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## North Korea denies U.S. claims

### State newspaper rejects reports that limited crisis

WASHINGTON — As Russia stepped up efforts to resolve the international standoff over North Korea's decision to reopen its nuclear facilities, Pyongyang

denied Sunday that it ever told U.S. officials it was conducting a secret nuclear program. U.S. officials announced in October that North Korea had acknowledged carrying on the secret program based on highly enriched uranium. When the United States cut off energy aid in response, North Korea moved to restart a nuclear reactor that can produce weapons-grade plutonium, setting off a confrontation that has escalated dramatically.

But the Pyongyang regime said Sunday through its official newspaper, Rodong Sinmun, that the U.S. claim that North Korea admitted to the secret program "is an invention fabricated by the United States with sinister intentions," a South Korean news agency reported. North Korea's statement came as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James A. Kelly arrived in Seoul, South Korea, for talks with senior government officials and President-elect Roh Moo Hyun,

who favors ongoing dialogue with Pyongyang. The statement may have been an effort to sharpen divisions between South Korea and the United States as those talks begin, analysts speculated. Kelly has been a central figure in the standoff, leading a U.S. delegation to Pyongyang in October during which the North Koreans reportedly admitted the secret program.

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## Tallest once again?

### Debate rages over plans for WTC site

NEW YORK (AP) — Replacing the fallen World Trade Center towers with the world's tallest building would demonstrate courage. Or would it be hubris?

Five of the nine designs for a rebuilt trade center propose structures that would surpass Malaysia's 1,483-foot Petronas Twin Towers as the tallest in the world. The trade center towers themselves were once the world's tallest at 110 stories each, or 1,350 feet.

A public hearing is set for Monday to gather public opinion on the designs. A final plan is to be selected in the next few weeks. Some people believe the new structure must be a dramatic statement.

"Failing to rebuild full scale is what paints a bull's-eye on other landmarks," said Louis Epstein, founder of the World Trade Center Restoration Movement. "It emboldens the terrorists to do more."

Beverly Willis, director of the Architecture Research Institute and a founder of a community group called Rebuild Downtown Our Town, agrees that the "wound" in New York's skyline should be repaired with something tall and distinctive.

However, she said, critics of the world's tallest building sector regard to the neighborhood, and it seems to be not only impractical but ostentatious and aesthetically bad taste.

The nine designs by seven teams of architects were announced by the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which together will develop one plan by next month.

While no one is suggesting the new construction will faithfully reproduce any of the most famous details of the old towers, the designs will lose their place as icons of the designs.

Some, like Norman Foster's "Kissing towers," offer unique buildings taller than the towers ever destroyed on the Sept. 11, 2001, attack.

Others would consist of tiny structures that make the towers without replacing them. Daniel Libeskind's design includes a spire with the symbolically significant height of 1,367 feet, but only the top 100 feet of his building would touch the ground. Above the street level, the spire could visit his "Zachary's World," Libeskind said.

"It's like going to the high point of the Tilted Tower," he said. "You don't go to the top for more than a few minutes." Greg Lynn, whose United Architects presented a design that combines five buildings with a crystalline structure, said that every 300 feet he has a tower.

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Lower Manhattan Development Corp.  
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## BIRD HUNT IN TWIN FALLS

### Secretive forest avian comes to town for winter

By Jennifer Goodman  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The sleuthing began in the frosty morning hours of Twin Falls. Kristina Hasselblad and her research assistant Javan Bauder, outfitted with a receiver and tracking antenna, checked out a report that a northern goshawk wearing a radio collar was wintering in town.

"They are generally known to be secretive, elusive forest birds," said Hasselblad, a Boise State University graduate student working on a master's degree in raptor biology.

The pair's first solid clue was the discovery of a pellet under a mature elm tree where the goshawk had been frequently spotted in town. Goshawks prey on small animals, including birds. After a meal, the hawks regurgitate feathers or tufts of fur and bone fragments in bundles called pellets.

Bauder, a Jerome home-schooler, picked up the bird's signal fairly strong to indicate that he was nearby. The hawk led them on a two-hour zigzag through town. They found him on the outskirts of the city, and he allowed his pursuers an up-close look.

"It was the best look at a goshawk I've ever seen," Hasselblad said. They sat about 20 yards away from the bird, watching him eat a pigeon. For a biologist, that's cool.

Hasselblad is wrapping up about two years worth of research on goshawks in the South Hills. The raptors are bluish-gray with a striped underbelly. They sport a whitish stripe above their red eyes. A male goshawk's wingspan typically reaches about 39 inches long. Females are larger with wingspans measuring up to 45 inches.

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Javan Bauder uses a radio direction finder to locate a northern goshawk in Twin Falls. The bird was tagged with a transmitter in the South Hills as part of a breeding study. It has spent the last few weeks hunting for prey in town.

A northern goshawk.

## Animal shelter commission tries to soothe animosity

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

### Meeting time

The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. tonight at the City Council Chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

TWIN FALLS — With a new animal shelter possibly going up as early as this spring, Twin Falls city officials hope putting an oversight committee in charge of the process will help make things go more smoothly.

The Twin Falls City Council tonight will consider forming a seven-member animal shelter advisory commission. If formed, that group would be similar in

form and function to the City Council's other advisory groups — such as the Airport Board or the Parks and Recreation Commission.

