, in Gooding on Wednesday.

Wrestling

Century 51, Twin Falls 26
Wood River 51, Twin Falls 30
Century 42, Wood River 33
TWIN FALLS - Century swept host Twin Falls and Wood River in wrestling on Wednesday.

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Minico 45, Highland 22

RUPERT - Minico earned a hard-fought 45-22 wrestling victory over Region III rival Highland on the Spartan mats on Wednesday.

The biggest upset was at 215 pounds, where Highland's Andy Frasure pinned Neil Clark in 5 minutes, 23 seconds. Clark had led 8-0 early in the match and had defeated Frasure with a technical fall earlier this season.

Minico coach Brad Cooper said a win is a win. "We really didn't wrestle well. We won but it was kind of an ugly win," he said.

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Other scores

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Wendell 54, Glens Ferry 33

Bowling

Filer girls, boys
Filer over Hansen
FILER - Filer's bowling teams swept Hansen at Cedar Lanes on Wednesday.

The girls varsity won five matches to two losses, while the junior varsity girls went 6-1. Filer's boys won 5-2.

Filer also hosted its season-opening Baker tournament on Tuesday, with Minico coming in first and Jerome second.

Filer visits Ranch Bowl in Gooding on Wednesday.

Wendell rolls past Twin Falls

JEROME - Wendell's girls swept Twin Falls in bowling at Jerome Bowl on Wednesday.

The Trojan varsity won 4-3, rolling a high game of 172. Wendell's junior varsity won 5-2 with high games of 115 rolled by both teams.

Wendell meets Minico and Declo at Snake River Bowl next Thursday.

Minico hosts four-way meet

BURLEY - No team swept the competition between Burley, Declo, Jerome and Minico at Snake River Bowl in Burley on Wednesday.

On the boys side, the Burley, Jerome and Minico varsities all went 2-1 with Declo winless at 0-3.

On the girls side, Burley and Declo finishing 1-2 in the Baker-format scoring. High games were a 195 rolled by both the Burley boys and Minico girls.

Complete junior varsity and jayvee B scores are below.

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Snake River Bowl high points in girls varsity
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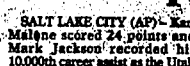
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Still, Uske can't stop grinning. She's low the sport ever since attending her first race at Monmouth Park 12 years ago. Now, atop a saddle, she figures she has the best seat in the house.

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Top-ranked Blue Devils overcome Hoyas

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - Duke's first test at No. 1 was a character builder.

Dahmar Jones matched his career high with 22 points and Daniel Ewing added a career-best 19 as the Blue Devils (10-0) overcame a poor outing from the foul line to beat a physical Georgetown team 93-86 Wednesday night.

No. 4 Alabama 61, Arkansas 51
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Reserve Antoine Pettway scored 14 points and Ervin Dudley had 11 points and 14 rebounds as No. 4 Alabama (11-1) began defense of the Southeastern Conference title with a 61-51 win over Arkansas on Wednesday night.

No. 15 Indiana 78, Penn St. 65
BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Jeff Newton and Brad Wright each scored 17 points, and Tom Coverdale added 14 points as No. 15 Indiana (11-2) beat Penn State 78-65.

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# Coyotes, Blackhawks skate to scoreless tie

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Zac Bierk made 40 saves in his first start of the season Wednesday night and Tony Amonte got an earful of boos in his return to the United Center as the Phoenix Coyotes and Chicago Blackhawks played the NHL's first scoreless tie this season.

Chicago rookie Michael Leighton was equally tough in his NHL debut, stopping 31 shots making his best save with just under 3 minutes left, turning away a close shot by Paul Mara. He preserved the tie by twice making stops on Shane Doan in overtime.

It was the first 0-0 game ever for the Coyotes. The last time it happened in franchise history was Feb. 19, 1980, at the New York Islanders.

an assist, and Mike Dunham stopped 30 shots for the Rangers, 0-3-2 at Madison Square Garden since beating San Jose in overtime on Dec. 16.

John Tripp also had two assists in his NHL debut.

**Red Wings 2, Panthers 1**  
SUNRISE, Fla. — Brett Hull scored his second goal of the game 1:34 into overtime to lift Detroit.

Manny Legace had 27 saves for the Red Wings.

Marcus Nilson scored for Florida, and Roberto Luongo made 30 saves — 26 in the first two periods.

The Panthers have played overtime seven of their last 12 games and lead the NHL with 20 overtime games in 41 contests this season. Florida is 3-8-9 in OT.

**Rangers 5, Hurricanes 1**  
NEW YORK — Bobby Holik scored two goals and newly acquired defenseman Boris Mironov had two assists as the New York Rangers snapped a five-game home winless streak with a 5-1 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes on Wednesday night.

Eric Lindros added a goal and

**Blut Jackets 2, Wild 1**  
ST. PAUL, Minn. — Geoff Sanderson scored his 21st goal and Grant Marshall broke a 21-game scoreless streak as Columbus won in its first game under interim coach Doug MacLean.

MacLean, the team president since GM, took over coaching duties Tuesday after firing Dave King.

**NFL Installs changes in officiating procedures**  
NEW YORK — The NFL implemented several officiating changes Wednesday, including the positioning of officials on field-goal attempts to avoid future foul-ups like the one at the end of the Giants' 49ers playoff game.

Under the new policy, initiated by commissioner Paul Tagliabue, the seven field officials will be realigned so they can better see what happens in the event of a false field goal or a botched attempt, like the one at the end of last Sunday's game, when the 49ers 39-38.

The new policy will begin with this weekend's four-playoff games.

In addition, the new policy calls for the field officials to confer on controversial game-deciding calls at the end of the game instead of just the referee and the other officials who made the call.

However, the officials involved in Sunday's botched call are unlikely to be disciplined beyond bad grades that will keep them from working the Super Bowl this season, according to a source within the league who requested anonymity.

In the Colts' 49ers game, a big stop on a pattern play winning 41-40 yard field goal by New York on the game's final play was tumbled and then picked up by holder Matt Ahl. He tried a desperation punt which there was clearly interference against. Rich Seubert, a guard wearing No. 16, who had lined up as an eligible receiver.

**Police arrest Giants pitcher for golf club incident**  
MIAMI — Giants pitcher Ivan Hernandez was arrested Wednesday for allegedly driving off an elderly man with a golf club during a street fight.

Hernandez, 27, was charged with felony aggravated assault after he got into a "violent" scuffle Wednesday with the man, who received a minor cut on the back of his head, according to a witness account cited in a police statement.

The pitcher, who was in the 1997 World Series MVP with the Marlins, then went into his car's trunk and pulled out a golf club, the unidentified witness told police.

Hernandez was still being questioned Wednesday evening, and was to be sent to Miami Dade County Jail later in the day, police Lt. Bill Schwartz said. Another investigation on Hernandez was not immediately known.

**Battery charge dropped against young soccer player**  
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Prosecutors dropped a battery charge Wednesday against a 12-year-old boy who tossed a flow soccer player in the ground during a game of getting kicked out of the game. Ben Danchak was charged in August with misdemeanor battery after grabbing another player by the collar in anger and throwing him to the ground during a May match at Eagle Ridge Elementary School in Coral Springs.

Danchak was originally offered court-sponsored counseling in July but his family rejected the proposal.

**Sore ankle sidelines Orlando's Grant Hill again**  
ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando Magic forward Grant Hill was ruled out of Wednesday's game against the Houston Rockets because of the sixth straight game he's missed with chronic tendinitis in his left ankle.

Hill has had three operations on the ankle since breaking it in 2000 with the Detroit Pistons. He already had missed 10 of Orlando's 36 games this season before Wednesday, while playing 10 minutes or less in three others.

In 26 games, Hill is averaging 15.8 points on 49.5 percent shooting. He's also had 10.8 and 4.4 assists. The last time he saw action was Dec. 27, playing just four minutes in a loss at Memphis.

**Senators miss paycheck but surge to top of NHL**  
NEW YORK — For the past week, the Ottawa Senators played the way they did when they were kids: skating hard, scoring plenty and not thinking about the money.

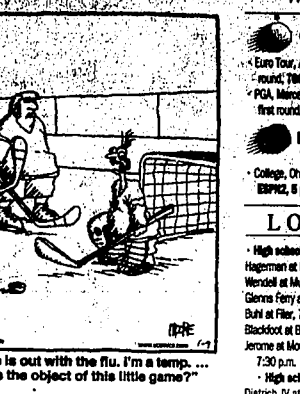
Of course, they didn't get paid.

The team with the most victories in the NHL through Tuesday is also the most financially strapped. The Senators didn't hand out paychecks on New Year's Day.

Sure, they weren't thrilled when the envelopes that merely contained a letter explaining

## SCORES AND STATS

### FOOTBALL IN THE BLEACHERS



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- Golf**
  - Euro Tour, Always Open, First round, TMC, 7 p.m.
  - PGA, Mercedes Championships, First round, ESPN, 8 p.m.
- Basketball**
  - College, Ohio St. at Michigan St., ESPN2, 8 p.m.
- Hockey**
  - NHL, Mighty Ducks at Avalanche, ESPN2, 7 p.m.

### LOCAL SCHEDULE

- High school girls basketball: Hagerman at M.V. Christian, 6 p.m.; Wendell at Murtagh, 7:30 p.m.; Glenn Ferry at Valley, 7:30 p.m.; Paul at Rier, 7:30 p.m.; Backlot at Burley, 7:30 p.m.; Jerome at Mountain Home, 7:30 p.m.
- High school boys basketball: Dietrich JV at ISOB, 7:30 p.m.

### Area ski report

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## Magic Valley Marlins compete at ISU in Pocatello Winter Sprint Invitational

POCATELLO - The Magic Valley Marlins participated in the Pocatello Winter Sprint Invitational at Reed Gym on the campus of Idaho State University Dec. 14.

There were eight participating teams from Idaho and Utah. Every swimmer received a high-point trophy award and ribbons were given to relay teams for first through fourth place.

Michael Shea O'Donnell, Jessica Layton, Andrew Layton, Jake Johnson, Kyle Milley and Parker Twiss qualified for the YMCA Regionals which will take place in March. "Our swimmers showed improvement from our last swim meet in November with less disqualifications and new personal bests in spite of swimming five events in one session," said Marvin coach John Twiss.

The team will host the Igloo Pentathlon on Jan. 18, at the YMCA/City Pool in Twin Falls. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call John or Debra at 734-2336.

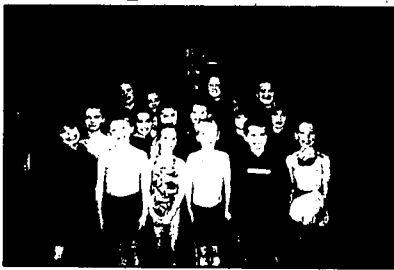


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The Magic Valley Marlins recently participated in the Pocatello Winter Sprint Invitational. Shown, from left to right: front row, Audrey Etteavod, seventh place overall; Kyle Milley, fourth place overall; Jessica Aguirre, 22nd place overall; Parker Twiss, fifth place overall; Jake Johnson, first place overall and Austin Adams, sixth place overall; middle row, Andrew Layton, third place overall; Paige Johnson, 10th place overall; Ashley Twiss, sixth place overall; David Borden, second place overall; Steve Natugeberg, fifth place overall and Brandee Potts, 12th place overall; back row, back row, Michael Shea O'Donnell, first place overall; Kori Milley, ninth place overall; Coach John Twiss; Jessica Layton, third place overall and Grace Daigh, 10th place overall.



Photo courtesy of KEITH OWEN

Several students from Keith Owen's American Self-Defense Systems earned black belts recently. Shown, from left to right, is: bottom row, Gavin Goodman, Derek Thompson, Darian Edwards, Willie Lester, Mason Crotter and Trevor Secreto and top row, Mark Goodman, Alexander Owen, Instructor Keith Owen, Rebecca Johnson, Jared Johnson and Thomas Wright.

## Students earn black belts in November

TWIN FALLS - Eleven students from Keith Owen's American Self-Defense earned Transitional Arts Incorporated Kung-Fu black belts in November. Those receiving junior black belts were Gavin Goodman, Derek Thompson, Darian Edwards, Willie Lester, Mason

Crotter, Trevor Secreto, Alexander Owen, Rebecca Johnson, Jared Johnson and Thomas Wright.

Mark Goodman received an adult first-degree black belt. Goodman owns Goodman Electric Motors in Twin Falls and has been studying at American Self-

Defense for the last five years. Goodman received Keith Owen's personal black belt at the ceremony.

TAI Kung-Fu is an eclectic martial art that teaches realistic self-defense to its students.

For more information, call Owen at 736-9946.

## SMART SOCCER

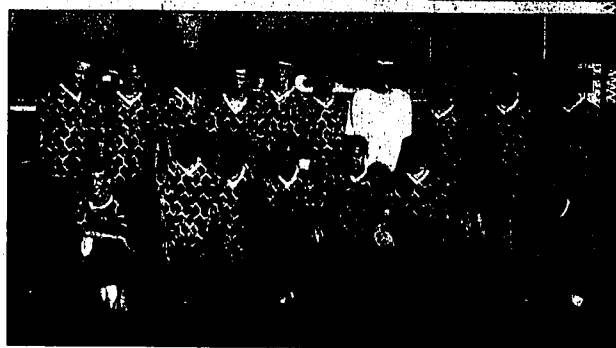


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Buhl's boys high school soccer team were recognized for having the highest grade-point average in the state for Class '3A soccer. The team received a trophy.

Shown, from left to right, are: Back row, Cody Hicks, Keaton Wilson, J.T. Thomas, Brandon Mason, Trevor Jones, Micah Alexander, Wes Rogers, Thomas McIntyre, Mitch Quigley and Adam Flint. Pictured in the front row, are: Garrison Gerzinger, Luke Alexander, Matt Wiggins, Greg Gutierrez, Glen Gutierrez, Andy Hutchison, Jorge Laito and Jeram Wray.

## Time to talk bowling tournaments

This week let's talk about tournaments. City tournaments first.

Twin Falls men's tournaments will commence the weekends of Feb. 23-24 and March 1-2 at Bowldrome. Those Saturday dates will pair two team squads and three singles and doubles squads on Sunday. Three singles and doubles squads plus a team squad will compete. The local association will add \$2,500 to the prize fund this year. Entry forms are now available at both Bowldrome and Magic Bowl.

The Twin Falls women's tournaments will be Feb. 16, 22 and 23 at Magic Bowl. There will be one team, one singles and one doubles squad each day. The association will add \$1,000 to the prize fund. Entry forms are available at Magic Bowl and Bowldrome.

The WIBC national tournament will be in Reno, Nev., from March 20 through July 8. So far, over 13,000 teams are registered for over 60,000 WIBC members.

### Of note

In closing, did you happen to watch Norm Duke roll his 15th televised 300 game at the Geico Earl Anthony Classic on Sunday? Duke defeated PBA Hall-of-Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. in the

semifinals, 300-213, for the first televised perfect game in more than three years.

But in the end, it was Mike DeVaney's time to break through. DeVaney defeated the 20-time champion in the final, 279-248, for his first career title and \$40,000.

There's something for everyone. So, "Let's Go Bowling!"

Thelma's column appears regularly in YourSports. Contact her at 733-4357, email at [ttucker@magidiv.com](mailto:ttucker@magidiv.com).



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### NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS

American Bowling Congress entries have closed but I want to mention they are celebrating their 100th annual tournament this year in Knoxville, Tenn. The tournament runs from Feb. 8 through June 21. The Women's International Bowling Congress is taking reservations until Jan. 24. Check it out on the Internet on [www.bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com).

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AROUND THE VALLEY

You can audition for movie role Saturday

**TWIN FALLS** - Seeking a movie role? Buhl-based filmmaker Jaffe Zinn will hold auditions New Saturday for his new movie, "Grinand Bewit," a sequel to his 1996 movie "Grinand Bewit." Zinn is looking for 10 to 15 young actors to play the lead roles in his new movie. The auditions will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Zinn is seeking an assortment of male and female characters in their late teens, as well as a woman in her 50s, a man in his late 50s and another man in his 30s. His previous film, "A Life for M-50," was screened in New York City and the Los Angeles Directors' Guild of America to an audience composed of the general public and representatives of the entertainment industry. It received a nomination for NYU's most prestigious honor, the Wasserman Award, and won The New York Magazine Award of Excellence. Zinn is a 1999 graduate of Buhl High School.

National Geographic Bee starts today

**TWIN FALLS** - The first round of local competition in the 15th annual National Geographic Bee will be held today at O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls. It's scheduled from 3:30-5 p.m. in the school's auditorium, involving students from four different social studies classes. The winner of the O'Leary competition will advance to the next level, a written exam will determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship. The competition is for fourth-through eighth graders.

Firefighters conduct planned burn today

**MOUNTAIN HOME** - Bureau of Land Management firefighters plan to conduct a prescribed burn today on about 200 acres near C.J. Stride Reservoir southwest of Mountain Home. The Canyon Creek burn is within the boundaries of the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, and is designed to remove mats of cheatgrass, accumulations of tumbleweeds in the canyon and other weeds within the burn area. The project will benefit both livestock and wildlife habitat and will reduce a fire hazard.

About 10 firefighters will be at the site. They plan to begin the burn between 11 a.m. and noon and should have it completed by late afternoon. Conducting the project, however, is contingent upon weather conditions on the site this morning.