There's been little question that the city's current 1,800-

square-foot shelter is inadequate. But how to build and manage a new shelter has been issues of contention. Animosity arose between a group called People for Pets — which currently has a contract to run the shelter — and the Sheena Foundation — which is an animal adoption group based in Filer.

Things got so bad that in October 2002, the City Council brought in mediator Dave Paul from the Humane Society of the United States in an attempt to

soothe the conflict. One of Paul's recommendations was for the city to form an advisory board made up of residents and others with a stake in the issue.

The commission proposal is a direct response to Paul's recommendation, said Twin Falls City Councilwoman Glenda Thompson.

And it would be a sound move, said the leading members of

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## New scans show Alzheimer's in living brain

The Associated Press

Some doctors would enjoy nothing more than poking around inside your brain. First they would give your frontal cortex a thorough going-over. Then maybe they would take a peek at your temporal lobes. Finally, they would confidently predict whether in five or 10 or maybe even 20 years you will lose the whole work to Alzheimer's disease.

Experimental new technology is opening a window on the living human brain, catching the first clear look at the mess Alzheimer's makes as it happens.

It builds on the standard imaging machines, such as PET scanners, that are sometimes used on people with suspected Alzheimer's disease. Those can reveal whether parts of the brain are shrunken, as occurs in Alzheimer's, or work sluggishly. But short of cutting open the skull, there has been no way to reveal the disease itself, to tease out the errant gamma proteins that distinguish Alzheimer's from normal gray matter.

Until now. The new approach is also a PET scan, but unlike anything now available, it lights up these misplaced proteins. Scientists can look at pictures of cross-sectional slices of the brain, and for the first time, they can say that's Alzheimer's. They can see it creeping, insidiously, inexorably across the places that control memory, reasoning and everything else that makes us who we are.

"It's an incredible first step," says Neil Buckholz, dementia chief at the National Institute on Aging. Two competing teams in



At the left of this photo is a PET brain scan of someone with Alzheimer's disease, and at the right is a scan of a normal person. The bright red and yellow areas indicate the buildup of amyloid plaques, a sign of Alzheimer's disease.

### MAGIC VALLEY

... local officials meeting today

### HEALTH & FASHION



### Shadow dancing

One isn't the loneliest number if you're looking to get fit through ball-room aerobics.

### SPORTS



### And now there are four

The Raiders and Buccaneers join Philadelphia and Tennessee in the NFL's conference finals.

### NATION



### City of bugs

Scientists invent new ways to fight infection by exploiting bacterial communication.

### OPINION

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The governor hit the right notes with proposal to hike taxes, today's guest editorial says.

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Today: A rain shower cannot be ruled out, otherwise mostly cloudy. Highs in the 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A chance for light rain, otherwise mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower to the mid 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The early part of the week brings in a fairly good chance to add to the snow pack...

BOISE

Rather pleasant temperatures will keep things warm enough for some light snow mixing with a few rain showers...

NORTHERN UTAH

Light flurries could extend into the region for the beginning of the week.

However, accumulations will be light, if at all, with mostly cloudy skies.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 50 at Boise & Twin Falls. Low: 8 at Hill City. Weather key: sun; sunny; partly cloudy; mc: mostly cloudy; c: cloudy; m: midlevel clouds; sh: showers; r: rain; s: snow; fl: flurries; w: wind; m: misting.

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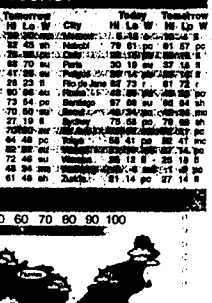
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National forecast table for major US cities including Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and New York.

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World forecast table for various international locations.

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Canadian forecast table for major Canadian cities like Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal.

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Police: Trio kidnaps, releases millionaire

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) - The millionaire chairman of an investment company was reportedly kidnapped for more than 30 hours, then released unharmed Sunday, authorities said.

Commission

Continued from A1. The commission would help pay the shelter project objective oversight and would also provide a clearinghouse for complaints, said Bob Powers, chairman of the Sheena Foundation.

actually start going up. Thompson said the council wants paperwork out of the way before considering that.

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Architect Daniel Libeskind's proposed design for the rebuilding of New York's World Trade Center, with offices rising 70 stories and 'Gardens of the World' high above office level.

Tallest

Continued from A1. That could change in the decade it will take to build the new edifices.

Espionage case appears on track for rare public trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - It's the first U.S. espionage trial in nearly 50 years that could end in a death sentence. A retired Air Force master sergeant, deeply in debt, is accused of offering satellite secrets to Saddam Hussein and others for more than \$13 million in Swiss currency.

Goshawk

Continued from A1. It's the first time Hasselblad has found herself tracking wildlife in a city, and the first time a goshawk ever has been documented living in town, she said.

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# Supreme Court goes too far on church vs. state

**WASHINGTON, Va. (AP)** — Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia complained Sunday that courts have gone overboard in keeping God out of government.

Scalia, speaking at a religious ceremony, said the constitutional wall between church and state has been misinterpreted both by the Supreme Court and lower courts.

As an example, he pointed to a ruling in California that barred students from saying the Pledge of Allegiance with the phrase "one nation under God."

That appeals-court decision is on hold pending further consideration by the same court, but the Supreme Court could eventually be asked to review the case.

Scalia, the main speaker at an event for Religious Freedom Day, said the Supreme Court should give the judges in the Pledge case "some plausible support" to reach that conclusion.

However, the justice said he believes such decisions should be made legislatively, not by courts.