Prescribed burn projects require that appropriate weather and smoke dispersal conditions exist at the site.

Although the Canyon Creek project was slated for March, recent weather patterns have left the fuels dry enough to complete the burn ahead of schedule.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% Normal
Upper Snake River	75%	34%
Lower Snake River	70%	30%
Oakley	66%	28%
Salmey	60%	28%
Big Wood	111%	49%
Little Wood	138%	59%
Verwayn Fork/Teton	74%	32%
Big Lost	121%	51%
Little Lost	78%	35%

As of Jan. 8.

Senator wants to fix death penalty

BOISE - Decla's state senator introduced legislation on Wednesday that would bring Idaho's death penalty law into compliance with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

The bill, introduced in the Senate Judiciary Committee by the chairman, Republican Sen. Denton Darrington, would substantially change the way convicted murderers are sentenced. Under current Idaho law, a district judge decides whether to impose the death penalty on capital murder defendants. But in June, the U.S. Supreme Court

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struck down an Arizona case, ruling that the constitutional guarantee to a jury trial requires that jurors must decide on whether the circumstances of a killing merited the death penalty. The decision effectively stalled all death penalty cases in five states, including 21 cases in Idaho. "Basically, we're going to make our death penalty law comply with the Supreme Court's ruling," Darrington

said. "We'll make it so the jury will balance the mitigating factors of a case and suggest whether there should be a death penalty" in a particular case.

Darrington has acknowledged that some Idaho death row inmates sentenced under previous law could request a resentencing hearing, and that could be an expensive process for some county governments and the state public defender's office.

"There's nothing we can do about that except deal with it," Darrington said. House Democratic floor leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum said there would likely be little pressure from her party to abolish the state's death penalty, even

though doing so could save substantial amounts of money during the worst fiscal crisis the state has faced in 20 years.

"That won't happen in Idaho," Jaquet said. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne indicated during his State of the State speech on Tuesday that he strongly supported Idaho's death penalty and would sign legislation to restore it.

The Idaho Attorney General's office sends about \$330,000 annually on its capital litigation staff. The state appellate public defender's office budget is \$1.2 million, though not all of that amount is spent on capital cases.

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Camp Rainbow Gold will help grant wishes Standoff suspect faces new charges

By Karen Boszick Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** - Andrew Collin is a young man with cancer - a credential that has enabled him to attend camp at Camp Rainbow Gold and be on the receiving end of BOISIE's Make a Wish Foundation.

Now the 20-year-old from Boise is helping those two organizations join hands in a gala dinner/dance/auktion affair with entertainment to raise money and awareness for the two children's causes.

The "Share Your Heart Ball," which organizers hope will become an annual event, will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 22 at Sun Valley's Indoor Ice Skating Ring. Organizers hope to get both former Olympians and kids who have been part of Camp Rainbow Gold and Make a Wish involved.

"We're hoping this ball will be an opportunity for people to reach out and become part of the community," said Duffy Davis, a Paralympic medalist from Sun Valley who serves on the national Make a Wish Foundation board of directors. "Getting trained as a wish granter, for instance, has to be the best job in the world. It's like being a fairy godmother."

So is being a camp counselor at Camp Rainbow Gold, according to those who participate each summer in the camp held in the backcountry near Ketchum. The camp gives kids with cancer a chance to fish, horseback ride, canoe and participate in the other activities their counterparts do.

Make a Wish, in turn, was inspired by police officers in California who granted a young child's desire to be a motorcycle police officer for a day some 25 years ago. Idaho's Make a Wish Foundation has 37 wishes pending.

One who's had his wish granted



Murphy Davis lets Andrew Collin try on one of the three silver medals she won in Olympic skiing events at last year's Paralympics in Salt Lake City. Both Davis and Collin are involved with a new Share Your Heart Ball designed to raise funds for Camp Rainbow Gold and Make a Wish.

ed is Collin, who was presented with a dark purple Jaguar lovingly restored by 350 volunteers. Other wishes range from the commonly requested trip to Disneyland to more unusual requests. One girl, for instance, requested that a video be done

of her chemotherapy treatments, so other kids could understand what they were all about. Another girl used her wish to make a commercial about how to treat people who are different.

"The next time you see someone who is different, try to

Have a ball

**What:** The Share Your Heart Ball  
**When:** 6 p.m. Feb. 22  
**Where:** Sun Valley Indoor Ice Ring.  
**Cost:** Tickets are \$125 per person. Sponsorships are also available. To make a reservation or donate an auction item, call 1-877-405-WISH or 342-8982.

smile," it ended. Davis, who was paralyzed in a ski accident at 16, said she could have qualified as a Make a Wish beneficiary.

"People have the misconception that Make a Wish is only for kids who are going to die - in fact, a lot of parents are afraid to have their kids make a wish because they think of it as a death sentence," she said. "But it's not for any kid from age 4 to 18 whose life has been in jeopardy. We have a national board member who was a recipient of a wish many years ago - and her life changed as a result of it."

Both Camp Rainbow Gold and Make a Wish operate on a shoe-string budget. Camp Rainbow Gold costs \$50,000 to operate each year. And wish grants average \$5,000, said Kris Cronin, a counselor at Camp Rainbow Gold.

Donors are already stepping up to help by contributing auction items like a \$12,000 piece of custom-made furniture from Canyon Landing, a \$1,000 gift certificate to Panche women's clothing store and a fantasy football weekend in San Francisco.

Now organizers just hope the campaign will turn out for the ball well.

"These kids are bringing good to the world, educating people. They put things in perspective - are you going to live this year or are you going to die?" said Davis. "We think of Olympians as champions - and they are. But these kids are the other champions - they're the champions of life."

Centennial Commission wants public involved

By Loretta Burkhardt Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - With less than a year before Twin Falls' centennial celebration, community involvement became the primary focus Wednesday morning when the Centennial Commission held its regularly scheduled executive board meeting.

In an effort to get the community more involved in the work that needs to be done for the city's 100th birthday festivities, the commission is planning a public meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Herrett Center on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

In addition to presentations of some past Idaho communities' centennial celebrations, interested people will receive information about how to become more actively involved in Twin Falls' planned projects and upcoming events - as well as some fund-

How to take part

- For more information about the Twin Falls Centennial Commission
- Write to Executive Director Bonnie Lezamis at P.O. Box 2004, Twin Falls, 83303-2004
- Stop by 184 Second St. W.
- Call 736-0680
- Email bonnie.lezamis@centennial.com

raising ideas and techniques for next year's party.

And for an event that's dangling an estimated \$1 million price tag, "we need lots of people," said the commission's director, Bonnie Lezamis. Therefore, invitations for the presentation are being sent to all former Centennial Commission members - with a two-fold purpose.

"We hope to revive the interest of the centennial's early organizers - those who were part in its inception four to six years ago,

and to introduce our plans to those potential volunteers who have not been involved up to this point," Lezamis said. "We have several project ideas that simply need a group to adopt them and carry them out. It's going to take a full-blown community effort to make the Twin Falls centennial a success."

The executive board also is looking to fill the position of Centennial Commission historian. Chairman Ken Edmunds said the commission is looking for a volunteer to fill the historian position vacated by Glenn Young, who was killed in an accident about a year ago. His contributions to the Centennial Commission tread the aspect of education into the history of Twin Falls.

As a historian, the person would work as an independent observer, recording centennial decisions "with narratives of accumulated information relat-

ed to the celebration - documenting not only the planning but the implementation of the celebration as well," it demands said.

The person needs to be "knowledgeable of the history of the community" and would also be expected to "set up a filing system in an organized fashion," Lezamis said.

Interested people are asked to contact Lezamis at the Centennial Commission office. New to the commission are Bonnie Lezamis and Jeff Hamilton, who will co-chair the Heritage Committee.

Another executive board meeting will be held at the Centennial Commission office on Jan. 21 at 7:30 a.m. to prepare for the Jan. 28 public meeting at the Herrett Center.

Times-News' correspondent Loretta Burkhardt can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3490.

Standoff suspect faces new charges

Jailers say they found hacksaw blade on inmate

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A Twin Falls man charged in connection with a seven-hour standoff with police last year is in trouble with the law again - this time based on allegations he tried to make a makeshift weapon from nailers.

Tommy Eric, 26, was arraigned this week before a 7th District Court judge in Twin Falls and pleaded innocent to a charge of being an inmate who possessed a weapon, according to court records. The charge also carries a possible enhanced penalty for being a previous violator - with a minimum sentence of 7 years in prison.

Last month, Eric was granted a preliminary hearing on the case in Mustang, Okla. He faces a trial set for next April.

The last stand-off between an inmate and a guard in 1976 at the Twin Falls County Jail, according to an attorney, was filed by Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputy Steacy Terry and filed with court documents.

The attorney said Terry was doing a routine check for contraband on the inmates that day when he noticed Eric apparently trying to conceal something in his pants pulled from him inside a jail.

Terry asked Eric to hand the object over, and Eric had been ordered to say what it was. Eric and another inmate were ordered to sit in the jail's day room. Terry inspected what Eric had handed over, and discovered it was this piece of a hacksaw blade that had been wrapped in plastic and toilet paper.

Eric has since June been jailed in lieu of \$100,000 bond. He was arrested June 6 after a standoff at the Motel III in Twin Falls. He was charged with possession of an explosive device, use of an explosive device and two counts of aggravated assault against law enforcement personnel in connection with that incident.

Police officers reported they were trying to serve a warrant for writing bad checks that day to Eric at the motel, but when they approached his room, Eric

help, and Romero replied that lights are a good method of prevention, as thieves like to work in the dark.

Romero said one of his plans is to work with Twiss, the community service officer, to develop a method for cleaning up the city. Grattans are clean up, but many homeowners are not.

When asked about missing people, Romero said the department is no longer required to wait 24 hours before trying to find a person. Descriptions and pictures are sent out immediately to all departments in the state.

Buhl Police Department hires two more officers, gets back to full force

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** - The Buhl Police Department is back to full force with the hiring of officers Kevin Hamners and Kenneth Mencil Wednesday in Buhl's Teton County area, and Mencil was a Twin Falls city officer.

The officers have been undergoing field training to learn the procedures used by the Buhl department and will be on their own in a few weeks. They join Sgts. Jerry Martinez and Rick Teuber, officers Ralph DuBois and Pat Thueson, Detective

Karen Trent, Community Service Officer Jennifer Twiss, Office Manager Sharlene Cramer and Chief Ron Romero.

Romero was the guest speaker at the Buhl Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Tuesday and gave an update on the department.

The department has two patrol cars on duty working 12-hour shifts, and the city has seen a 26 percent decrease in crimes and arrests from last year, Romero said.

crimes," Romero said.

"Although the drug statistics have risen, we credit this to more arrests and better enforcement," Romero said. "Visibility of officers on the streets and around town has been positive."

Burglaries in homes and cars have decreased by 20 percent and 10 percent, respectively, this past year, Romero said, but people can still help by watching their neighborhoods and jotting down license plate numbers of suspicious cars.

Pat Hamilton of Farmers National Bank asked Romero what businesses can do to

# OBITUARIES

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## HENDERSONVILLE, TENN.

**Max L. Thompson**  
Max L. Thompson, 76, passed away on Friday, Dec. 27, 2002.  
Mr. Thompson was laid to rest in Hendersonville Memory Gardens on Saturday, Dec. 29.  
A native of Salt Lake City, Utah, he spent much of his life in Idaho and California. He received both his masters and bachelors degree at Idaho State College. He devoted his life to the education of others. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Adam and Blanche Perkins Thompson, his wife, the former Darlene Rae Johnson, and his granddaughter, Lauren Thompson. He is survived by his son, Tod (Catherine) Thompson, daughter, Cris Thompson, grandsons, Nick, Adam and Micah; sister, Janice Moran of Laguna Hills, Calif.; brother, Orion Thompson of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; sister-in-law, Ann Thompson of Jerome, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews.  
Phillips Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

## TWIN FALLS

**Debbi Newell**  
Debbi Newell, 34, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise.  
She was born Nov. 25, 1968, in Paramount City, Cal., the daughter of Larry and Barbara Ware. She lived in California for many years, and in 1995 married John Newell. They moved to Twin Falls 3 1/2 years ago.  
Debbi is survived by her husband, John of Twin Falls; 4 children, Marsh, Katelyn, J.T., Chris, her parents, Larry & Barbara Ware of Twin Falls; her grandfather, Ferno Ware of Twin Falls; brother, Steven Ware of Oregon; and 1 sister, Juli Mann of California.  
Phillips Memorial graveside services for Debbi Newell will be held at Sunset Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of White Memorial Chapel of the Park.

## TWIN FALLS

**H. Gay Curtis**  
On January 8, 2003, H. Gay Curtis, 79, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away.  
Gay was born in Salem, Oregon, on Oct. 23, 1924. He was a member of the Twin Falls Senior Center. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, who died in 1998.  
He is survived by his daughter, Ruth Cottingham, and his son, Robert Curtis. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Robert, David, and Michael Curtis, and his great-grandchildren, Robert and Michael Curtis.  
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2003, at the St. Albans Church in Twin Falls. Burial will be in the St. Albans Cemetery. The Rev. David Stevens will officiate.

## TWIN FALLS

**Ruth Cottingham**  
Ruth Stevens, 86-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at Burleighwood Estates in Twin Falls.  
She was born June 9, 1916, in Payson, Utah, the daughter of Walter and Mary Grace Stevens. Ruth grew up in Richfield, Idaho, in the small farming community of Mirley. She attended grade school there and then attended Richfield High School. She worked at the Burley and Payson. After retirement from Cassia Memorial Hospital, she traveled extensively throughout the United States as a travel counselor. Ruth enjoyed her family and friends. She felt blessed to be able to keep in close contact with her twin family, as well as her extended family. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and during her life she attended many conferences. Her funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2003, at the Star First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200 West Burley, with Brian Chad Jones, Bishop, officiating. Burial will be in the Payson Valley Cemetery. Friends may call at Rummerson Funeral Home, 1345 E. 1st St., 1000 S. Street, Burley, on Friday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and at the church on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Perpetual Education Fund, in care of Rummerson Funeral Home.

## TWIN FALLS

**Robert (Bob) Ross Morrison**  
Robert (Bob) Ross Morrison, 66, of Caldwell, passed away on Friday, January 6, 2003, at St. Albans Hospital. Memorial services to celebrate Bob's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2003, at Faithful Funeral Chapel, 624 E. Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell.  
Bob was born on February 28, 1936, in Shoshone, Idaho, to Ross and Faye Morrison. His family moved to Halley and later on to Twin Falls where he graduated from high school in 1954 and worked at Boise Junior College and then on to Idaho State College where he graduated in 1958. He attended the University of Idaho and received his masters at U.S.C.  
Bob loved baseball and played all through high school and college. He played for the Chicago Cubs in Mesa, Ariz., in 1957. Bob worked very hard as a youngster in Twin Falls at the Coca Cola bottling plant. He worked with the Chicago Cubs in Mesa, Ariz., in 1957. Bob worked very hard as a youngster in Twin Falls at the Coca Cola bottling plant. He worked with the Chicago Cubs in Mesa, Ariz., in 1957. Bob worked very hard as a youngster in Twin Falls at the Coca Cola bottling plant. He worked with the Chicago Cubs in Mesa, Ariz., in 1957.

was a member of the Arizona Cotton Growers Association and Farm Bureau. After 20 years farming in 1970, Gay and his family moved to Twin Falls where many valley youths enjoyed his sincerity, infectious grin, and sense of humor when he was a substitute teacher in many area school districts. He eventually received his full-time position at Robert Stuart High School in Spanish, and at Vera C. O'Leary teaching English-as-a-Second Language (ESL), throughout his teaching career to enjoy teaching his students and enjoyed faculty friendships.  
Gay was a member of The United Methodist Church and served on the Methodist Men's committee, on donation drives, and sang in the church choir. Gay had a love of history and loved our country grow huge vegetable gardens, cared for his fruit trees, spoke fluent Spanish, studied in Mexico, and transformed the family backyard into a forested park-like paradise. His talents were boundless and endless, we never knew what he'd say to make us laugh. Throughout his life, he treated his family members with grace, kindness, and respect.  
Gay is survived by his loving wife, Pat, to whom he was married 52 years, his sister, Kathleen Curtis Nicolls (Paso Robles, CA) his son, Mike (Twin Falls, ID), two daughters, Molly Curtis (Nampa, ID), Kerry Curtis (Petersen) and son-in-law, Scott Peterson (Twin Falls), and one grandson, Joseph Mann, (Moscow, ID).  
General services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2003, at White Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. Daniel Reike, officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Charitable donations are suggested to the Twin Falls United Methodist Church or the Idaho Youth Ranch. Gay's family wishes to thank Dr. John Pomeroy, Dr. Robert and Patricia Chanterla, doctors are suggested to the Twin Falls United Methodist Church or the Idaho Youth Ranch. Gay's family wishes to thank Dr. John Pomeroy, Dr. Robert and Patricia Chanterla, doctors are suggested to the Twin Falls United Methodist Church or the Idaho Youth Ranch.

**BURLEY**  
Lauree L. Holyoak  
Lauree Larsen Holyoak, 79, of Burley, died Monday, January 6, 2003, at the Rexburg Care Center in Rexburg, Idaho, from complications of a stroke she experienced while visiting her daughters.  
She was born August 31, 1923, in Clifton, Idaho, the daughter of William E. and Dora May Davis Larsen. She received her education in Jerome and Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1941. She married George Albert Holyoak on October 11, 1942, in the Logan LDS Temple. Since marriage, she and Albert have resided in Burley, where Albert engaged in farming and taught school.  
Lauree was a wonderful wife and mother. As a homemaker, she was extremely talented in sewing, cooking, and tending her beautiful flower gardens. She was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she served in the Relief Society, MIA, Sunday School Primary and was a faithful visiting teacher. She and Albert served as missionaries in the Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Mission from 1963 until 1964, and as workers in the Burley Branch.  
Lauree's greatest love was her home and family.  
She is survived by her loving husband, Albert Holyoak of Burley; her children, Gerald and Ruth, both of Rexburg, and David (Kathryn) Holyoak of Halley; her two brothers, William D. (Margaret) Larsen of Burley, and Glen (Warda) Larsen of Twin Falls; 17 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. She and Albert were preceded in death by her parents, twin sons, Gerald and Vernon Holyoak, three sisters, and six brothers.  
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**BURLEY**  
Ruth Cottingham  
Ruth Stevens, 86-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, January 7, 2003, at Burleighwood Estates in Twin Falls.  
She was born June 9, 1916, in Payson, Utah, the daughter of Walter and Mary Grace Stevens. Ruth grew up in Richfield, Idaho, in the small farming community of Mirley. She attended grade school there and then attended Richfield High School. She worked at the Burley and Payson. After retirement from Cassia Memorial Hospital, she traveled extensively throughout the United States as a travel counselor. Ruth enjoyed her family and friends. She felt blessed to be able to keep in close contact with her twin family, as well as her extended family. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and during her life she attended many conferences. Her funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2003, at the Star First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200 West Burley, with Brian Chad Jones, Bishop, officiating. Burial will be in the Payson Valley Cemetery. Friends may call at Rummerson Funeral Home, 1345 E. 1st St., 1000 S. Street, Burley, on Friday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and at the church on Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Perpetual Education Fund, in care of Rummerson Funeral Home.

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children, Karen R. (Steven) O'Brien and Gary S. (Dianne) Brush; and numerous great and great-great-grandchildren.  
In addition to her husbands Gary E. Brush, Lester Stubbs, and Perry Cottingham, she was preceded in death by a son, Garb Brush Jr.; her parents; a brother, Walter Frank Stevens; and a stepson, Ronald J. Stubbs.  
Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2003, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Park Avenue of Burley, with Bishop G. Chad Jones officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 11, 2003, at the Richfield Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at the church from 9:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Saturday.

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### Susan Jane (Bobber) Whitesides

Susan Jane (Bobber) Whitesides, formerly of Jacksonville, Fla., Muscat, Ore., Mt. Airy, N.C., Japan and San Francisco, Calif., died at her home, 3000 Kalanazoo, on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. from a brain tumor, surrounded by her husband and children, at Rose Arbor Hospice.

Born in Twin Falls, ID on October 28, 1942, her education was broad and consulted her lifelong ambition, formulating with her husband, 2000 Certification as a Reading Recovery teacher. She received a 1993 MA in Reading from Western Michigan University, preceded by her 1981 BA in English, Cum Laude, from University of North Florida, Jacksonville, and studies undertaken at City College of San Francisco, San Francisco State University, University of Maryland Extension at Yokosuka, Sophia University, Tokyo Japan, and the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. She is a member of the Michigan Education Association, Michigan Reading Association, Michigan Council of Teachers of English, The Santa Cruz, The Unitarian Universalists Association, and the American Civil Liberties Union. Her last employment was at Portland Community Schools, San Francisco, Calif., as a Reading Recovery teacher. Her father was a teacher and her mother was a painter and her grandparents were a reading recovery teacher. Her father was a painter and her mother was a painter and her grandparents were a reading recovery teacher.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Edward Bobber, of Portland, Ore., who died last August. Her mother, Dorothy Ann Whitesides, died in 1981. She is survived by her husband, Rodney Rost, and her children, Susan and Jennifer. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ryan and Kim, and her great-grandchildren, Jordan and Amber. She is also survived by her many friends and family members.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 10, at the Agape Foursquare Church, 3629 E. Ustick Rd., Meridian. Burial will be in the Rose Arbor Memorial Park.

### Elmer John Sommer

Elmer John Sommer went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, January 7, 2003. He was born June 24, 1916 in Fler, Idaho, to John Gottfried and Leona Sommer. Elmer was the second of five children. He married Mary Ann Sommer in 1945. They had three children: Elmer, Jr., and two daughters, Mary Ann and Linda. Elmer was a retired pilot and worked for the U.S. Navy for 16 years. He was a member of the Twin Falls Canal Company and the Twin Falls Golf and Country Club. He was a member of the Twin Falls United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, and his children, Elmer, Jr., Mary Ann, and Linda. He is also survived by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### Victi Behrens Rost

Victi Behrens Rost, 66, of Boise, Idaho, died on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at her home. She was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, and was a graduate of the University of Idaho. She was a member of the Twin Falls United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Rodney Rost, and her children, Susan and Jennifer. She is also survived by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Victi was a Teacher's aide at Homedale High School for several years. They were separated in 1984 and Victi moved to Nevada, Idaho. Here she established Victi's Tours. Victi also worked for the State of Idaho in the Tax and Transportation Department. Victi faced many challenges in her life with grace and had an irrepressible sense of humor. She was diagnosed with Huntington's Disease in 1995. With the effects of the disease she spent the rest of her years in managed care. Victi will be known as a caring, concerned, and unselfish person. Victi loved rainy days, fishing, camping, and the outdoors with family and friends. She also loved to play pool and spend a good evening with her friends. Victi was a proud grandmother and always waited for the days when her son's family would visit.

People come into your life as acquaintances, but with Victi everyone felt as a friend. She is survived by her loving son, Cory & wife Kim Rost, grandson, Cole of Torrance, California, her father, Ralph Behrens of Nampa, Sherril Mard of Jerome, Carla & husband Roger Bell of Meridian, Kelly & companion Gwynne Behrens of Nampa, and Neda & husband Frank Gora, of Florida, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Victi is preceded by her mother, Elizabeth Peterson Behrens, her brother-in-law Doug Minard, and her long-time companion Rodney Rost. The family thanks all of the staff at Capital Care Center for the dedicated time and loving support that was given to Victi.

Her family would like to express special thanks to Nick and Nancy Neider and their families for their unselfish love and support. Visitation will be held Thursday, January 9th from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Agape Foursquare Church, Ustick Chapel, 3629 E. Ustick Rd., Meridian.



### Gregory Lee Armstrong

On Monday, January 6, 2003, Gregory Lee Armstrong joined his Heavenly Father due to a sudden heart attack.

Greg was born April 24, 1956, in Twin Falls, the son of Charles and Alice Berle Armstrong. He grew up and attended schools in the Magic Valley, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1974. He also attended and graduated from the College of Southern Idaho.

For many years, Greg worked side by side with his father in the family owned business, Chuck's Auto Service. After the business closed, he went to work for many construction companies throughout the area running large equipment. He was known throughout the Magic Valley for his skill in operating heavy equipment. In 2000, Greg went to work for the Idaho State Transportation Dept. as a Maintenance Technician. Due to continuing education, Greg took many difficult work-related courses and excelled at them.

Greg had many hobbies and interests. As a young boy, he loved to fish and enjoyed serving as an Elder in the LDS Church. He enjoyed snowmobiling, but his great love was NASCAR. On many Sunday afternoons, you could find him sitting on the couch watching the races with his family. He had a great collection of die cast cars. Another love was his 1998 Buick Chevy Pick-up, which he kept in showroom condition and showed with pride. Greg had so many friends and that was due to his loyal and dependable nature and his love toward others. He had great love for his little schnauzer, "Ricky Ricardo" who misses him dearly, but his great love was his first dog, "Cody" never ceased.

(Ray) Woolridge, Santa Barbara, CA; Betty (Gene) Grif, Twin Falls; One brother, William G. (Gherri) Sommer and twelve nieces and nephews and four great-grandchildren. A son, granddaughter and his parents preceded him in death. Burial services are under the direction of Patka's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Friends may call Friday, January 10th from 4-8 p.m. at Patka's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2561 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 11th at the Agape Foursquare Church, 3629 E. Ustick Rd., Meridian. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to world missions outreach of Agape Foursquare or to a charity of your choice.

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Greg's maternal and paternal grandparents, his three aunts, Toni, Bob & Delli, and his father-in-law, Don Sulvan preceded him in death. Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 11, 2003, at 2 p.m. at the Patka's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2561 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho with Pastor Frank Ellis officiating. Friends may call Friday, January 10, 2003, from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials in Greg's name may be sent to the U.S. Bank Blue Lakes Branch, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

My Dearest Greg, Across the years, I will walk with you - In deep green forests, on shores of sand. And when our time on earth is through - In Heaven too, you will have my hand. I Love You, Dorothy

# History or economy?

## Attorney: Replacing historic lodge would revitalize Ketchum

By Karen Bossick  
Times-Herald correspondent



A proposal to replace the historic Bald Mountain Lodge with a four-story hotel will go to a public hearing later this month.

KETCHUM — Ketchum attorney Brian Barsotti says a new hotel could revitalize downtown Ketchum. But to be economically feasible it needs to be taller than the city's new design and review regulations allow, he says. Fifty-nine feet, to be exact — 19 feet over permissible standards.

Consequently, Barsotti is asking the Ketchum City Council to waive that regulation and a few others as he prepares to seek city approval later this month. And Wednesday he enlisted the city's own planning and zoning commissioners in his cause.

Barsotti and his attorney Barry Laboviski asked planning and zoning commissioners to tell council members why the commission unanimously approved his plan in hopes it would help sway the council. At least two members have hedged support for the hotel, which would take up an entire city block on the property where the historic Bald Mountain Lodge now sits.

The Sun Valley area has lost perhaps 1,500 hotel beds in the past couple of years as motels such as the Ketchum Korral and the Heidelberg Inn have been turned into long-term rental properties, and others like the Christiana have been razed to make way for retail stores. Even the Elkhorn Resort Hotel is awaiting demolition to make way for condominiums.

Laboviski said that as Ketchum replaces more hotel rooms with penthouses it'll become a town where people come for a few weeks every year, often bringing their own cooks so they need to go out to eat only once or twice during their visit. "Hotels don't have kitchens. Condos do," he said, emphasizing how a downtown hotel could get more people out on the streets, shopping and eating.

"Even if you put hotels in the

trips a day versus 1,139 trips a day for a development of specialty retail stores and offices and 3,654 trips for a convenience store/serve vice station/retail mix. At least half of the winter guests would take a shuttle or taxi to the hotel.

Projections indicate the hotel would block the sun from Main Street less than the First Bank of Idaho and some of the other buildings lining the street because of the way its upper floors step back in wedding cake fashion. The uppermost hotel rooms make up only 12 percent of the building's footprint.

Ketchum's acting planning and zoning administrator Harold Moniz said developers have gone beyond Ketchum's requirements for open space and parking spaces. Planning and Zoning Commissioner Peter Ripston said commissioners were willing to allow higher density for the hotel because they say a hotel is what downtown needs.

To clear 3 feet off the equation and you throw the entire geometry into chaos, added Commissioner Rod Sievers.

The Bald Mountain Hot Springs Hotel, built in 1925, was the place to stay in the early 1930s because of the large hot pool in the center of the lodges. It provided lodging for railroad officials when construction began on Sun Valley Resort in 1936 and even served as the inspiration for Sun Valley's hot pool near its ice rink.

Rooms at the upscale hotel would range between \$225 and \$275 a night.

Dick Fosbury, of Galena Engineers, said that traffic generated by the building would create less congestion than any other use, with the exception of residences being built on-site.

The 81-room hotel and its 4,000-square-foot conference facility would generate on average 476

## SERVICES

Lynn F. Blake of Bliss, service at 2 p.m. today at Demery Funeral Chapel in Gooding with burial following at Elmwood Cemetery.

Oscar Morris Jr. of Heyburn, funeral service at 11 a.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley; burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Bertram Scott of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Patka's Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory, 2561 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Claire Mae Rosenbalm Bunn Merritt Mintun, service at 11 a.m. today at the Wendell LDS Stake Chapel; viewing from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the

church; burial will follow on Friday at Sunset Hills Memorial Park in Portland, Ore. (Demary's Wendell Chapel).

Edna Lorena Gwartney of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Friday at the 9th Ward LDS Chapel in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and one hour before the service at the church; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Gene L. Peterson of Gooding, memorial service at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding; a special tribute will follow at the Idaho Shrine for the Deaf and the Blind.

Callie H. Peterson of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Jerome LDS 2nd Ward Chapel,

520 N. Lincoln. Jerome: visitation from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, and one hour before the service at the church; interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Ir H. Bartlett Jr. of Twin Falls, memorial service at 5 p.m. Sunday at Twin Falls Senior Center, 616 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls.

Warren Craig Saunders, formerly of Twin Falls and Buhl, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at Sunset Vista Cemetery and Funeral Home in Yuma, Ariz.; the graveside service will be held in Yuma.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 10, at the Agape Foursquare Church, 3629 E. Ustick Rd., Meridian. Burial will be in the Rose Arbor Memorial Park.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Guss R. Rice

BUHL — Guss R. Rice, 79, of Buhl died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

### Zachary Alexander Smith

TWIN FALLS — Zachary Alexander Smith, 7, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003, at home.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2003, at

the Bethel Temple Apostolic Church with the Rev. Allen Picklesimer officiating. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, 2003, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

A complete obituary will appear in Friday's paper.

### Roy M. Thornburg

BURLEY — Roy M. Thornburg, 78, of Burley died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003, at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

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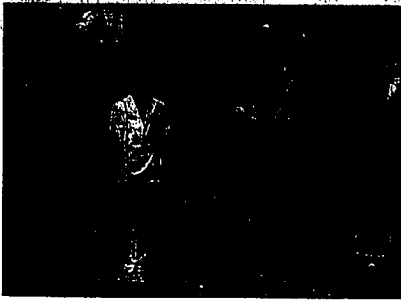


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Tracey Meyerhooffer, a CSI special-needs instructor; State Rep. Sharon Block and State Sen. Laird Hohn listen to Mary Hopkins, the director of the CSI Child Care Center, explain the quality of service the center provides for CSI students and their children. They were part of a tour of child care centers that obtained accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

## CSI arranges for tour of child care centers

TWIN FALLS - Success by Six, the South Central Health District and the College of Southern Idaho National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation Project sponsored a tour of local centers that have obtained accreditation through the association.

Success by Six is a nonprofit organization that aids different projects for children under age 6. The Dec. 10 tour lasted two hours with stops at the Twin

Falls Head Start, CSI Child Care Center and CSI Early Childhood Education Lab.

The focus of the tour was to share with lawmakers and others the importance of quality standards for early childhood programs, which include child care centers, preschools and day care centers, reported Tiffany Eden with the CSI Accreditation Project.

For more information, call Eden at 732-6857.

## Blood drive coordinators applaud volunteers, donors

We want to applaud the volunteers whose efforts gave another Christmas, another new year to someone's child, parent or grandparent.

You are the volunteers who greet, assist and escort donors. You provide and serve refreshments for donors and lunch for the nurses and volunteer workers. You are the members of the Buhl Moose who so generously open your facility to us. You are the members of the Buhl Catholic Church who opened your doors to us for a special three-hour holiday drawing. You are the Buhl Kiwanis members who arrive first and last to unload and load the equipment for each drive. You are our donors who take the time to give blood, the gift of life.

We applaud you. Without each and every one of you, it wouldn't happen.

**EDNA KORTE**  
Executive Director  
**EDNA WIEBE**  
Canteen Recruiter  
**SANDRA WISECAVER**  
Drive Chairman  
Buhl

## Dealership helps food kids at after-school program

The Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club would like to express its thanks to Jerry of Magic Valley and Jack Jardine for their generous support of our after-school snack program.

The gift of several cases of packaged foods will allow us to continue to provide daily, nutritional snacks to Boys and Girls Club members in the Magic Valley.

Thank you for your help!  
**DON HALL**  
Executive Director  
And Children and Staff  
Magic Valley Boys and Girls Club  
Twin Falls

## Students, county staff bring Christmas cheer to center

The residents and staff of Purple Sage Manor take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you for the generosity we received from some very kind people this Christmas.

Thank you, Key Club of Kimberly High School, for painting

displays. The library also reported that it will receive a grant for up to \$3,000 in complementary programming.

Schools and community organizations that would like to become partners in the programs with the library should call Lora Horton at 738-2036.

Yesterday's "Tomorrow" is scheduled to be on display from June 19 through July 31, 2004 at the Hailey Public Library.

## Pinocchio party takes place at Paul Masonic Lodge

PAUL - A pinocchio party will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Paul Masonic Lodge, 113 E. Idaho St. in Paul.

Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cards start at 7 p.m.

The public is invited.

## CSI enrichment class catalogs are available

TWIN FALLS - Catalogues for zero-credit enrichment classes through the Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho are available for distribution.

The catalogues feature class descriptions, times, dates, cost, instructor information, as well as information on how to register. The center is offering new classes this semester, such as "Intro to Auction Watch," "Pilot Aviation Ground School," "Writing," "Marketing your First Book," "Fly Fishing" and "Country Lead Guitar."