The rally-style event drew a lone protester, who silently held a

sign promoting the separation of church and state.

"The sign backs here which says 'Get religion out of government' can be imposed on the whole country. I have no problem with that philosophy being adopted democratically. If the gentleman holding the sign would persuade all of you of that, then we could eliminate 'under God' from the Pledge of Allegiance. That could be democratically done," said Scalia.

The rest of the crowd repeatedly cheered Scalia, whose son,

Paul, is a priest at a nearby Catholic church. The justice, also a Catholic, is a father of nine.

Several hundred people joined him in singing "God Bless America" after a brief parade through downtown.

"He's the voice of reason on the Supreme Court," said Jim McFall, a retired FBI agent who organized the Knights of Columbus parade. "His remarks were right on the money. The pendulum has swung too far and people have said 'enough is enough.' We'll see it swing back."

**RIGHT STRATEGY** AOL Time Warner's new strategy will reshape the job in May, the company said Sunday. The latest and most dramatic executive shuffle in the company's strategic plan by the collapse of Internet advertising is AOL.

Casey, co-creator of America Online and an architect of its merger with Time Warner, will remain on the company board and continue to co-chair its Strategy Committee.

Case said in a statement that he was stepping down because "some shareholders continue to focus their disappointment with the company's post-merger performance on me personally."

"This decision was personally very difficult for me, as I would love to serve as Chairman of this great company for many years to come," he said.

The announcement follows months of speculation as to how long Case would last.

The merger of Internet-service provider America Online, the world's largest, and media giant Time Warner was supposed to create huge benefits and was promoted as an example of a new economy business reviving an old one.

But benefits have been slow to materialize, and the influence of America Online on the company is waning.

Many of the key proponents of the merger have left, been forced

**Steve Case**

Will resign as head of AOL Time Warner

out or been demoted in the last year as investors have grown increasingly dissatisfied.

The merged company has been hampered by the collapse of Internet advertising, and investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Justice Department into AOL's bookkeeping practices have given investors even more reasons to stay away.

AOL Time Warner's stock has recovered from a summer low of \$8.70, closing at \$14.88 Friday, but it's still far from trading above \$50, as it did just after the merger.

## Korea

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The North Korean newspaper also blamed the United States for the crisis, warning that "if the United States evades its responsibility and challenges us, we'll turn the circle of imperialism into a sea of fire."

North Korea has been sending contradictory signals in recent days, angrily threatening the United States even as it urged a negotiated settlement and sent representatives to talk with New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who served as U.N. ambassador during the Clinton administration.

On Friday, North Korea announced its withdrawal from the Nuclear Nonproliferation

Treaty, a keystone weapons agreement that dates to 1970, and Saturday it threatened to resume its ballistic missile test program.

In Moscow, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Sunday that Russia was trying to get all the affected parties to embrace a Russian-drafted "package solution."

Alexander Yakovenko, spokesman for Foreign Minister Igor S. Ivanov, said Ivanov was involved in intensive mediation efforts over the weekend, making phone calls Saturday to U.S. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and the foreign ministers of China, France and South Korea.

## Brain

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Pittsburgh and Los Angeles have produced these scans in the past year, using similar methods. No one knows whether either approach will make it into routine use. But many believe something like them eventually will.

"They are both really magnificent examples of how far the technology has come," says William Thies, the Alzheimer's Association's medical director. "Here we have the ability to actually image something in the human brain that previously could only be seen in an autopsy."

Ordinary PET scans trace radioactive sugar as it moves through the brain, revealing how vigorously it is used in various parts. While this offers clues to how well the brain functions, it says little specifically about Alzheimer's.

For that, doctors must examine slices of brain under a microscope. Seen there, the disease has an unmistakable signature — deposits of protein fragments called beta amyloid that fill up the spaces between brain cells and probably somehow contribute to their death. This amyloid plaque is easy to spot because it avidly absorbs a textile dye called Congo red.

But revealing amyloid in a living brain is another matter, since it's invisible on an ordinary brain scan. For years, researchers have puzzled over how they could introduce an amyloid-seeking chemical into someone's head so it would show up on these scans. Ideally, Congo red could be bonded with a radioactive isotope, injected into the blood and then watched as it accumulates somewhere, bingo, that's amyloid.

However, like many chemicals, Congo red does not cross into the brain from the bloodstream, so that won't work. Seven years ago, Chester Mathis, a radiochemist, and Dr. William Klunk, a psychiatrist, teamed up at the University of Pittsburgh to find something that would.

They started out with Congo red, hoping to make it enter the brain by taking away its electrical charge. It was slow going. Eventually they moved on to other dyes, including one called thioflavin T.

"We removed the charge," says

Mathis. "Lo and behold, not only does it get into the brain, but it's even more potent than the parent dye in binding to amyloid." Much tinkering later, including testing on mice and baboons, the team created Pittsburgh Compound B, a radioactive dye ready to try on people.

That happened last winter at Uppsala University in Sweden. Doctors injected the dye into 14 volunteers. Nine had early stage Alzheimer's. The rest were normal. Each took a 90-minute turn inside the PET scanner.

To be useful, the dye had to do more than stick to the volunteers' amyloid. It also had to avoid most everything else inside their brains. As the researchers went over the scans, they found no dye in the cerebellum. That was an encouraging sign, since amyloid doesn't accumulate there.

Furthermore, the scans showed little accumulation in the healthy volunteers. But the Alzheimer's patients were clearly different. On the scans, the dyed amyloid shows up tomato red and yellow. The colors ooze ominously across the frontal cortex and the temporal and parietal regions.