Popular repeat courses, such as "Computers for Seniors," "Photography" and "Dog Obedience," also will be offered. For more information, call 732-6288 or 732-6290.

## Buttons and Bows group holds dance Saturday

EDEN - The Buttons and Bows will hold a dance Saturday at Anderson Camp. Pre-rounds will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a start at 8 p.m. Visitors should bring finger foods.

the Christmas scenes on the windows of our recreation hall. All the residents were delighted with the pictures and they added a wonderful festive spirit to our Christmas experience.

Next, we thank you Twin Falls County employees for the gifts you brought and a great deal of happy Christmas cheer.

We truly appreciate you good folks.  
**GREEN GILBERT**  
Manager  
Purple Sage Manor  
Twin Falls

## Businesses, residents make Christmas a special time

The Wishing Star Foundation would like to thank the following for making Christmas a special time for families in 2002:

Magnolia and popcorn, Smith's Food and Drug, Albertson's and Santa (LeRoy May).  
Your continued support is very much appreciated.  
**DIANA JONES**  
Magic Valley Chapter  
Wishing Star Foundation  
Twin Falls

## Company employee makes customer feel valued

I would like to thank Les from PSI for solving an irritating problem for me.

I live right behind a church whose dumpster is located about 50 feet from my bedroom. PSI was emptying the dumpsters between five and six in the morning, which would invariably always wake me up. I tried talking to one of the secretaries at both PSI and the church about this problem to no avail. However, Les immediately remedied the problem.

Thank you for making this PSI customer feel valued!  
**ANDREA PIERCE**  
Twin Falls

## Quilt raffle patrons help 4H club in future activities

The Ride 'Em and Slide 'Em 4-H Club thanks everyone who bought a raffle ticket for their annual quilt raffle. You help make it possible to attend the College of Southern Idaho's Future Farmers of America 4-H Horse Judging contest in April and put on our first horse show each year.

The quilt was raffled on Nov. 16,

2002, at the Minidoka County 4-H Award night. It was won by Sarah Graham of Hazelton. We hope it keeps her warm this winter and for many years to come.

Club members are Angela Slack; Todd, Denise and Ashley Barke; Carolyn, Jason, Kacia and Jordy Weimer; Steve and Janie Grant; Janette Dubose; Ron, Shanna, Josh, Kelsie and Bobbet Deleon; Denise and Kneika Osborn; and Brynne, Lisa and Larissa Larsen.  
**CYNTHIA SLACK**  
Club Leader  
**ANGELA SLACK**  
Club President  
Ride 'Em and Slide 'Em 4-H Club  
Rupert

## Church committee finds community generosity

I would like to thank two Twin Falls merchants for their generosity and attitude.

Two members, Pat Dutt and Wilma Smith, of our ONE (Outreach, Nurture, Education) Committee at Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly led the church in gathering million-dollar bucks. They combined these bucks with Buhl United Methodist Church and were able to share gift certificates from Swenmar. The merchandise was donated to East End Providers and West End Providers. The attitude young Mr. Swenson displayed in this endeavor was very helpful and generous.

Pat Dutt also donated two bicycles that were taken to Mike at the Spoke and Wheel Bike Shop. He repaired the bikes for the ONE Christmas family, but refused to accept any money for labor. It is truly an honor to work with such wonderful people!  
**GAYLE SHUMWAY**  
ONE Chairman  
Crossroads United Methodist Church  
Kimberly

## Business owners feel blessed after community aid

We at Travelube Supply would like to thank the West End, East End and Heyburn Fire departments for their efforts in trying to save our store on Dec. 20. There were many volunteers that worked hard in our behalf.

We would also like to thank our friends, neighbors and customers

who have shown an unbelievable amount of support toward us by offering buildings to use and offering their time and talents to help us stand up and rebuild. We would also like to thank those who brought food and helped in any way.

It has been a very emotional few days for us, but because of your support, we realize how blessed we are to live in this great community. We truly have felt the true spirit of Christmas.

Thanks again!  
**DAVE AND DEBI MAY**  
Owners, Travelube Supply  
**AMY MAY, SHERRIE HEWARD**  
**BARBARA CRAYTHORN, LORI HANKS**  
Employees, Travelube Supply  
Paul

## News media announces Valley House holiday effort

I would just like to take a brief moment and say thank you to The Times-News, KMYT and the 13th Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for their efforts on my behalf to announce my fourth annual Christmas Drive for Valley House this year. I really appreciate you!

I would also like to thank those of you who donated items for this cause.

Have a Happy New Year!  
**SHERRY JOHNSON**  
Twin Falls

## Magic Valley residents show compassion, charity

The staff and families of Northside Head Start would like to thank all of those who participated in their very special Adopt-A-Family program this 2002 season.

Again, we had great response with adopting families and in giving of gifts, food and clothing for the children. Their very gifts, those who brought gifts and made donations of money and food to Head Start to fill in where there was a need.

Individuals, families, businesses and community organizations of Magic Valley were compassionate with charitable assistance for families during this holiday season.

**JUDY CRIST**  
Center Supervisor  
Northside Head Start  
Jerome

## Veterans of Foreign Wars holds meeting Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2136 will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. in Twin Falls.

All members are encouraged to attend. Walt Jackson, Idaho State Veteran service advocate, will be the guest speaker. New members are always welcome, but must bring evidence of qualifying military service.

For more information, call Bob Jackson, post commander, at 733-6042 or e-mail him at thechief@rmd.net.

## Wood River Bridge announces winners

HAILEY - The Wood River Bridge recent winners were announced. Monday at the Blaine County Senior Center in Hailey: first, Marilyn Nesbit and Dee Swartz; second, Reid Lutz and Roger Connor and third, Peter Gray and Phil Foster.

The following Monday winners: first, Marilyn Nesbit and Dee Swartz and tied for second, Ernest and Sue Binz with Yolande Bennett and Joy Morey. At the Sunday afternoon Swiss Team game at the Harker Center with 10 teams at play was a three-way tie between the teams of Fran Maughan, Nancy Cord, Bill Cassell and David Meyers; Craig and Lynda Saunders; Jannette Johnson and Bee Longley and Ed and Shirley Usenik; Peter Gray and Connie McGowan.

## Church food pantry helps almost 700 families

JEROME - The Jerome First Church of God Food Pantry, which is associated with the Idaho Food Bank in Boise, helped 697 people during December, and 369 people in November. The pantry also donated turkeys and other food to the Trio Cafe for the dinners that it delivered at Thanksgiving,

organizers say.

To volunteer or donate food or money, call Pastor Karen Page at 420-9814, Gordon Graham at 324-5098 or Beverly Meyers at 280-1245.

The food pantry is open from 1-6 p.m. every Thursday in the basement of Jerome First Church of God Church at 131 E. Ave. F.

## Over 40 Singles group holds potluck Sunday

RUPERT - The Over 40 Singles Club will hold a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. Sunday at the home of David Bean, 150 S. 20 E., Rupert.

Bring a salad or dish for the potato bar. All singles age 40 and older are invited. For more information, call Marva at 679-5328 or Cindy at 436-0760.

## Hailey Public Library seeks display program partners

HAILEY - The Hailey Public Library has been selected by the Idaho Humanities Council as one of six Idaho hosts for the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit entitled, "Yesterday's Tomorrow: Past Visions of the American Future."

The exhibit is one of the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street programs, which helps revitalize rural communities by bringing provocative educational

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Calvary Riders Chapter holds business meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Calvary Riders Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association will hold its monthly business meeting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

All riders are invited. For more information, call Rene Burkhalter at 537-6969.

### DAR speaker discusses World War II Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at noon Saturday at the Royal Lodge, 645 Filer Ave. in Twin Falls.

The program topic is World War II, and the guest speaker is Barry Barr. Prospective members are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 733-8415.

### Buhl Arts Council seeks donations of supplies

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council announced its "wish list" for the following items:

Table linens, folding chairs and tables, exterior bench and table and chair set, storage bins for art work, office and art supplies, piano light, landscaping for side garden, kitchen supplies, food storage containers, hand mixer, cushions for press, overhead projector, butcher/newsprint paper, electric credit card machine, blender, electric fans, hair dryer, printmaker's press, large projection screen, pottery kiln and serving utensils, dishes and trays.

All donations are tax deductible. For more information, call 543-2888.

### Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club winners for Jan. 3 were: Championship game overall won by first, Louie Burns and Bill Simonsen; second, Susan

Faulkner and Carroll Bennett, third, Carol France and Mary Steele, fourth, Louise Smith and Jeff Faulkner and fifth, Dick and Mary Cook.

Ruby Grimes and Les Saunders ranked third in east-west.

Refreshments were served, and the club gave Bev Clark a Christmas gift.

The group plays at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall.

### Magic Valley Singles Club holds dance Tuesday

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome.

Members whose last name begins with H.N. should bring finger foods and help clean up after the dance. Couples are invited.

For more information, call Vera at 734-4647 or Tom at 324-6440.

### Cancer support group meets Wednesday

TWIN FALLS - The Living Through Cancer Support Group will meet from 7:30-8 p.m. Wednesday at St. Luke's Mountain States Tutor Institute at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 650 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

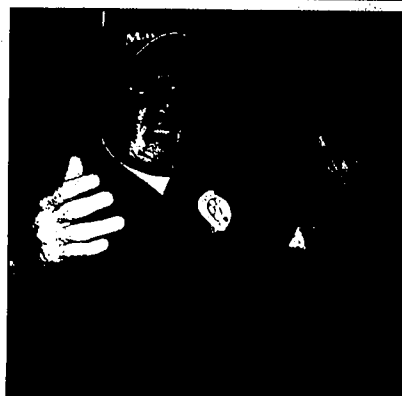
The ongoing support and information group is open to cancer patients or survivors and their families and friends.

For more information, call Kim at 736-3900.

**Pocket-protector?**

The newly-formed Friends of CSI Players presents its rendition of Larry Shue's comedy "The Nerd."

In Friday's WeekEnd section.



Jesse Torres is an outspoken, expressive voice for the undocumented and the needy. A trip to Washington, D.C., to lobby for immigrants was a milestone in his life, he said.

## Rupert man speaks out in Washington for immigrants

**By Coeren Hart**  
Times-News correspondent

PAUL - Jesse Torres is an outspoken man. He'll speak up for what he believes is right. So his trip to Washington, D.C., in October to lobby on behalf of legalization for immigrants was not surprising.

"It was for the million card presentation," he said.

About 15,000 people rallied in Freedom Square, bearing 1 million post cards, signifying the desire of the sender that legalization become simplified for the illegal immigrant.

Lucille Valdez, community organizer at the Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN), said Idaho contributed 2,000 of the post cards. "Jesse is

**Want to get involved?**  
at Lucille Valdez at the Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN) at 678-1708. ICAN helps people connect with needed services, such as housing, utilities, jobs or food.

a volunteer with our organization," Valdez said. "He has been with us about a year, and has gotten involved in many different capacities."

The rally crowds spoke, sang and offered their support for the many immigrants who live invisibly in the United States. Torres had his two minutes at the microphone. "I spoke to let the people know I was from Burley, Idaho, representing Community Action, that I work as a teacher's aide,

and that I was there to encourage the president and Congress to consider giving a lot of these families consideration for legalization," Torres said. "These people have lived here, worked here, sent their kids to school here for years. They only lack the papers to make them legal. Most of them are good citizens. They pay taxes. They pay Social Security even though they may never collect payments when they retire. They have earned the right to become citizens."

He called the trip a milestone in his life.

"I went over there (to Freedom Park) at 9 a.m., and the crew was just setting up the sound equipment and the stage," he recalled. "The park was pretty much empty. But then, they

started coming from everywhere in buses. By 10:30, there were probably 5,000 people."

Torres, a Vietnam War veteran, also was able to realize a long-held dream to see the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

"I was leaving the next morning, and it was late at night," Torres said. "People told me not to go out alone. It was during the time the sniper was shooting people. But I wanted to see the Wall."

He walked a long way to get there.

"I looked for names that I knew. I touched it. I had no way of knowing if I would ever be there again. If you go to Washington, make sure you go to the Wall. You're going to break

down and cry," he said.

By the time he returned safely to his room at 2 a.m., he had blisters on his feet that have left scars. He doesn't mind. The D.C. immigration rally was organized by the Seattle, Wash.-based Northwest Federation of Community Organizations. Torres and dozens of other participants have been busy visiting the offices of their state senators, both to prepare for the rally and follow up on immigration issues.

"I have been in Sen. Craig's office," Torres said. "He said he is aware of our concerns. Interest is growing."

Adan Ramirez, a longtime ICAN volunteer, suggested Torres for this year's trip.

"Jesse is an able person," he said. "With this trip, we tried to

get him to learn and get more involved. He already is in our food program, coordinating the state and local, bringing issues the organization is working on. He's really involved in the community. He drives people to the doctor and to do job searches. I wish the community had more people like him."

Ramirez said there will be another immigration rally next year. Planning has already begun.

"These organizations are feeling the pulse of the people," he said. "The elected officials have begun to pay more attention."

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## U.S.-Mexico liaison has long road ahead

**By Jessica Garrison**  
Los Angeles Times

Mexican officials swooped into the small town life earlier this fall and plunked him onto the world stage, unexpectedly appointing the quiet American social worker as Mexico's point man for immigrants in the United States.



Alfonso Morales, left, counts money that she and her son Hector Gonzalez will hand to Eteldina Romero to be sent to Mexico at Popular Cash Express in Los Angeles. Morales and Gonzalez sent \$650 to a friend in a small village in Oaxaca as a New Year's gift. Money transfers from Mexican immigrants working in the United States to relatives back home increased to a record \$30 billion in 2002, according to the Pew Hispanic Center in Washington, D.C. This year's amount is up \$800 million from the previous year.

Morales, a 57-year-old immigrant from Oaxaca, faces a daunting job. He must address the fraying marriage between an estimated 20 million Mexicans living in the United States and their sometime suitor, Mexican President Vicente Fox.

He must build a new organization for Mexican immigrants while negotiating politics on both sides of the border. And all the while, he must contend with U.S. critics who say he does not understand Mexican politics and was picked as director of the Institute for Mexicans Abroad precisely because he is expected not to make waves.

But the potential of the job is huge - both for the immigrants and the country from which they came.

Mexicans in the United States send an estimated \$9.2 billion a year south, equivalent in value to Mexico's tourism industry and second only to oil and manufacturing as a source of national income. They also influence relatives back home politically

## Business network will meet Monday

**TWIN FALLS** - The Hispanic Business and Professionals Network will meet at noon Monday at Plaza Azul restaurant on Main Avenue in Twin Falls.

Anyone is invited to attend the no-host lunch.

For more information, call Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288 or Leticia Coronado at 735-3207.



**Workshops will take place at sugarbeet conference**

**TWIN FALLS** - The Snake River sugarbeet school sponsored by the University of Idaho Extension Service will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and includes two workshops in Spanish.

Topics to be discussed at the school include weed and disease control, stand establishment,

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variety testing, irrigation and cost of production.

Workshops in Spanish will focus on the calibration of sprayer equipment and weed identification and control.

The Spanish workshops are targeting migrant workers who don't have the English skills to learn the technical information, said Wayne Jones, an extension

educator in Bonneville County.

The free workshop will be held in the Shields and Aspen buildings at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

For more information, call extension educators Jones at (208) 529-1390 or Reed Findlay at (208) 236-7312 or John Gallian at 736-3633.

### Network for New Americans will meet Friday in Boise

**BOISE** - The Idaho Network for New Americans meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday at the INS office at 1185 South Vinnel Way in Boise.

For more information about the meeting or the group, call Erik Johnson at (208) 454-2591.

## Hispanic comedians write plays about U.S. cities

**By Carl Hartman**  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** - They've been called the Hispanic Marx Brothers, but they're the Marx Brothers with a message. The Hispanic part is now largely in their names - Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas and Herbert Sigüenza.

They're writers and actors - they do both - who call themselves Culture Clash. Their message of compassion and understanding includes a variety of minorities and reaches beyond them.

Salinas thinks there's something in the Marx Brothers comparison.

"We're always playing the underdogs," he said, "and when you look at the Marx Brothers, a lot of times they played the underdogs, and they were up against the high class. And they

were immigrants themselves."

Salinas was born in El Salvador, was brought to California at age 5 and speaks Spanish with his wife and two children. He thinks the Culture Clash style may have something to do with the region's Indian tradition of storytelling.

The group brought the style to the nation's capital from Los Angeles by way of Miami and New York's Lower East Side.

Montoya, the leading writer, is a third generation Californian and jokes about his almost nonexistent knowledge of Spanish. All three speak unaccented English. Sigüenza shared in writing the Washington play, called "Anthems," but is not in the cast this time.

Molly Smith, artistic director of the capital's Arena Stage, called the trio "modern day Mark Twains."

## Mexico's English-language paper shuts down

**The Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY** - Mexico City's only English-language newspaper, The News, shut down the last week of December along with its sister Spanish-language publication, Novedades, after more than 50 years in operation.

"The News and Novedades say Adios," read the front-page

English headline in The News.

Novedades Editores, which published the two newspapers, attributed the closure to economic reasons.

Novedades was one of the capital's five largest newspapers, with a daily circulation of about 30,000 and editions in the resort cities of Apulco and Cancun. Novedades Editores also publishes magazines and comics.



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# Grammy voters stick to safe choices

By Robert Hilburn  
Los Angeles Times

**NEW YORK** — In a B-plus year for music, the Grammy voters did a C-minus job of reflecting that energy and passion in nominations announced here Tuesday. In the top three categories alone, the reaction to the nominees is likely to range from burrah to "huh" and even "double-huh."

Fortunately for the image of the Grammys, the albums will be far the choices in the haul of the year, the most prestigious of the 104 categories. In that race, three far different but immensely rewarding albums will vie for final honors: inspirational rocker Bruce Springsteen's "The Rising," rap provocateur Eminem's "The Eminem Show" and classy pop vocalist Norah Jones' "Come Away With Me."

Several other strong candidates would have given a more memorable field, including Beck's tender "Sea Change" and Wilco's eloquent "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot." But the two remaining nominees — the Dixie Chicks' traditional country "Home" and Nelly's playful hip-hop "Nellyville" — achieved the Grammy nomination committee's goal of musical "balance" in the best-album category without embarrassing anyone.

That's far more than can be said for the nominees for record of the year, the second-most prized category. Eminem's catchy, confrontational "Without Me" and Jones' wistful "Don't Know Why" were essential choices, but the remaining nominees bring us to the head-scratching "huh."

The undistinguished trio of nominees: the overblown pop of Vanessa Carlton's "A Thousand Miles," a selection from Nelly (the teaming with Kelly Rowland on "Dilemma") that was far less spirited than his own "Hot in Herre" and the generic pop-rock feel of Nickelback's "How You

## 45TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS

### Grammys recognize the wide variety in music

Eight artists received five Grammy nominations Tuesday, with Norah Jones, Avril Lavigne, Eminem and Bruce Springsteen dominating the major categories.

**RECORD OF THE YEAR**  
"A Thousand Miles" Vanessa Carlton  
"Without Me" Eminem  
"Don't Know Why" Norah Jones  
"Dilemma" Nelly featuring Kelly Rowland  
"How You Remind Me" Nickelback

**POP VOCAL ALBUM**  
"Come Away With Me" Norah Jones  
"The Get Along" Avril Lavigne  
"Rock Steady" No Doubt  
"Missundaztood" Pink  
"Britney" Britney Spears

**COUNTRY ALBUM**  
"Home" Dixie Chicks  
"Drive" Alan Jackson  
"The Great Divide" Willie Nelson  
"Man With a Memory" Joe Nichols  
"Halos & Horns" Dolly Parton

NOTE: Performers in parentheses

SOURCE: The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences Inc.

**ALBUM OF THE YEAR**  
"Home" Dixie Chicks  
"The Eminem Show" Eminem  
"Come Away With Me" Norah Jones  
"Nellyville" Nelly  
"The Rising" Bruce Springsteen

**ROCK ALBUM**  
"When I Was Cruel" Elvis Costello  
"Cmon, C'mon" Sheryl Crow  
"Dreamland" Robert Plant  
"The Bridge" Bruce Springsteen  
"Road on Straight" Tonic

**RAP ALBUM**  
"The Eminem Show" Eminem  
"Word of Mouf" Ludacris  
"Tarantula" Mystikal  
"Nellyville" Nelly  
"Diary of a Sinner: 1st Entry" P!nk Pablo

**SONG OF THE YEAR**  
"Complicated" Avril Lavigne & The Matrix (Avril Lavigne)  
"Don't Know Why" Jesse Harris (Norah Jones)  
"The Rising" Bruce Springsteen (Bruce Springsteen)  
"A Thousand Miles" Vanessa Carlton (Vanessa Carlton)  
"Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)" Alan Jackson (Alan Jackson)

**NEW ARTIST**  
Ashanti  
Michelle Branch  
Norah Jones  
Avril Lavigne  
John Mayer



AP

Remind Me."

The list of better choices begins with Pink's infectious "Get the Party Started," the Dixie Chicks' "Long Time Comin'," Springsteen's anthem-like "The Rising," the White Stripes' delightful "Fall in Love With a Girl" and the Flaming Lips' graceful "Do You Realize?."

The biggest Grammy disappointment, however, is the narrow range of best-new-artist nominees. Jones, the stylish 23-year-old whose vocals offer an absorbing blend of pop, country, soul and jazz influences, is the stand-out. Creatively speaking, she's a woman competing against three girls (Ashanti, Michelle Branch, Avril Lavigne). The final nominee is John Mayer, a singer-songwriter whose works are also too uneven to match Jones.

What's missing in this category and through much of the nominations list is a trace of the imaginative young forces that helped bring mainstream rock 'n' roll back from the life-support system that it has been on in recent years. It's shameful that not one representative from this group — the White Stripes, and You Shall Know Us by the Trail of Dead of the Strokes, the Vines, Queens of the Stone Age, Dashboard Confessional — was nominated for best new artist.

The second-guessing should continue through several categories, including best pop album, in which flyweight Britney Spears () was nominated and the brilliant Tom Waits was not; best rock album, in which the conventional Sheryl Crow was nominated and the captivating Ryan Adams was not; and the best con-

temporary R&B album category, in which Brandy and Ashanti were nominated and the more imaginative Cee-Lo was not.

On the positive side, the Grammy voters did give us some insightful nominees in several other high-profile categories, including nonclassical producer, in which Dr. Dre (who worked with Eminem, Busta Rhymes and Truth Hurts, among others), Avril Martin (Norah Jones) and Rick Rubin (Johnny Cash, the Red Hot Chili Peppers) will compete.

Other outstanding nominees: Beck's "Sea Change" in best alternative music album, Indra Arian's "Voyage to India" in best R&B album, and Johnny Cash's "American IV — The Man Comes Around" and Steve Earle's "The Outsider," both in best contemporary folk album.

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## More people will rely on Scorpio for welfare

**IF JANUARY 9TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY**, you possess ability to perceive "universal cycles." Friends often are astounded because you know when to invest, when to withdraw. You will travel more than most people, and for you love is life. Aries, Libra individuals play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: I, R. You make important domestic adjustment this year, including where you live, marital status. February, November will be memorable.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Despite obstructions, you complete major project. Moon is in Aries; circumstances take dramatic turn in your favor. At the track: Choose number 7 post position in seventh race.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** Answers will be found behind scenes. Secret is revealed; accept information in mature manner. Remember: Indulge is the only vice for which you receive no pleasure in return.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** This is your lucky day. You win friends and influence people. Major news comes true. In matters of speculation, stick with number 9. Aries will play sensational role.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your value will be acknowledged; it is time for fresh start in new position. Lunar position accents career, standing in community. Avoid heavy lifting, ban creative endeavor.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Spotlight on home, marriage and love. Fire in which you will go. Help family as much as you can, but save time for meditation. Incidentally, you will enjoy a fine seafood dinner tonight.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't get caught up in dispute

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concerning inheritance. Utilize intelligence, sense of humor; remain as neutral as possible. Gemini, Sagittarius play outstanding roles. Lucky number is 3.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Emphasis on partnership, cooperative efforts and marital status. Find out more about legal rights, permissions. Refuse to give up something of value for nothing. Scorpio plays fascinating role.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Scenario highlights change, travel and variety of experiences. More people will rely on you for their emotional/financial welfare. Obtain facts, and report them. Virgo plays major role.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Attention revolves around where you live and with whom. If diplomatic, your wish will be fulfilled. Don't force issues, or you will lose. Taurus, Libra figure in scenario.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Define terms, avoid self-deception. The flirtation is serious and could get hot and heavy. If you are not "on the level," it might be best to move on. Princes plays unique role.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Relative is serious concerning business offer. Give it thought, but realize you might be giving up your independence. Love relationship is positive; you'll be happier as result.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Let go of loving proposition. Moon position highlights finances, ability to increase earnings. Lost article will be located; express gratitude without being obsequious.

## Love is sometimes easier shown than spoken

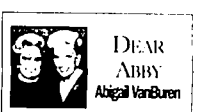
**DEAR ABBY:** The letters regarding the use of the phrase "I love you" reminded me of a story. The Funnys are reputed to be people who don't waste many words. An example: "Jussi" and "Kaisa" had been married for 25 years. One day, Kaisa asked Jussi, "Why don't you ever tell me you love me?" His reply: "I told you 'I love you' when we were married. If anything changes, I'll let you know."

—**ARNIE HAAKILA, RIO VERDE, ARIZ.**

**DEAR ARNIE:** No wonder they're still in Finland! Jussi may have been a man of few words, but I'll bet his wife had more than a few for him when she heard that reply. Read on.

**DEAR ABBY:** You may have missed something in your reply to "Hurt in Reno." Hurt told her fiancé she loved him and would be devastated if anything happened to him, and was upset when all he said in return was he "probably" felt the same. She also said he was not affectionate, but was good to her.

You said he might be a poor communicator. What caught my eye was the line about how he treats her son. Is it possible her fiancé is engaged to her so he can have access to the boy? My second husband turned out to be a con-artist. During the first year of our mar-



riage, while I was pregnant, he began to "groom" my daughter to be his sexual partner. Please urge "Hurt" to follow her gut instincts. It could save her future and years of guilt for herself.

—**ALMOST SANE AFTER YEARS OF THERAPY**  
**DEAR ALMOST SANE:** It's interesting how the letters in my column are interpreted through the filter of the reader's personal experience. Your warning should be enough to alert that mother.

**DEAR ABBY:** Phooey! on that word "love." Seventy years ago, when I was in my early 20s, I was engaged to a man who swore he loved me with all his heart. He did — until I became very sick. That was the end of our wedding plans.

Years later, I met a man I thought was interested in a mutual friend. I was shocked when he invited me to dinner and a movie. During dinner he said, "I'm not an articulate person." "That's OK," I happily replied. "Neither am I." We saw each other often after

that and time seemed to fly. Then I had an attack of pain that came without warning. My doctor advised immediate surgery. When I told my friend, he listened, then put his hands on my shoulders. In a voice choked with tears he said, "I like you. Will you marry me?" It was so astonished I couldn't speak, for we hadn't even kissed, as unbelievable as that seems.

"You do like me, don't you?" he asked anxiously. "Yes," I whispered. I got no further because I was stopped by my first kiss.

I'm a widow now, and more than 90 years old, nearing the end of my life's journey. Please tell "Feeling Hurt" that a happy marriage can be built on two people "liking each other" at the start. My husband of almost 50 years didn't say "love" a dozen times, but by his actions, faithfulness, consideration and dozens of ways, he proved — not only to me, but also to the world — that he did.

Now I only want to be with him.

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## Horse term 'canter' has roots in history, religion

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You know why sailors wear blue? Tradition. Yars and yars ago, sun and salt water washed out every dye except indigo.

How do you pronounce "eye"?  
A. Two ways. To rhyme with sky, if you mean the parliamentary eye. To rhyme with hay, if you mean the poetic ever.

Q. Name the first newspaper to run a Sports Page.  
A. The National Police Gazette. In 1876, An Irish immigrant named Richard Kyle Fox put enough money together to buy the failing old scandal sheet, and revive it with a Sports Page that featured competitions. Of all sorts. Even oystering and hair cutting contests.



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L.M. Boyd

Farmers of Ireland deal with weather so tricky they're never sure they'll harvest much. So they don't use that word harvest in their vernacular. They speak, rather, of "saving" the crop.

It was because grapefruit grows in bunches, as grapes do, that it was given that name.  
A folder in our Love and Richard man's files is labeled "Before the Divorce." Item No. 388C therein reads: "Earliest sure sign is Pretending to fall asleep."  
The "caty" in "cattycorner" comes from the French "Quatre" meaning "four."

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# A fundamental change?

## President's tax plan could reshape government profoundly

By Ronald Brownstein  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The huge new round of tax cuts President Bush proposed Tuesday, building on policies he has already advanced, could reshape the federal government's role in society as profoundly as the tax and spending plans President Reagan drove into law more than 20 years ago.

By proposing nearly \$700 billion in additional tax cuts when the government is already facing large budget deficits and projecting steady increases in military spending, Bush has laid out a fiscal blueprint that could constrict spending for years to come on the domestic priorities Democrats favor.

And by building his tax proposal around eliminating individual taxes on stock dividends and accelerating reductions in income tax rates, Bush has drawn a bold line between himself and the vast majority of Democrats, who believe both proposals tilt too heavily toward the rich.

"It is sort of an in-your-face move," said Steve Elmendorf, the chief of staff for Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., the former House minority leader.

Combined with the prospect of war in Iraq and the administration's promise of major structural reform in Medicare, the plan underscores Bush's determination to leverage large changes in policy from a small majority in Congress.

It also demonstrates his willingness — even eagerness — to advance ideas that sharpen the differences between the parties, even at the cost of polarizing opinion in Washington and around the country.

"If you seek a smaller, more incremental change, there is always room for people to seek middle ground or a third alternative," said Ted Weiler, a Democratic lobbyist close to the White House. "If you seek a big change, it's almost like he is saying to the Congress the same thing he said to the world on terrorism: you've got to choose, are you with us or not?"

The new plan would dramatically accelerate the shift in fiscal policy Bush began in 2001.

When he took office, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office projected federal budget surpluses over the next decade of \$5.6 trillion — enough to fund Democratic hopes of significant new initiatives on education, health care, prescription drugs for seniors and to accelerate research, among other programs.

But Bush's policy choices — and the pressures created by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks — have now redirected the government toward a path of large tax cuts, growing defense spending and sustained projected deficits. That could squeeze spending on domestic programs for years, reprising the dynamic created by Reagan's large tax cut and military buildup in the early 1980s.

"The implications are that we will either accept large and growing budget deficits or impose draconian cuts on domestic programs not associated with homeland security," said Robert



On a cold and blustery day in Chicago, President Bush walks from his helicopter to board Air Force One at O'Hare Airport after he unveiled his new economic stimulus plan Tuesday. At far right, his political adviser Karl Rove talks with the president's new chief economic adviser Stephen Friedman, center.

Reschauer, president of the non-partisan Urban Institute and former CBO director.

Even before Tuesday's proposals, the CBO recently estimated that the federal books had fallen so deeply into deficit that Washington would need to divert more than \$2.2 trillion in money raised for Social Security to operate the rest of government through 2012.

Tuesday's proposal could result in hundreds of billions of additional dollars being diverted from Social Security taxes — just two years after Bush and Al Gore both pledged in the 2000 presidential campaign to reserve that money in a "lockbox" for paying down the national debt.

While Bush has vowed to protect some priorities — such as aid to low-income schools and medical research — his aides are trying to freeze overall domestic spending. And Democrats say that means even the programs Bush claims to favor will be shortchanged.

This bold redirection of government's priorities has surprised and pleased conservative activists, many of whom feuded with his father's administration and initially resented the younger Bush in 2000.

"There has always been a suspicion that Bush isn't really one of us, like his father wasn't," said Steve Moore, president of the Club for Growth, a conservative political group. "But Bush has spent the last two years of his presidency trying to establish those Reaganesque credentials."

Yet by so emphasizing tax cuts, Bush may be threatening his

efforts to define himself as "a different kind of Republican," as he often put it in 2000. Democrats are already arguing that the new tax cut proposals, piled atop the \$1.35 trillion reduction Bush won in 2001, will demand long-term domestic spending cuts that undermine his promise to be a "compassionate conservative."

"He is blowing up the bridge that he promised to build to a different Republican future," said Bruce Reed, a former top aide to President Clinton who now heads the centrist Democratic Leadership Council.

By inciting partisan conflict, the economic plan follows Bush's pattern since taking office. Like most of his major domestic proposals, the proposal seems aimed more at reinforcing his core supporters than converting swing voters.

Almost all of the package's key elements — particularly the elimination in taxation on dividend income — provoke Democratic constituencies almost as much as they excite GOP ones.

The plan ignores a top Democratic priority by offering no direct aid to fiscally pressed states. The plan waves another red flag at Democrats by proposing to accelerate into this year all of the reductions in income tax rates scheduled for 2004 and 2006 under the initial Bush tax cut.

Most of the 2004 Democratic presidential candidates have called for rolling back those cuts, even if any of them beat Bush, it would be much more difficult to repeal those cuts if they have already taken effect.

"Once you've gotten those rates down, you can put them in the bank," Moore said. "That's why there is resistance on the Democratic side to fast-forwarding them."

Other elements of the plan — particularly accelerated tax relief for families with children — will have broader appeal. But the overall package appears guaranteed to generate an acrimonious debate in the months ahead and to divide the Congress largely along party lines.

In a telling signal, Sen. John McCain, D-La., who helped negotiate the final compromise on Bush's 2001 tax plan, said the new proposal had little appeal for centrist Democrats. "The bulk of the plan provides very little stimulus at all," he said. "Been in mind tax cuts are not free. We have to pay for them by increasing the size of the deficit. And we have a lot of other competing demands for dollars this year. Who knows what Iraq is going to cost? Who knows what Medicare reform and prescription drugs are going to cost?"

Breaux said some moderate Republicans have privately indicated they believe the plan will increase the deficit too much and may seek to retrench it. Bush is "going to have to compromise on a lot of things, or it is not going to get passed," he said.

Others in both parties aren't so sure that after demonstrating such strength in the 2002 election, Bush will be forced to accept major changes. The White House is not expecting broad support from congressional Democrats, but believes it can muscle the plan through Congress by holding virtually all Republicans and peeling off a handful of Democrats from states Bush carried in 2000.