"When I saw it for the first time, I felt like, 'Wow, there it is,'" says Klunk. "There is amyloid in the brain. You're looking at it, after trying for so long."

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## Report: Teen won't face homicide charge in death of 7-year-old

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)** — The teenager who allegedly admitted striking a 7-year-old cousin whose body was found in a plastic container is unlikely to face a homicide charge, a law enforcement source says.

Wesley Murphy, 16, whose mother, Sherry, was entrusted to care for Faheem Williams and his two brothers, is charged with assault and child endangerment. He admitted striking Faheem in the stomach while wrestling last September, and told investigators the boy fell unconscious, two sources told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Authorities believe that blow killed Faheem; an autopsy determined the cause of death was starvation and blunt force trauma to

the stomach. Wesley is not likely to be charged either with murder or manslaughter in his cousin's death, the law enforcement source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The source said Saturday it was significant that he had been charged as a juvenile, a signal he was unlikely to face a homicide charge.

Several factors would be involved in any decision on charges, including intent.

Sherry Murphy had been responsible for caring for Faheem; his twin brother, Raheem; and the boys' 4-year-old brother, Tyrone Hill, since the boys' mother, Melinda Williams, went to jail in March 2002.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### CSI extends hours for spring registration

TWIN FALLS - Faculty, advisors, and other employees at the College of Southern Idaho will be putting in longer hours this week to get ready for spring semester classes that start on Jan. 21.

Most offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. today through Friday. That includes the book store, business, advising, financial aid, information and records offices. The CSI Testing Center will be open until 9:30 p.m. today through Friday.

Open advising for students will take place in the CSI cafeteria, which is located on the second floor of the Taylor Administration Building. Advisors for each of CSI's programs will be available at computer-equipped tables to help acquaint students with classes offered, the requirements and the opportunities offered in that course of study.

Students are also welcome to go to the advising office that is located on the second floor of the Taylor building or to the Center for New Directions, located on the west side of the campus.

CSI faculty will go through several pre-semester orientation sessions during the week that are designed to motivate them and familiarize them with various CSI programs and expectations.

For information, call 733-9554 or visit the CSI Web site at [www.csi.edu](http://www.csi.edu).

### New 5th District Judge will be sworn in today

TWIN FALLS - The 5th Judicial District's new Magistrate judge will take the oath of office today.

Randy J. Stoker will be sworn in at 3 p.m. in the Thieron Ward Judicial Building at 427 Washington St. in Twin Falls.

Stoker, a Twin Falls attorney, was picked to replace Magistrate Judge R. Michael Redman. Redman last year decided to retire after 24 years of service.

### Wednesday is last day for City of Rocks comment

ALMO - People have until Wednesday to submit written comments on plans for improvements at the City of Rocks National Reserve.

Plans of Rocks officials plan to build toilets and a street parking area in the northwest corner of the park, up Logger Springs Road. Officials also plan to replace two old toilets with newer models. One new toilet would be located at Bath Rock, near the fee collection area, and another near Elephant Rock. Whether the roads from Oakley, Almo and Utah meet.

Some vegetation would be removed in the installation of the toilets and parking lot.

People can receive free copies of the environmental assessment of the project by calling 824-5319. The document is also posted on the Internet at [www.nps.gov/ciro/pphtml/facts.html](http://www.nps.gov/ciro/pphtml/facts.html).

Send comments by Wednesday to Superintendent, City of Rocks National Reserve, P.O. Box 169, Almo, 83312.

—compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg	Season peak **
Upper Snake River	70%	40%
Salmon Falls	70%	33%
Salmon	83%	40%
Oakley	60%	28%
Big Wood	102%	45%
Little Wood	127%	50%
Henry's Fork/Teton	68%	33%
Big Lost	112%	51%
Little Lost	71%	35%
As of Jan. 12		
**As of Jan. 8		

A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 20-year average. \*\*An indicator of basin snowpack for the early winter months, usually given by the end of the season.

## FREEDOM TO MANAGE FORESTS



Sharon LaBrecque with the Sawtooth National Forest says the forest management plans for the Boise, Payette and Sawtooth forests will take up a lot of room on a book shelf once the final draft is complete. The Bush administration has proposed changing the way the plans are written to streamline the process.

### Rule interpretation change draws mixed reviews

By Nate Johnson  
 Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Bush administration rule interpreting the National Forest Management Act gives forest managers more freedom, which scares people who don't trust the Forest Service to act in their interests.

The proposed rule changes the way national forest management plans are made. A management plan is essentially a zoning document for a national forest, which

is revised every 10-15 years. The rule takes power from the public and gives it to loggers and ranchers, opponents say. Proponents say the rule will reduce and untangle some of the red tape in the Forest Service.

"The Bush administration is cutting out the public in order to make it easier for the status quo interests, which they serve," said Jon Marvel, executive director of the Western Watersheds Project. "I think it has value," Minidoka District Forest Ranger

Scott Nannenga said. "You spend five years and millions of dollars and all you get out of it is a document." Some of the money could be put to better use, he said.

Since plans for the Sawtooth, Boise and Payette forests in Idaho were already under way when the rule was published, they will be finished under the 1982 rule. The proposed rule would govern officials in those three forest sets when they make their next set of management plans.

During the 1960s and 1970s the public lost its trust in forest managers, said Jay O'Laughlin, director of the Policy Analysis Group in the college of natural resources at the University of Idaho. As a result, America built a national forest system designed to go into gridlock when people disagree, O'Laughlin said. The new rule would ease the gridlock and save money, he said.

"The Forest Service expects

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## Buhl leadership develops vision statement

By Mary Lou Potts  
 Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Buhl leadership has taken numerous important steps to invest in its future.

One of the most important has been creating "Building Buhl's Future: A Community Effort." Not many people know that a vision statement has been developed. It reads, "The future of Buhl will be a community that is unique in its usage to reflect the historical, cultural and social character of the community."

The statement also addresses the community's image, its desire for diversity, a vibrant downtown, having high-quality education and educational facilities, providing a high quality of life, having affordable housing,

supporting local business and having adequate infrastructure and good government services.

Last May, a team of professional community developers worked with local developer teams to concentrate on three areas of concern as pinpointed by the community: education, housing and local economic development.

The group was sponsored by the Association of Idaho Cities, Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho Rural Partnership, Idaho Housing and Finance Association, University of Idaho and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The goals of the community review were to provide objective recommendations and resources and to supplement Buhl's efforts in developing and implementing local community development strategies.

A report from the assessment review team was expected in 60 days but instead took about three months.

Copies of the report have been available for the community to read and review.

In a written report in the monthly chamber of commerce

newsletter, Mayor Barbara Gieman touched upon some areas of improvement for the city, such as its planning and zoning regulations, keeping the city clean and sprucing-up unattractive entrances to the city.

On the positive side, the schools received a good rating, the chamber of commerce visitor's center and its volunteers were applauded, and the future plans to develop youth activities through a Boys & Girls Club was heralded.

All of the assessment's recommendations will be discussed at today's public meeting, held at 5 p.m. at City Hall. People are encouraged to attend to voice their concerns and offer ways for the city to comply with the vision statement.

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## 'OLD DOWDLE BILL'

### Early days at Rock Creek Station



Charles S. Walgamott, a Magic Valley pioneer, wrote several colorful histories about his experiences here. In one, he even took credit for first telling Ira Perrine about the Blue Lakes.



But there was one incident - the demise of Bill Dowdle - about which Walgarmott didn't tell the whole story. Walgarmott came from Iowa to Rock Creek in August 1875 to join his sister, Irene, and her husband, Charles Trotter, who had charge of the stage station there. To get to Rock Creek, they had to take a train to Kelton, Utah, where he caught the North Western Stage Company's daily coach to Idaho.

The lava-rock station house, and Bascom and Corder's general store, formed an oasis on a sagebrush desert, making Rock Creek a favorite stopping place for a rough clientele - freighters hauling goods from Kelton, miners working the placers on the Snake River, and a few cattlemen who were beginning to come



Charles Walgarmott

into the area. One morning not long after Walgarmott's arrival, a certain William Dowdle - hungry and moneyless - came to the station and asked for breakfast. Charlie Trotter fed him

### Old Rock Creek

The original settlement called Rock Creek is located five miles south and two miles east of Kimberly and lies between the creek and 3200 North Post.

At one time, the little community consisted of the stage station, a general store, storage cellars built of lava rock, a blacksmith shop and a school.

and Dowdle left; but his demeanor had aroused the station keeper's suspicions, so Trotter followed Dowdle and saw him mounting a horse which Trotter recognized as belonging to a friend in Boise.

Trotter arrested Dowdle, and the horse thief was subsequently convicted and imprisoned for two years. It was learned that Dowdle had previously spent a year in prison for the same offense. The prisoner vowed to kill Trotter when he was once again free.

Upon his release in August 1877, Dowdle hired on as cook for a freighter named Johnson and set out for Utah. Johnson and his train arrived at Rock Creek on the evening of Sept. 14 and made camp, intending to lay over for a day.

The next morning Dowdle set out to execute his threat against Trotter but learned that the station keeper was ailed, sick with typhoid fever. Frustrated, Dowdle got very drunk and

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## County officials take office

### The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Starting today, it's out with the old and in with the new.

It's the day - the second Monday of January - state laws for new county officials take effect.

Here's a list of the local officials who were either elected or re-elected to their posts in November and who will now officially take on their new roles. Each county will hold a swearing-in ceremony at its next county commission meeting. In Twin Falls County, that takes place today at 9 a.m. at the County Courthouse.

- Twin Falls County
  - District 1 commissioner - Gary Grindcraft
  - District 2 commissioner - Tom Mikessell
  - Clerk - Robert Fort
  - Assessor - Gerald Bowden
  - Treasurer - Debbie Kaufman
  - Coroner - Dennis Chambers

- Jerome County
  - District 1 commissioner - Veronica Lierman
  - District 2 commissioner - Alvin Chojnacki
  - Clerk - Cheryl Walton
  - Assessor - Bonnie Tolman
  - Treasurer - Mary Childers
  - Coroner - Gerald Osler
- Gooding County
  - District 1 commissioner - Thomas Bingham
  - District 2 commissioner - Carolyn Elexpuru
  - Clerk - Helen Edwards
  - Assessor - Patty Bauscher
  - Treasurer - Fae Christopher
  - Coroner - Gary Loder

- Lincoln County
  - District 1 commissioner - Rusty Parker
  - District 2 commissioner - Lawrence Calkins
  - Assessor - Wendell Johnson
  - Clerk - Liz Kime
  - Treasurer - Cathy Quiroga
  - Coroner - Keith Davis