"The president is in a more commanding position than he was in 2001," said one White House official. "He is in a strong position to do big and important things. He doesn't shoot low; he shoots high."

# Feisty correspondent McClendon dead at 92

The Washington Post



Sarah McClendon

WASHINGTON — Sarah McClendon, a reporter covering Washington politics since the 1940s whose blunt questions made her a loud, unruly and often profane presence at what she considered choreographed press conferences, died Jan. 8 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington. She had pneumonia and congestive heart failure. She was 92.

McClendon worked mostly from a wheelchair after hip replacement surgery in 1985 and continued to write and interview for papers in Texas.

As one of the few women after World War II writing about politics in the nation's capital, McClendon was pitted against discrimination, condescension and exasperation among politicians and her peers. It wasn't uncommon for her to be reproved by presidents who did not want to be bothered with her because of her sex, brusque manner and the small circulation of the papers for which she wrote.

Describing herself as the "litle lady with the loud voice," McClendon saw her abrasive style as vital to getting noticed because her "one-woman news bureau" represented small papers chiefly in Texas.

She also believed her pointed approach served a broader, practical journalistic purpose. In her 1996 memoirs, "Mr. President: My Fifty Years of Covering the White House," she wrote that she saw the press' role not strictly as objective transmitters of information.

She wrote it was the media's mandate "to maintain surveillance of and, if necessary, offer guidance to the person we have temporarily hired to fill this high office. A President who is secretive, less than honest, or nonresponsive to the American for whom he works has forgotten the essential nature of his job."

In the early 1970s, she told President Richard Nixon he was ill-informed about delays in checks for Vietnam War veterans. The veterans, therefore,

were unable to pay their daily expenses or education under the GI Bill of Rights. Nixon tried to rectify the problem.

In 1982, she successfully pressed President Ronald Reagan for the release of a three-six-year-in-the-making Justice Department study of discrimination against women in federal laws. In what one Washington Post writer dubbed a "one woman verbal ambush," McClendon asked Reagan about the report 11 times until he allowed reporters to view it.

Her misses to chief executives sometimes met with mixed results. At a 1962 press conference, she asked President John Kennedy whether he knew "two well-known security risks" were working at the State Department. Kennedy defended the men and rebuked her publicly. He also continued to call on her. "I try not to" recognize her, the president once said, "but I'm drawn to her."

Sarah Newcomb McClendon was born and raised in Tyler, Tex., the youngest of nine children. She graduated in the early 1930s from the University of Missouri Journalism school, where she said she was taught to " crusade for good causes."

She worked at several Texas newspapers before coming to Washington in the early 1940s. She was a member of the Women's Army Corps and then became a public affairs officer at the Pentagon.

Her contact with the press corps helped introduce her to reporters and editors in Washington, including Bascom Timmons. Timmons ran a news service and asked McClendon to be a correspondent for the Philadelphia Daily News. When veterans returned after World War II, Timmons gave them their old jobs, and McClendon had to find another position.

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## The urge to bust a cap

I think it started when they set my hands on fire.

People go into the wilderness either to appreciate nature, or to conquer it. I started as a member of the former category. I go out to take in the majesty of creation and I leave no trace of my presence. But at some point, I was tempted by the sinful pleasure of imposing myself on the land.

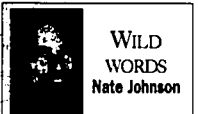
Back in California I tried to explain the satisfaction of speeding across the sage on a dirt bike, blithely destroying everything in my path.

My friends were unconvinced, if not appalled, I persisted.

"Every once in a while you need an SUV tearing through the tundra, driven by Ted Nugent, with Charlton Heston standing on the hood, blasting off shotgun rounds - driving the woodland creatures before him."

"You do?" asked one. "When?"

"I had to think for a while. "I guess you don't ever need that, but isn't it a glorious image? Doesn't the very thought make life more exciting?"



WILD WORDS  
Nate Johnson

I could see I had not made a persuasive case. How could I when I myself do not fully understand my yen for gunfire and engines?

In blaming the Boy Scouts who set my hands on fire. When I became a scout I thought I would learn to move silently through the woods and run with the foxes.

Birds would land on my fingertips and I would sing with the frogs.

Instead, the older scouts wanted to teach me to splatter frogs against rocks and burn aerosol residue on my palms. I grieved for the frogs and stopped attending troop meetings, but I couldn't forget the thrill of my hands encased in flame.

Ten years later I stepped down from the cockpit of a Super Cub into a rocky river bar in Alaska. I had volunteered to come with the gear before the plane brought the others. I didn't want to take the shotguns - having them would dilute the experience of being alone in the wilderness - but my new friend Matt had insisted I take both.

"They're all ready," he had said. "Flip the safety, dock the toggle and blast bears," or something like that.

I disdainfully set the guns aside and concentrated on unloading the airplane.

I'd wondered what was in those three huge bags that had pushed my plane seat so far forward that I had strained to keep my quivering knee from hitting control panel.

As I unloaded the cargo, one bag split open when it hit the ground and cases of beer and ammo cans toppled onto the beach. I gaped in terror. I was about to spend four days in the wild with six madmen and enough ammunition to supply the Cheshen rebels for a month.

My companions were better than I'd feared. The land's effect on them was evident in their silence. They were susceptible to its grandeur and let the river and the wind do the most of the talking.

They had no intention of carrying all that ammunition down the river without blowing away a few cans. They started the first night. Three large birds, startled by the first blast, struggled aloft from around our camp. I frowned and went to the clearing where my friends were shooting.

Matt held out a gun. "Want to try?" he asked.

I considered it. As I aimed had ready scattered. The animals had the three stacked cans. I saw myself from outside - a tall, dour man with a deadly weapon. I pulled the trigger. The cans leapt and fell. I took a step forward, bumped and fired again. The cans lay abject and inert. I showed no mercy. The joy of power and abandon rose through my body. I was a mad god hurling fire and lead.

That night - as we lay watching the Aurora Borealis - when Matt jumped up in a fit of inspiration to, he put it, "Bust a cap in the northern lights", I cringed, but I could empathize.

Nate Johnson is a reporter in the paper's Mini-Cassia bureau.

# A MOVABLE FEAST

## Gourmet lodges offer meals to motivate Sun Valley skiers

By Karen Bonelick  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - Gingerly, Anna Nelson clicks her cork country ski boot into her ski. Then, with the rest of her family, she starts rhythmically scooting her skis along freshly set tracks meandering through the Sun Valley Golf Course.

Past trophy homes that cling to a hillside overlooking the course. Under snow-flocked pine trees that resemble women decked out in their wedding gowns. Across small footbridges crossing Trail Creek - its river boulders looking like soft sugar marshmallows underneath the fresh fallen snow.

Oops! She holds her breath. Hang on as we go down hill. Now, up a little hill. She pauses to catch her breath. There it is! Trail Creek Cabin! Lunch!

"I thought about turning back when I got to the hill. But knowing you have lunch awaiting you is too good an incentive. You've got to go on," says the teen-ager from Wenatchee, Wash.

Anna and her family are about to sample what more and more skiers have already discovered: the elegant adventure of combining a ski outing with a sit-down gourmet lunch.

Sure, you can pack some granola bars in your pocket or stuff some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in your knapsack. But that pales in comparison to stretching out, drying your feet by the fire and sharing laughs over a glass of wine, a cup of steaming espresso and a plateful of wild mushroom ravioli and liner torte.

Just thinking about it is enough to make you want to hang a sign around your neck: "Will ski for food."

The Trail Creek Cabin where the Nelsons are lunching on this particular day has a storied history as a rustic yet elegant getaway so close yet so far away from the hubbub of Sun Valley Resort.

Built in 1937 by Sun Valley's landscape architect, the rustic cabin with its wagon wheel chandeliers, trophy elk heads, and stuffed pheasants quickly became a favorite gathering place of celebrities like Ernest Hemingway, Clark Gable and Cary Cooper.

Today, lunch guests are greeted by a warm fire in the fireplace, frosted windows looking out onto a winter wonderland and a buffet of subtly spiced chili, seafood stew, chicken and other salads and a dessert table



A skier from Seattle skates over the river and through the woods through the Sun Valley Golf Course on her way to the Trail Creek Cabin.



Above, Tim Eriksen plees the Estrada family of Peru with "Edeiwiss" and other "Sound of Music" tunes at the historic Roundhouse Restaurant on Bald Mountain. Right, Carlin Thompson serves up a cheeseburger and Thai peanut wrap to Sara Kranwinkle and her family on the deck of the historic Galena Lodge.



that includes Sun Valley's brownies, cookies, as well as the five basic pie groups of peach, pecan, pumpkin, apple and cherry.

"The whole outing is just pure fun and the food is so good," says Anna's mother Leslie Nelson. "And the scenery along the way is so beautiful it makes me want to cry."

### Trail Creek Cabin

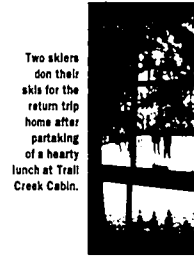
- Open for \$11.95 lunch buffet and dinners, which range from \$16 to \$32 (children's dinners for reduced prices).
- Can get to by sking or snowshoeing 1 mile along the Trail Creek Cabin loop at Sun Valley Nordic Center. You can also go by sleigh (\$21 and \$18) or drive to the site, which is 1 1/2 miles past the Sun Valley Nordic Center on Sun Valley Road.
- For dinner or sleigh reservations contact 622-2135.

### Galena Lodge

- Open daily for lunches and après ski fare. Also open for holiday dinners, such as Valentine's Day, and full moon and stargazing dinners.
- Prices range from \$6.95 for a Thai Peanut Wrap to \$23 for Elk Tenderloin (children's items start at \$3.95).
- You can have lunch without ever sking or snowshoeing by hopping on the new free Galena Shuttle, which leaves Ketchum's Elephant's Perch at 10 a.m. Wednesdays through Fridays.
- To make reservations for special dinners, call 726-4010.

### Roundhouse Restaurant

- Open daily except Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with lunch seating beginning at 11:30 a.m. Menu items, which start at \$9.50, include wild boar sausage with cabbage slaw, grilled Idaho ruby trout, and oven roasted poussin, with a variety of starters including cheese fondue and confit of duckling. Desserts include mascarpone cheesecake. The restaurant also features a robust selection of wines ranging in price from less than \$20 for a half bottle to nearly \$200 for a full.
- Non-skiers can access the restaurant by buying a foot traffic pass at River Run or Warm Springs lodges.
- For reservations, call 622-2371.



Two skiers don their skis for the return trip home after partaking of a hearty lunch at Trail Creek Cabin.

# Winter fly fishing offers range of experience in Idaho

By Roger Phillips  
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE - The snow crunches as Todd Smith of Boise wades toward the North Fork of the Payette River. A wisp of steam escapes his mouth as he concentrates on tying a tiny fly to his tippet.

The river gurgles and swishes with slush ice and a flight of geese honk overhead. Smith wades into the frigid river.

He starts the rhythmic fly casting and drops a pair of nymphs into a riffle. A large tuft of yarn floats on the surface to signal when a fish strikes one of his flies.

Beneath the surface, fish hover just off the bottom waiting for morsels of food to drift

past. Smith methodically works the riffles, letting out a little more line each time so his flies drift by every square foot of the gravel river bottom.

"You have to put the fly right in front of them," Smith said. "You bang them on the head with your fly, and you're going to catch them."

Smith fly fishes year round, he ties flies professionally and is co-owner of the River Keeper fly shop in Boise.

He knows that during winter, most anglers have their rods carefully tucked away waiting for spring.

"They have so many things they can do, they don't go winter fly fishing," he said.

But he also knows that by

adding another layer of clothes and changing his fly fishing techniques, he can land fish during the winter.

"I've had some of my best days in the winter during snow," Smith said.

Fish are dormant during the winter, but that doesn't mean they stop feeding completely. They just don't feed as much.

Fish tend to lay in riffles or just below them and grab food as it drifts past. Because they are sluggish from the cold water and are conserving energy, they won't rise far to take a fly.

"These fish aren't going to chase anything; it's way too cold," Smith said.

So he goes to them. He uses a two-fly rig, typically with very small nymphs. He said most stan-

dard nymph patterns will work, such as pheasant tails, hare's ears and prince nymphs in sizes ranging from number 16 to 24. He then puts a small split shot above the flies to get them to the bottom where the fish are lying.

"You want to get on the bottom as quick as you can so you have a longer sweet spot," Smith said.

The rig works equally well for trout and whitefish, but it's often whitefish that steal the show during winter. The fish school up by the dozens and can provide fast action for anglers. Smith looks for water between two and four feet deep and fishes the riffles and tail outs. He methodically works a riffle until he finds where the fish are lying.

"Pretend it's almost like a

grid," he said. Nymph fishing is the most common method, but it's not the only way to catch fish in winter.

Dry fly anglers can also catch fish, but it's a good news, bad news situation.

The good news is you don't need a bunch of flies, just chironomids, which are commonly known as "midges."

"The only hatch you have most of the winter is midges," Smith said.

The bad news is they're tiny. Be ready to tie a size 22 fly on your line with cold hands.

But trout readily feed on them during winter, and if you see fish rising, they are probably taking midges off the surface, or midge pupae just beneath the surface.

OUTDOORS

# Hunters must keep bird shot off private property

**Question:** I have built a home on property along the Snake River in an area frequently used by duck and goose hunters. My house gets peppered with bird shot every day! How can I stop duck and goose hunting near my house?

**Answer:** As river front properties are developed, fewer hunting areas are available to hunt ducks and geese. This causes hunters to crowd into remaining areas still open to public access. Competition between hunters often results in hunters shooting toward residences or in unsafe directions. In other instances unscrupulous hunters simply don't care where they shoot!

Hunters must become aware of how their actions impact others. Large shot used for hunting ducks and geese can travel significant distances and damage private property. I have personally witnessed free falling shot chip

**ASK THE OFFICER**  
**Gary Hompland**

the paint on vehicles parked at a residence near the river! This large shot is also easily capable of injuring people, pets, or livestock, or penetrating a window.

Hunters beware! If you hurt someone or damage property you are liable for all damages, and may be criminally liable as well. Idaho law also suggests you may be prosecuted for trespass if you shoot onto another person's property without the owner's permission. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will not take actions to close waterfowl hunting along the Snake River. However, our conservation officers are willing to assist landown-

ers suffering damage or subjected to a hearing process. To resolve this conflict some counties are adopting shooting ordinances to prohibit the discharge of a firearm within certain distances of residential dwellings. If this occurs many areas along the river with be closed to all shooting!

Landowners experiencing property damage from waterfowl hunters should contact the Department, local law enforcement, and county prosecuting attorney, or office for assistance. Landowners can help by identifying offenders and documenting the damage. A video camera is invaluable for this purpose.

Landowners must also understand that local law enforcement and the Department will only assist them if they have property that has been damaged or there has been injury to a person or domestic animal. The Department will not eliminate

hunting along the river or harass hunters because a landowner is opposed to hunting or is disturbed by the noise from waterfowl hunting.

In summary, if you or your property are being damaged or your property is being harassed, you should contact the county sheriff's office or the department for law enforcement assistance. In addition, you should contact the county prosecuting attorney's office for additional help. If you are simply tired of hearing waterfowl hunters shooting at ducks then you may have built your house in the wrong location. The waterfowl season ends January 24th.

**Gary Hompland is a regional conservation officer at the Magic Valley Regional Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at (208)324-4350. E-mail a question to him at the Fish and Game Web site at [www2.state.id.us/fishgame](http://www2.state.id.us/fishgame).**

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Did you have a big buck this year? Did you reel in a whopper?  
If you have a snapshot, The Times-News would like to publish it as part of our new "Trophies" feature. We welcome readers' photos of hunting, fishing or other outdoor scenes.  
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**Share your adventure**  
Do you have a personal story of an outdoor adventure? If so, The Times-News would like to print it as part of our new "Calls From The Wild" series.  
We welcome readers' true stories about hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. Please write your story in the first person, keeping it under 500 words. Photos are a plus. Be sure to include your phone number.

# CSI community education center offers 'Adult Skiing for One and All' class

The Community Education Center at CSI will be offering the *hudson-class*, "Adult Skiing for One and All" from Noon - 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 23 to March 13 at Pomerele Ski Resort.

This is a great opportunity to renew old skiing skills or begin a whole new experience. Students will have a great time, enjoy the beautiful scenery, and learn from excellent instructors from the Pomerele Ski School. This class will provide the opportunity to progress at an individual pace, where students are allowed to take it easy or push themselves.

Hunters must become aware of how their actions impact others. Large shot used for hunting ducks and geese can travel significant distances and damage private property. I have personally witnessed free falling shot chip

For more information or to register, call 732-6288.

## Outdoors in brief

of Alaska's Kodiak Island and some of the salmon infested lakes and rivers he has fished while on his annual pilgrimage to the North Star State.

While the rivers and streams are very productive, many anglers now bring their float tubes and pontoon boats to the Island to fish the many lakes that connect some of the rivers.

Not only will Forster show some slides of Alaska's superb scenery, he will discuss some of the fishing techniques he uses and display some of his more productive fly patterns. And, for those who may be interested, Forster can provide information on how to get to and from Alaska and what the Island has to offer in the way of accommodations.