- Blaine County
  - District 1 commissioner - Dennis Wright
  - District 2 commissioner - Mary Ann Mix
  - Assessor - Valdi Pace
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  - Coroner - Russell Mikel

- Camas County
  - District 1 commissioner - Bill Davis
  - District 2 commissioner - Ron Chapman
  - Clerk - Rollie Bennett
  - Assessor - Mickey Dalin
  - Treasurer - Gayle Bachtell
  - Coroner - John Glick

- Elmore County
  - District 1 commissioner - Larry Rose
  - District 2 commissioner - Mary Eguisquiza-Stanek
  - Clerk - Gail Best
  - Assessor - James Haydon
  - Treasurer - Rose Plympton
  - Coroner - Marla Spence

- Cassia County
  - District 1 commissioner - Paul Christensen
  - District 2 commissioner - Clay Hardy
  - Clerk - Larry Mickelsen
  - Treasurer - Gayle Erkeson
  - Assessor - Mary Holland
  - Coroner - Paul Young

- Minidoka County
  - District 1 commissioner - Marvin Bingham
  - District 2 commissioner - Dan Stapelman
  - Clerk - Duane Smith
  - Assessor - Max Vaughn
  - Treasurer - Laura Twiss
  - Coroner - Donald Fisher

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THIS WEEK AT CSI

- Today**  
Spring semester registration continues. Book store, business, advising, financial aid, information, academic and student information offices open until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday this week. Testing center open until 9:30 p.m.  
Twin Falls Canal Co. annual stockholders meeting, 1 to 4 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium
- Tuesday**  
Twin Falls Canal Co. annual stockholders meeting, 1 to 4 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium  
"Albertson Figures" art show in the Harver Center's Jean B. King gallery through Jan. 25  
"The Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium
- Wednesday**  
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board of directors meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 256  
Regional school superintendent meeting, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277  
CSI faculty in-service meetings, all day, Desert, Canyon and Taylor buildings  
Armed Services vocational aptitude testing, 6 p.m., Shields 208
- Thursday**  
Magic Valley Drug Free Workplace/Twin Falls School District Reasonable Suspicion Seminar, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277  
CSI faculty in-service meetings, all day, Desert, Canyon and Taylor buildings
- Friday**  
College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagle women's basketball against Dixie College, 5:30 p.m., St. George, Utah  
Huggie Bears Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113  
"The Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium  
CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball against Dixie College, 7:30 p.m., St. George, Utah
- Saturday**  
Spring semester registration continues. Book store, business, advising, financial aid, information, records, testing center and student information offices open today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. United Church of God meeting, 9:30 a.m., Aspen 145  
Armed Services vocational aptitude testing, 10 a.m., Shields 208  
"Larry Cat in Space," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium  
"The Dinosaur Chronicles," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium  
CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball against Community College of Southern Nevada, 6:30 p.m. (MST), Las Vegas  
"The Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium  
"Pink Floyd: The Wall," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium  
CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball against Community College of Southern Nevada, 8:30 p.m. (MST), Las Vegas

OBITUARIES

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MOUNTAIN HOME



**Lawrence 'Larry' D. Yost**  
Lawrence "Larry" D. Yost, 62, of Mountain Home, died of a heart attack, January 10, 2003, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise.

Larry was born on February 28, 1940 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to L. C. and Marjorie (Washburn) Yost. He graduated from Kimberly High School in 1958. After graduating from high school, he spent a four-year duty in the United States Marine Corps. After returning home, Larry met and married JoAnn Rambo on February 28, 1963. Larry and JoAnn had a son, Bill, in 1964 and a daughter, Jenni, in 1966. Larry obtained his teaching credentials through Boise State University. He taught in the special education departments in secondary schools in Fallon, Nevada, Kootenai, Idaho, and Mountain Home, Idaho. Larry's friends were young and old. He coached and refereed in youth athletic programs for many years. He touched a lot of lives in many different ways. He loved playing Santa Claus to many children, and the joy of his life was his grandchildren, Josh and Jenni. After retirement, Larry and JoAnn became snowbirds, traveling in their motor home, spending summers in Cascade, Idaho, and winters in Arizona.

Larry is survived by his wife, JoAnn, his children, Bill Yost and Jenni (Jasun) Forsyth, two grandchildren, Josh and Jenni Forsyth, his nephews, Steve and Randy Yost, one sister, Valerie Bixler, numerous extended family members, and special friends Ryan, Jessica, Nichole, Tammy and Debbie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Larry's name to the Idaho Special Olympics, 8626 Fairview Avenue, Boise, ID 83704 or to the American Heart Association, 270 S. Orchard, Boise, ID 83705.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtry Chapel, Mountain Home. A hot air balloon will be flying over the services at a location to be announced. Those attending from the local area are asked to bring a covered dish. The main service will

be provided by the family.

**HAGERMAN**  
We miss you, You're the best Grandpa, father, best brother and husband that we could have asked for. Love, Josh.



**Willis H. Castle, Jr.**, 59, of Hagerman, Idaho, passed away in his sleep, at his brother's ranch near Shoshone, Idaho, of natural causes the morning of January 10, 2003.