The restaurant is located at 200 Addison Avenue West.

## Harrison in the Albion Mountains

The meeting will be Monday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at 2572 East, 3700 North in Twin Falls, south of Curry Country Store.

The meeting will be an opportunity to learn about this unique plant and other rare plant species in Idaho. Discussion will include protection and management issues. Meetings are open to anyone interested in native plants and the outdoors. For more information call 358-0759 or e-mail miriam@mindspring.com.

## Idaho Parks and Rec deems Park 'N' Ski event a success

Park 'N' Ski lots above Idaho City were full and Ponderosa State Park was packed. The 17th annual Cross Country Idaho sponsored by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) was a complete success.

"We were excited to see so much participation this year. Cross country skiing is a great sport that can be enjoyed by the whole family young and old," said IDPR public information officer Jennifer Coeur.

Many sites around the state participated, including 11 Park 'N' Ski areas and six state parks. Volunteers from the Nordic

Voice were available to answer questions and provide orientation for first time skiers.

The event gave non-skiers the opportunity to try out the sport and seasoned skiers a chance to learn or hone their telemarking or other advanced skills.

Ponderosa State Park had 250 Cross Country Idaho participants. "This event could not have happened without the area businesses who have supported this event for years and all the volunteers," said Ponderosa State Park Manager, Dennis Coyle. "A great local vendors and twenty five volunteers, mostly Nordic Ski Team members helped make Cross Country Idaho 2003 a success for Ponderosa!"

Additional information about cross-country skiing in Idaho can be found at [www.idahoparks.org](http://www.idahoparks.org).

## Snowmobile association, club host safety course

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Sno-Mobilers Club, in association with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the Idaho State Snowmobile Association, will be hosting a Snowmobile Safety Awareness Course and Riding 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 Sno-Mobilers Club of 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.

**Avalanche Awareness course**  
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 back-

country, the dynamics of snow, what is avalanche terrain and what factors influence the development of avalanche conditions. Instructors will be from the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center.

For more information about these clinics, or to reserve a spot, contact Sean Nickles at 733-9293 or Rene Neumeier at 423-9781.

## Magic Mountain offers free Nordic skiing lessons, rentals

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 skis, poles and boots. They also will be given lessons on skiing techniques and safety and will be able to use the equipment for an hour.

For additional information on the event, call Jack Yarbrough at 837-4505.

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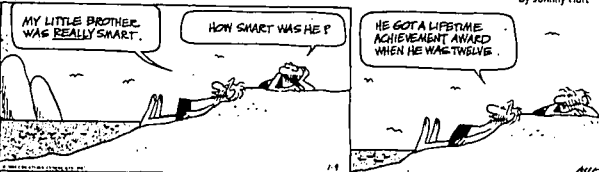
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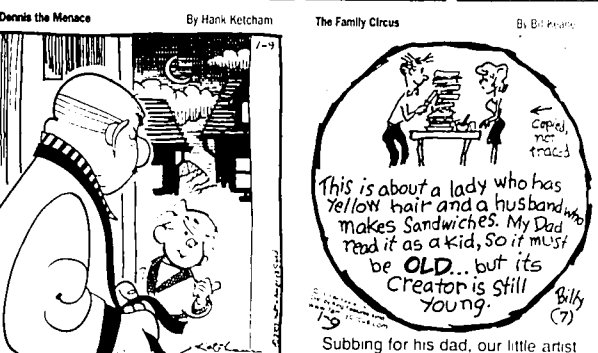
Garfield By Jim Davis



Pickles By Brian Crane



Hi and Lois By Chance Browne



Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

This is about a lady who has yellow hair and a husband who makes sandwiches. My Dad read it as a kid, so it must be OLD... but its Creator is still young.



The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Rose is Rose By Chris Browne



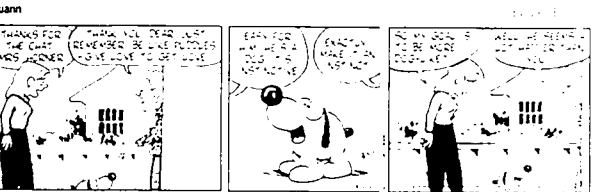
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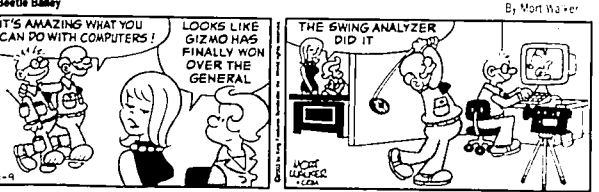
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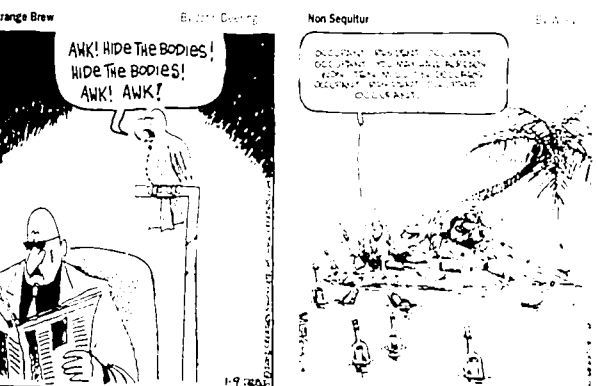
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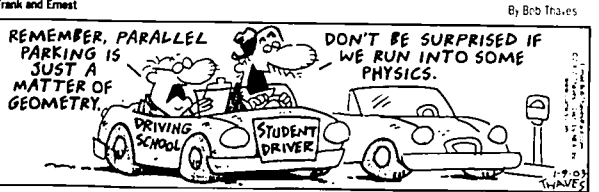
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OUTDOORS

SEA OF SWANS



Trumpeter swans swim on a flooded field in the Lower Klamath Wildlife Refuge south of Klamath Falls, Ore., Tuesday.

Author shares stories of remote life

By Dan R. Barber  
The Dallas Morning News

Porcupines aren't the only creatures that populate Michael J. Tougas' homage to the outdoor life and the lessons to be learned that a cabin in the mountains can provide.

"There's a Porcupine in My Outhouse: Misadventures of a Mountain Man Wamabee," is Tougas' wacky, charming tale of how he grew older and wiser in an A-frame in the Vermont woods, with the prickly assistance of two denning porcupines and wandering black bears.

"Porcupine" begins in 1978, when the adventure-story-loving Tougas was 22 and decided to spend \$8,500 on his cabin and six axes.

"I would be Jim Bridger, Daniel Boone and Lewis and Clark all rolled into one," he writes in the little book's preface. "I fancied myself as lord and master of my six acres." He would chip down a tree for his first corner set.

In hindsight, Tougas, a syndicated outdoor columnist and nature writer in New England, says he had it backward: Nature was the master, he the student.

For that experience, thanks go to the pair of porcupines that dug a home beneath the anxious-in-the-woods-at-night Tougas' out-house, rustling and thumping in the darkness beneath his bare bottom when nature called. Tougas isn't the only weekend occupant of his mountain cabin. Boyhood friends Cogs and Booth - Dale, another friend, visited one weekend and that was that - join him. Together, they make peace with the barbed rodents and the wilderness. The bears, too. "I was to learn a lot about porcupines - and life - over the next few years," he writes.

What would be a story about acquiring wisdom in the woods be without references to Henry David Thoreau and his outdoor paradigm, "On Walden Pond"? Tougas leans on Thoreau often, a bit too heavily.

Still, "Porcupine" is a pleasant and entertaining, though unremarkable, account, even with the too-easy metaphors of Mother Nature as teacher.

The tale ends in the summer of 2001, when Tougas notes that he still has his cabin, where he enjoys sitting on the deck and watching the sun set. With two new sons, his children Kristin and Brian, he can recognize a barred owl's call, a wood thrush's "melancholy song" and a bullfrog's lament. He knows bear scat when he sees it, without becoming anxious at the thought, and also doesn't seem to mind porcupines squatting in his out-house.

"I'm comfortable in the woods now, those early fears having long since melted away," he writes. "I often feel like the luckiest man alive."

Golden eagles summer in Alaska's oil rich North

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Young golden eagles migrating for the first time don't return to their birthplace in Denali National Park and Preserve in central Alaska, but summer instead in oil-rich areas in the Arctic.

The surprise finding was part of a four-year study to track for the first time the migration routes of Alaska's golden eagles. The finding again raises concerns about oil development on Alaska's North Slope and in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, and about the increased pressure to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling.

"We are really afraid we will lose what's special about the western Arctic before we even understand what is there," said Sara Chapel, spokeswoman for the Sierra Club in Alaska.

After wintering in the south, the young eagles headed north, bypassing the 6 million-acre national park and flying another 450 to 600 miles to summer on the Arctic coastal plain. A few ended up near the Alaska Range in the Interior or on the Kenai Peninsula south of Anchorage, but most flew north.

"They were all across the North Slope," said Carol McIntyre, a wildlife biologist at Denali who has been studying eagles since 1987. The park is home to at least 100 breeding pairs of golden eagles.

Golden eagles weigh 8 to 12 pounds and have gold and buff-colored feathers on the crown and nape of the neck. They are found in the northern part of the Northern Hemisphere and have been protected in the United States since 1963.

The \$250,000 study was funded by the National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey.

McIntyre said in 1997 and 1999 tiny Teflon backpacks containing small satellite transmitters costing \$2,500 each were attached to the backs of 45 golden eagles just prior to their first migration.

Weights and measurements were taken on the young birds before they left their nests in late July to mid-August. The eagles didn't depart Denali until late September and early October, a time when the parents continue to feed and protect them and the young practice their flying and hunting skills.

McIntyre and Michael Collopy, a former USGS scientist, tracked the birds as they flew south from central Alaska, wintering anywhere from southern Canada to northern Mexico.

Scientists don't know why some birds stop in Canada and



A nine-week-old golden eagle carries a satellite radio transmitter on its back as it sits in its nest in Denali National Park in Alaska. In this undated handout photo, an attempt to track migration routes of young golden eagles has determined they summer in oil-rich areas in the Arctic, a surprise finding that again raises concerns about oil development on Alaska's North Slope and in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska.

others fly all the way to Mexico. Some could be looking for food. Weather could be a factor. Maybe they simply "feel the need to keep going," said Collopy, now department chairman of Environmental and Resource Sciences at the University of Nevada in Reno.

Twelve of the 45 eagles survived their first year, often migrating more than 5,000 miles. Most of those that died starved, but some also were hit by cars, electrocuted by power lines, accidentally poisoned and shot, McIntyre said. Most of them died in Canada, where necropsies were performed and the tiny transmitters sent back to McIntyre for reuse.

Not all the young eagles made the trip the same way. Some flew just a few dozen miles a day while others flew nearly 200 miles a day.

"Some really just beeline right to where they were going and some meandered along the way," McIntyre said.

He said the young eagles probably bypass Denali because the park's adult eagles would drive them off. Their Arctic destination holds a wealth of immature waterfowl, Arctic ground squirrels and caribou calves that make easy prey for the inexperienced hunters.

McIntyre worries that golden eagles, which are much less tolerant of human beings than bald eagles, won't be able to adapt to increased development in the wilderness, whether it's on Alaska's North Slope or wintering grounds in Canada, northeastern Washington, Idaho, Montana, North and South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and New Mexico.

"We are kind of choking them out of where they live," she said.

Collopy is most concerned about changes caused by recent wildfires in the West. The fires in the area between the Sierra Nevada and Rocky Mountains is killing the sagebrush, which is being replaced by exotic weeds, particularly cheatgrass from Europe and Asia.

Without sagebrush, there are no jackrabbits - the golden eagles' main food, he said.

Drilling for oil in the Alaska refuge is a key part of the Bush administration energy plan, which likely has a better chance of passing next session when Republicans control the House and Senate.

The administration has called for increased exploration in the 23 million-acre oil reserve, designated in 1923 specifically for oil development. The USGS said in May the reserve has four times as much oil as previously estimated.

In June, several oil companies successfully bid to lease 579,269 acres in the NPR-A. The Bureau of Land Management plans two more lease sales in the next four years.

Ski

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a cup of hot soup included in their trail pass, the lodge now boasts an appetizing array of items from the standbys, beef burger to a Thai Panant Wrap and Veggie Quesadilla.

Chefs Jeffrey Zellerhoff and Sharon Davis also concoct imaginative dinners, such as a Valentine's meal boasting such aphrodisiacs as lavender-mashed potatoes.

And the lodge sports a long list of hot steamy drinks with names to fit the occasion, such as Ski Lift made with hot chocolate and peppermint schnapps, Hot Xmas made of whiskey, honey and lemon and Kick Double Pole made with Kahlua, steamed milk and two shots of espresso.

If none of these kicks your jets into double pole gear, finish it off with a slice of Chocolate Decadence cake, guaranteed to give you the biggest high this side of Baldy's chairlift.

Sun Valley residents Beth and Dick Byerley are among dozens of skiers who occasionally park their rigs at Prairie Creek and ski the 10 kilometers to Galena Lodge.

There they sample the soup du jour in front of the fire crackling in the massive fireplace and, then, ski back to their vehicle.

The calories in their lunch don't count since they're skiing them off.

"It's wonderful because you know you're going to have a nice warm place where you can meet with friends and have some good food," says Beth.

Eateries on the slopes

Downhill skiers and boarders aren't left out in the cold. They can find relaxing four-star cuisine at the Roundhouse, midway up Baldy.

It's not exactly a ski-in, ski-out affair, as are the other elegant lodges scattered around the Sun Valley Ski Resort.

You have to park your skis and climb 67 steps-one for each year of Sun Valley's existence-to the top of the octagonal-shaped redwood-colored restaurant that resembles a railroad switch house.

Among those who frequently make the climb is Ketchum resident Kim Cathleen Verde, a World Class figure-skater-turned Masters ski racer.

She likes to warm her feet at the restaurant's four-sided fireplace as she gazes out the restaurant's 46 windows onto the jagged Pioneer peaks.

Then she leans back and closes her eyes momentarily as she listens to Soda Springs musician Tim Eriksen pump out "Sleigh Bells" on his accordion.

The meal-whether it be tender pieces of Buffalo osso-buco marinated in herbed red wine sauce or a vol-au-vent pastry shell filled with a ragout of veal and forest mushrooms-adds an elegant touch not seen in the Roundhouse's pre-high speed quad days.

"Then skiers stopped in for cocoa and chocolate roll cakes while they warmed themselves enroute to the top of the mountain."

"And it reminds me of mountain-side dining in Europe," said Verde. "I ski a lot of places but I don't know of any other American resort that offers formal dining like this on the mountain."

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### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### Ketchum will raze 132-room hotel

**KETCHUM** - A plan to raze the closed Elkhorn Hotel and some small commercial buildings has finally garnered the approval of Sun Valley zoning officials.

Tearing down the 132-room resort hotel will make way for a mix of condominiums, townhouses, and commercial space, CG-Elkhorn developers say.

CG-Elkhorn is a partnership between the Elkhorn owners: Connecticut-based investment firm Greenfield Partners LLC and the Chesapeake Hotel Group.

Elkhorn attorney Fred Williamson, representing CG-Elkhorn, this week urged the commissioners to end four months of debate.

The panel approved a plan to demolish the hotel, River Rock 510. The plan says the Great Haus building this winter, and to raze the Sun Valley Elkhorn Resort Restlers building and the resort's former golf pro shop in early 2005.

A redevelopment plan from the owners was widely criticized because it proposed scores of residential units and lacked provisions for services and businesses. CG-Elkhorn is preparing a revised plan.

## Ex-senator will speak in T.F.

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A colorful Westerner from Wyoming will headline this year's Success Breakfast on March 4, organizers announced Wednesday.

They're not sure what he'll speak on, but they say the winy former U.S. Sen. Alan K. Simpson is likely to draw a crowd, including some folks from outside Magic Valley.

"He truly is an outstanding speaker," CSI President Jerry Mingeboffer said.

Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce executive Kent Just called Simpson a "marvelous Western character" who's memorable to anyone who cared about U.S. politics during the 18 years Simpson spent in the Senate.

"He was such a great 30-second sound bite when he was a senator," Just said.

CSI and the chamber put on the annual Success Breakfast to honor winners of the Chamber Person of the Year award and the Annual Lifetime Achievement

Award. The chamber will accept nominations for both until Feb. 3, and the honorees' identities are kept secret until the breakfast.

Since 1998, big-name speakers have provided another draw to the awards breakfast.

A number of chamber members responding to a survey last year said they'd be willing to pay \$50 per plate to attend the annual event, but 2003 attendees won't see any change in the price - still \$35 for chamber members and \$45 for nonmembers.

"This is not the year to raise ticket prices," Just said Wednesday.

Simpson will receive \$10,000 - payable to himself or a charity - to speak in Twin Falls, CSI Vice President of Instruction Jerry Beck said.

The Success Breakfast is a self-supporting community event but not a fund-raiser, Beck said. Over the years, the event's revenue surpluses and its shortfalls have wiped each other out. When the account is in the black, organizers sometimes aim for more.

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#### About Alan K. Simpson

- Earned a law degree from University of Wyoming in 1958.

- After practicing law in his father's Cody, Wyo., law firm, entered politics in 1964 and was elected state representative.

- In 1978 was elected U.S. senator, and was re-elected in 1984 and 1990.