Willis Jr. was born on January 17, 1943, to Willis H. Sr. and Dora Castle in Wallace, Idaho. Willis Sr. and Dora returned to their ranch in Peabo, Idaho, where Willis Jr. was raised. He attended Carey Schools and was active in track and field. He graduated from Carey High School in 1961. Shortly after graduation Willis Jr. joined the U.S. Army and spent the majority of his three-year tour of duty in Germany. After returning home Willis Jr. did some hard rock mining for two years with his uncle, George C. Castle, in the Salmon River Country. He also worked as a radio disc jockey for KSKI in the Wood River Valley.

Willis married Lila Guffy of Peabo, Idaho, in 1967 and loved in Hailo, Idaho. In the mid-1960s, Willis Jr. attended a school in California where he studied to become an electrician. He did his apprenticeship work under Puh Electric in Kelchum, Idaho. He obtained his Journeyman's Electric License sometime later and began his own business, which was known as Grandview Electric. He later closed the business and went to Brenon, Washington, so he could be closer to the fishing, avid outdoorsman and took every opportunity to hunt and fish.

Willis Jr. returned to Idaho in the early 1980s and helped his father with the ranch in Givens, Ferry. He married Jan Shaw of Ketchum, Idaho, in the late 1980s. He began pursuing the electrician trade. Precision Electric, which was his health would not allow him to continue. Willis Jr. moved to the Hagerman area where he was living at the time of his passing. Willis was a

long-time member of the Elmer Miller Post No. 19 American Legion, Fairfield.

Willis leaves behind two sons, Willis H. Castle III of Poulsoe, Washington, and Robert C. Castle of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and six grandchildren, James C. Castle of Shoshone, Idaho, and Ronald B. Castle of Boise, Idaho, and numerous cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, his sister Wilma Jean, his ex-wife Lila and ex-wife Jan, several grandnieces, aunts and uncles.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2003, at the American Legion Hall in Fairfield. Funeral arrangements and cremation are under the direction of Dornary Funeral Service in Gooding.

RUPERT



**Almeda L. Race**

Almeda L. Race, an 81-year-old Rupert resident, died January 10, 2003, at the Burley Care Center. Almeda was born September 9, 1921, at Royal, Nebraska, to John and Lulu Warner Meyer. She married Louis D. Race June 13, 1938, at Neligh, Nebraska, and they moved to Idaho in 1939. Louis passed away in April of 1982. She enjoyed gardening and sewing. She always had the coffee pot on for her friends and neighbors. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert.

She is survived by her three children, Shirley Butler of Rupert, Judy Knudsen of Jerome, and Royal L. Race of Burley, two sisters, Betty Emery of Fairfield, California, and Jesse Taylor of Stockton, California, also eight grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Louis D. Race, her parents, three brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2003, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth Street, with Pastor David Proby officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 15, to 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 16, at the Burley Care Center.

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ON THE AGENDA

- Today**  
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse  
Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers  
Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse  
Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school  
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse  
Eden City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall  
Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, Mountain Home  
Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse  
Hailo City Council, 6 p.m., Hailo Town Center  
Hansen City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall  
Hazelton City Council, 7 p.m., city office  
Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall  
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse  
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall  
Lincoln County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse  
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Sage Room, Education Center  
Malta City Council, 5 p.m., Raft River Electric Co-op conference room  
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse  
Richfield City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 180 W. Lincoln  
Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office  
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305
- Third Ave. E.**  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse  
Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m., 450 Sixth Ave. W.  
Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 201 Main Ave. W.  
Valley School Board (Eden-Hazelton), 7 p.m., media center
- Tuesday**  
Blaine County School Board, 7:30 p.m., a school in the district  
Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room  
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall  
Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office  
Hagerman School Board, 7 p.m., elementary school  
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers  
Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center  
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall  
Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse
- Wednesday**  
Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall  
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse
- Thursday**  
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SERVICES

Guss Rudolph Rice of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth, Buhl; interment will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park.

Roy M. "Doc" Thornburg of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

William T. "Bill" Althip of Burley, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. today at Saint Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert; burial will be at the Paul Cemetery (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Robert A. Robinson of Jackpot, Nev., memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the Jackpott Baptist Church; interment will follow the service at Twin Falls Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

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

Allen A. Ballard of Fallbrook, Calif., service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Berry-Bell & Hall Mortuary Chapel in Fallbrook; visitation

will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Theon Price of Heyburn, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Heyburn 1st and 2nd Ward Church, 530 Villa Drive; burial will follow at 2 p.m. at the Samaria Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-4 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Paul Robert Rosenberg of Burley, service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N.; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; friends and family may call from

4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Kenneth H. Johns of Mountain Home, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Mountain Home LDS Stake Center; burial will be at the Mountain View Cemetery; viewing from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Summers Funeral Home in Mountain Home and from 12:30-1:45 p.m. Wednesday before the service at the church.

Francisco "Frank" Rendon Jr. of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St.; gathering for friends and family will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

Elmore Memorial Hospital. A viewing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, January 14 at Summers Funeral Homes, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home. A viewing prior to the funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 15 from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the Mountain Home Stake Center, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The funeral will follow at 2 p.m. with burial to be in Mountain View Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

**Harold Lee Mowles**  
BURLEY - Harold Lee Mowles, a 55-year-old Burley resident died Sunday, January 12, 2003 at his daughter's home in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

**Kenneth H. Johns**  
MOUNTAIN HOME - Kenneth H. Johns, 63, of Mountain Home, died January 8, 2003 at

Safety agency issues warning about buckling up children

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - You might want to check twice the next time you buckle your child into a safety seat. The Idaho Office of Highway Safety has issued a warning to all motorists about potential problems with child safety-seat buckles. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has found that debris such as food, dirt or liquid residue can collect in buckle crevices and cause them to malfunction. The debris often causes a "false latch" that is easy to mistake for the real thing, the safety administration said.