- Senate colleagues chose him majority whip in 1984, 1986, 1988 and 1990.

- Wrote Immigration Reform and Control Act, co-wrote Clean Air Act, and helped draft and pass the first U.S. legislation on permanent nuclear waste disposal.

- Grabbed headlines frequently during his political career.

- Simpson received national attention during the Gulf War when he criticized CNN correspondent Peter Arnet's coverage of the U.S. bombing of Baghdad. His outspoken support of U.S. Supreme Court nominees Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas also generated controversy.



- Was known for his bipartisan work with Ted Kennedy on immigration, veterans and other issues.
- Ended his 18 years in the Senate in 1996.
- Now heads the Alan K. Simpson Institute for Western Politics and Leadership, a program of the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

### Idaho guards property for M.V. residents

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - If you bump into Travis M. Emery or Myril Houk, tell them about this story.

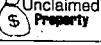
The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for many people or businesses whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley.

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

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

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of some of the unclaimed property owners whose last known addresses are in local communities.

This week the tax commission provided this list of owners who were omitted in previous listings for various cities.



#### What to do

So use your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list to claim your property. Do one of these things:

- Call 1-800-972-7660 Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627

- Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83722-0025

- Send e-mail to [tax@idaho.gov](mailto:tax@idaho.gov)

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#### Hair care chain reports increased revenues

**TWIN FALLS** - Minneapolis-based Regis Corp., a hair care chain with salons in Twin Falls and Burley on Wednesday reported consolidated revenues increased 14 percent in December to \$152 million.

Same-store sales at its salons increased 0.1 percent.

"The overall weakness in the economy continues to impact our same-store sales, which came in lower than expected. However, our quarterly revenue growth expectations were met due to the continued success in our new salon construction and acquisition growth strategy," said Paul D. Finkelstein, president and chief executive.

Regis will release its second-quarter earnings results before the stock market opens Jan. 21. A conference call will follow at 9 a.m. Listen by logging on to [www.regiscorp.com](http://www.regiscorp.com).

#### Hancock reports increase in December sales

**TWIN FALLS** - Tupelo, Miss.-based fabric merchant Hancock Fabrics Inc., which has a Twin Falls store, said sales in the five weeks that ended Jan. 5 totaled \$48.8 million, compared with \$45.5 million a year ago.

December sales in comparable stores increased 13.6 percent for the month, following a 17.8 percent increase a year ago.

In the first two months of the fourth quarter, total sales were \$93.5 million compared with \$82.9 million a year ago. Comparable-store sales grew 13.2 percent in the two months.

In addition, Hancock Fabrics reported it made a voluntary cash contribution of \$15 million to its pension plan, to improve the plan's funded status and reduce pension expense in future years. The contribution was from cash on hand, and the company said it remains debt-free.

Hancock Fabrics, a retail and wholesale merchant, operates 432 retail fabric stores in 42 states.

#### Company lets employees go after business slump

**ST. ANTHONY** - After four months of less than rosy business conditions, officials at ML Technologies have decided to let some of their employees go.

Company officials said 10 workers will be laid off from the St. Anthony call center and six computer programmers will be let in Idaho Falls.

Company president Fred Miyasaki said he is not giving up on St. Anthony.

Miyasaki said he hopes to have a new place soon that will shift business away from telemarketing and toward taking calls from people needing help with computers, printers or Internet service.

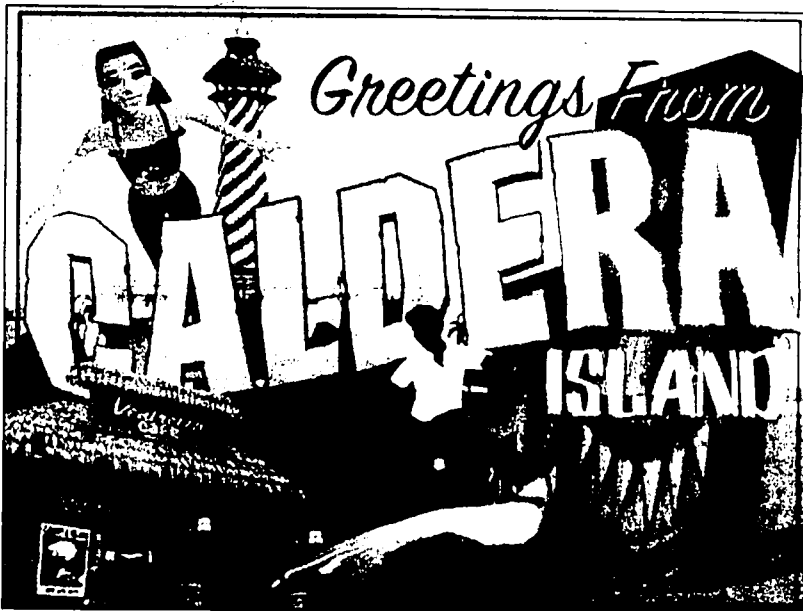
"We're going to keep it at it. It's my commitment to help St. Anthony," Miyasaki said. "The economy is just not helping us out."

The company continues to employ 20 people in St. Anthony and has an overall work force of about 150.

Miyasaki said it still plans to occupy the expanded building under construction. The state provided \$500,000 for the project.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

### VIRTUAL VACATION?



This image was taken from a There Inc. Web page. There Inc. hopes to create a virtual universe where people can socialize without the confusion of chat rooms or the awkwardness and emotional investment of physical face-to-face encounters. Backed by some serious venture capital and sophisticated software, There Inc. is hoping to offer just that and is betting that people will be happy to pull out their credit cards to buy virtual clothes, good looks, even a trusted canine companion. The There universe officially launches later this year.

## First fire application round closes soon

The Times-News

**SHOSHONE** - Act quickly if you want a good chance at one of Magic Valley's sweetiest summer jobs.

And think about beefing up your strength and endurance.

The federal Bureau of Land Management is recruiting for about 50 temporary seasonal positions in its south-central Idaho fire program. The BLM closes the first round of applications Jan. 20. Applications are

still accepted after that, but the odds of landing a job are slimmer.

The full-time summer jobs start the first Monday of June and can last until the fire season is declared over. That can be as early as the end of September or as late as the end of November, said Sky Huffaker, public affairs officer for the area's BLM fire organization.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, be 18 years old by June 1, and hold high school diplomas or

GED equivalents. They also face a work capacity test that includes walking three miles wearing a 45-pound pack in 45 minutes.

Work capacity testing happens within the first couple of days of work, and new hires have just one chance to pass the pack test, Huffaker said.

If they fail, they're off the job. A previous BLM statement said new hires get three chances at the pack test, but that is not the case, she said Wednesday.

Positions are available on engine crews, in aviation and base crews, in dispatching, in mitigation and support (that's fire prevention, public education and fire-camp duties) and in fuels management (that's prescribed fires and chemical or mechanical treatment).

The positions' hourly wage is about \$8.90 per hour, plus overtime and hazard pay. Would-be fire workers may start the application process online by logging on to [www.id.blm.gov/sufc](http://www.id.blm.gov/sufc).

## Federal rule may put some grain farmers at risk

The Associated Press

**LEWISTON** - A new federal rule could grant farmers who store their grain in federally licensed warehouses at risk, a grain producers association official said.

The new rule says warehouses no longer have to be licensed by the state. That means federally licensed warehouses no longer have to pay into a state indemnity fund that protects farmers in case of a warehouse failure.

"If they choose just to be a federally licensed warehouse, they do not have to adhere to state regulations, and that's where we see the problem," Dar Oiberding of the Idaho Grain Producers Association said.

"If warehouses choose to become only federally licensed, then we need to tell people that store their product there. You're doing business with a company that would not be covered under the state indemnity account," he said.

Idaho has two indemnity funds under the state license and bonded warehouse law that has been in effect since 1989.

If a warehouse fails for any reason, such as bankruptcy, the indemnity fund pays producers who have their crops stored there up to 90 percent of the total value. That is the highest indemnity coverage of any of the 12 states in the country that have indemnity laws, Oiberding said.

Darrel McRoberts, assistant

to the state director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture, said the difference between the state indemnity law and a bonding requirement that protects federal warehouses is the amount of coverage involved.

Federal warehouses provide coverage only while the grain is stored in the elevator. The state indemnity coverage lasts from the time the crop is deposited in the warehouse until it is delivered to the buyer, McRoberts said.

MONEY

Bush proposal would return Stocks fall on earnings news investing to a simpler time

Los Angeles Times

President Bush's proposal to eliminate taxes on cash dividends that companies pay shareholders has the potential to return investing to a simpler time...

If Bush's idea becomes law, millions of individual investors will have a powerful incentive to consider buying stocks as much for current income as for long-term capital gains.

Now, after three years of plummeting share prices, more Americans may be keenly interested in the idea of demanding a regular check from companies in return for risking capital in the businesses.

The repercussions in the financial world would be far-reaching and for many people could open years of careful investment planning.

For example, one consequence could be to effectively undo the appeal of holding dividend-paying stocks or mutual funds in tax-sheltered retirement accounts.

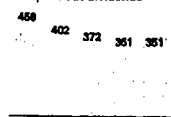
Earnings of those accounts are subject to tax when withdrawn, which would cancel any dividend tax exemption.

Ending taxation of dividends also could mean that stocks would become tougher competi-

Fewer companies pay out dividends

The number of companies that pay out dividends has declined since the early 1980s. According to Standard and Poor's, 351 companies from the S&P 500 paid out dividends in 2002.

Companies in the S&P 500 that paid out dividends



NOTE: The makeup of the S&P 500 index changes over time as companies are added and subtracted. SOURCE: Standard & Poor's AP

tion for Treasury bonds and municipal bonds, forcing bond issuers to pay higher yields on those popular securities.

For companies, the proposal could dramatically change how they structure their finances. Borrowing could become much less appealing than issuing stock.

Any pressure would almost certainly grow on companies to increase the share of profits they pay to shareholders via dividends.

This could mean a sea change in how companies look at their dividend policies, said Allan Rudnick, a money manager at

Keyne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management in Los Angeles.

Indeed, cash-rich technology leaders such as networking firm Cisco Systems Inc. and software giant Oracle Corp., which have never paid any of their profits to shareholders through dividends, would have to reconsider under the Bush plan, Rudnick said.

Jeff Henley, Oracle's chief financial officer, told investors at a conference Tuesday that the end of dividend taxes "would have a significant impact on our thought process" about cash payments to investors.

Dividend payments by those companies could mean a more level playing field among all U.S. companies. Old-line companies such as Eastman Kodak Co., Dupont Co. and Procter & Gamble Co., which have long paid regular dividends to shareholders, might be viewed in a much more favorable light relative to technology businesses.

For investors, "The re-education process will be massive," said Robert Willens, a tax expert at brokerage Lehman Bros. in New York.

The concept of the dividend is as old as that of shareholder ownership of companies. In theory, at least, all profits generated by a company belong to its owners. The company's directors and managers, however, decide what to do with those profits: reinvest them in the business, buy other businesses or give them to shareholders.

NEW YORK (AP)

Discouraging earnings news from Alcoa and Gateway Jarred Wall Street Wednesday, giving blue chip stock their biggest decline in a month as investors unloaded shares on concerns about the corporate outlook.

Analysts said many investors also were looking to cash in gains following the recent three-day rally, which lifted the Dow Jones industrial average nearly 432 points, its best ever performance for the first three trading days of a new year.

Gateway and Alcoa's earnings were disappointing, so that's the leaning on the market," said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. "But mostly, you're getting some normal profit-taking."

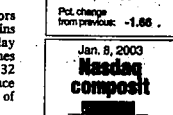
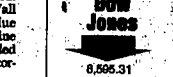
The Dow fell 45.28, or 1.7 percent, to close at 8,555.31. It was blue chips' biggest decline since Dec. 9, when the Dow fell 172 points.

The broader market also finished lower. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 30.50, or 2.1 percent, to 1,401.87. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 13.00, or 1.4 percent, to 909.93.

Alcoa slid \$2.53, or 10.4 percent, to \$21.85 after the aluminum maker reported a fourth-quarter loss wider than analysts' estimates.

Gateway fell 21 cents to \$2.96 after the computer maker warned fourth-quarter losses would be larger than expected, citing disappointing holiday sales.

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But they say investors are still looking for better prospects for 2003, particularly after President Bush proposed Tuesday to slash taxes by \$67.4 billion over 10 years. The plan includes the elimination of the federal tax investors pay on stock dividends.

"I think investors' spirits will continue to improve," Goldman said. "It's not going to be up, up and away. We will have some pauses to refresh. But I think the market will be higher at the end of January than it is right now."

Todd Clark, head of listed equity trading at Wells Fargo Securities, agreed, calling Wednesday's declines "a healthy consolidation."

Looking ahead, "the key is going to be Friday's unemployment report," he added. "That's the big number to set the pace for the next trading days and the next month. The market is looking for stability in the labor market."

General Motors fell \$1.63 to \$38.21 after the automaker said it likely will lower the expected

rate of return on its employee pension fund, a move that would increase its pension expenses and lower its earnings.

Bank of New York dropped \$1.04 to \$25.50 after saying it was buying Credit Suisse. First Boston's Pershing stock-clearing unit for \$2 billion in cash and other considerations.

Telecommunications shares also took a hit. BellSouth fell \$1.27 to \$27.65 and Verizon dropped \$2.32 to \$40.91 after UBS Warburg downgraded shares of the two companies.

Gainers included Marvel Enterprises, which rose 65 cents to \$10.80, after the comic book publisher raised its 2002 performance target.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers 9 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was moderate at 1.43 billion shares, compared with 1.55 billion traded at the same point Tuesday.

The Russell 2000 index, which tracks smaller company stocks, fell 4.88, or 1.2 percent, to 389.07.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and Volume.

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, including sections for Gainers, Losers, and Most Active.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ, including Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Market Indices.

INDEXES

Table showing market indices like Dow Jones Industrial, S&P 500, and others with their 52-week high and low.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, and YTD.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are in 1113 largest. Stocks in brackets changed 5 percent or more in price.

Market: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's ticker symbol (not its abbreviation). Company name made up of dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration.

Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day. Div: Dividend or gain for the day. No change indicated by -/-. YTD: Year-to-date change in the stock.

Fund Name: Name of mutual fund and family. Div: Dividend rate, or price if fund would be sold. Chg: Daily rate change in the fund.

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing various stocks on the NASDAQ National Market with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and Volume.

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# Consumers cut back on borrowing

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Consumers, anxious about the stagnant job market and the economy, cut back on their borrowing in November by the largest amount in more than a decade.

Consumer credit plunged by a seasonally adjusted \$2.2 billion in November from the previous month, or at a 1.5 percent annual rate, the Federal Reserve reported Wednesday. The drop surprised economists who were forecasting a rise in borrowing during the month and left consumer debt totaling \$1.7 trillion.

Federal banking regulators, also concerned about high levels of consumer debt, issued guidelines Wednesday urging credit lenders to set minimum monthly payments high enough so consumers can pay off balances in a "reasonable" time.

The agencies — the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., and the Treasury Department's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and Office of Thrift Supervision — cited increased credit risk due to lenders' allowing lenient repayment terms on credit accounts in a competitive business.

# Senator

**Continued from E1**

expensive speakers. This time around, they looked at some whose fees were as high as \$65,000.

Organizers checked into availability of a number of speakers, and some are still possibilities for future years. Their first choice this time was astronaut-in-training and former Idaho teacher Barbara Morgan, Beck said, but her schedule changes made her unavailable.

Simpson will be the third Wyoming resident to speak at the Twin Falls Success Breakfast, following attorney and author Charles Spence, in 1997, and now Vice President Dick Cheney, in 1992.

While Simpson is in town March 4, he'll interact with CSI students, too.

Beck said the former senator told Success Breakfast organizers: "I'm yours for the day. Work me like a pack mule."

For the first time in many years, there's no Success Breakfast in 2003, as organizers moved the annual event from fall to spring. A 2001 Success Breakfast was scheduled for October but was called off after controversy about the planned speaker.

A former football quarterback, a time-management expert and a former astronaut were the keynote speakers in 2002, 2000 and 1999.

# About the 2003 Success Breakfast

- Organizers
  - Sponsors are the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the College of Southern Idaho.
  - Chairman is Chris Bell, a chamber ambassador.

- Getting there
  - Breakfast and award announcements will be at 7 a.m. March 4 in the CSI gymnasium.
  - Then take a little walk while breakfast sessions. Former Wyoming Sen. Alan K. Simpson's speech will be at 8:30 in CSI's Fine Arts Auditorium.

- Cost
  - \$35 for chamber members
  - \$45 for nonmembers

- Get tickets
  - From the chamber, 733 3974
  - From the CSI Community Education Center, 732-9290

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### DATE OF NOTICE

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### PLACE OF MEETING

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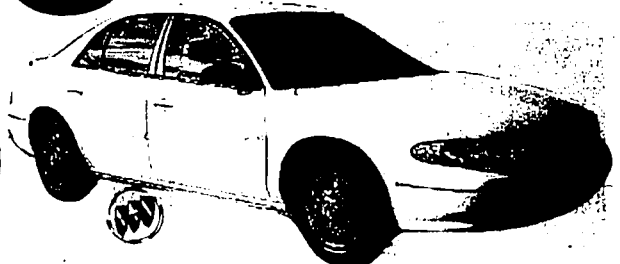
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