When buckling up a child in a car seat, drivers should insert the latch plate fully into the buckle, listen for a click and then firmly tug on the harness webbing to make sure the buckle is latched, officials said. Idaho requires that every child younger than 4 and weighing less than 40 pounds be restrained in a car seat that meets federal standards. In 2001, three children were killed in traffic accidents in Idaho. State Transportation Department Reports said that none of the children was properly restrained in a child safety seat.

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## Parks board will look at grant proposals

**TWIN FALLS** - The county's Parks and Waterways Advisory Board will consider several grant request proposals at its meeting today at 7:30 p.m. at 450 Sixth Ave. W.

The public is invited. Grant proposals are being crafted for Owsley Waterfront Park.

Rock Creek Park and Twin Falls Waterfront Park.

## Hospital board looks at liability presentation

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Hospital Board will meet at 6 tonight in the Sage Room of the Education Center located behind the hospital.

Tonight's agenda includes a presentation on hospital liability insurance and reports from board committees.

The meeting is open to the public.

## Elko commissioners will appoint judge today

**ELKO, Nev.** - Elko County commissioners will hold an emergency meeting at 4 p.m. today to appoint a judge for the Eastline Justice Court in West Wendover.

The justice of the peace slot has been vacant since October when Georgina LaCombe died of a sudden illness. Eight individuals have expressed interest in the position and will be considered for appointment.

The meeting will be held in Room 105 of the courthouse and is open to the public.

- compiled from staff reports

## Community policing lowers crime in town

**BLACKFOOT (AP)** - Community policing is changing attitudes and crime rates in Blackfoot.

Twenty-three years ago, there were at least two shootings or stabbings every month in this small agricultural community of 10,000.

"It was a lot more violent then," Blackfoot Police Detective Paul Newbold said.

Now the situation is improving. Crime dropped 11.6 percent in Blackfoot County between 2000 and 2001, and Blackfoot City Police have seen a steady decline in crime since 1997.

Mayor Scott Reese remembers when people walked in fear of gang fights. "People were actually afraid to go to a supermarket at night," Reese said. "We've turned it around."

Many are attributing that turn around to community policing, which makes officers active members of the community on and off the job.

Blackfoot police officers must make at least two "positive" contacts with members of the community each month.

Some officers help local residents scrape their car windows, or simply stop to chat. Others give stickers to children or stop and talk with business owners.

"I think we're having a positive influence," Blackfoot Police Capt. Kurt Asmus said.

## Forests

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This to result in cost savings of \$300 million that the agency can use to manage land, and resources on the ground instead of producing more paperwork," O'Laughlin said.

A good forest plan is worth the money, said John McCarthy, Idaho Conservation League policy director. The Idaho Conservation League submitted more than 50 pages of comments on the plan in the works for the Sawtooth National Forest.

"We expect they will respond and we expect we will get a better plan because of it," McCarthy said.

The new rule would only allow for public input at the beginning of the process and doesn't require forest officials to consider mass mailings or e-mail comments.

"It's my understanding, and I could be wrong, that the Forest Service doesn't pay any attention to those anyway," O'Laughlin said.

"I only makes sense, we should maintain viable populations of all species, it provides a

# Burley High School band comes to Minico's aid

By **Shari Cheney**  
Times-News Writer

**BURLEY** - Play your arch rival's fight song? Isn't that like telling them to go ahead and beat you?

Burley High School band director Steve Floyd said his pep band certainly had questions when he told them his plan of playing the Minico fight song at a Jan. 4 boys basketball game.

"When I told them what I was doing, there were some raised eyebrows," Floyd said.

But then Floyd explained: The Minico band director left the program right before Christmas; there wasn't going to be a pep band at the game.

"I've been to games with no band," Floyd said. "It's eerie."

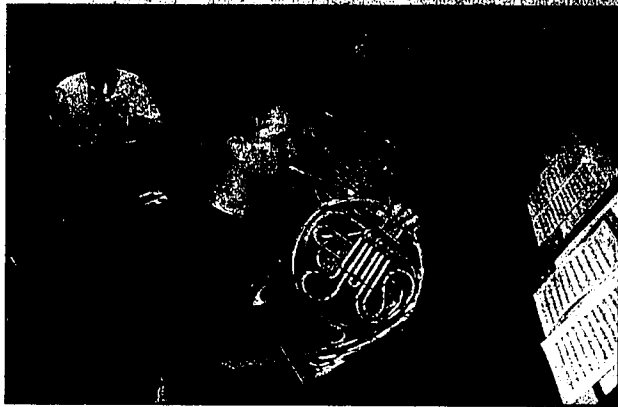
James Stanton, who had presided over the band for about a year and a half, resigned in December, Minico High School Principal Dan Rogers said, citing personal reasons. Stanton, from his home, also cited personal reasons for leaving his post at Minico, and added, "They're great kids out there."

That left the band with no director before a basketball game. But this wasn't just a basketball game, Floyd said. It was Burley versus Minico - "obviously a big thing around here."

There have been other times through Floyd's 22-year tenure at Burley he has seen Minico lose a band director in the middle of the year, and he always feels bad for the students and the team.

This time when Floyd heard Minico was without a director, he called Minidoka County's middle school band director, Ross Barson. He told Barson if Minico had no director, but the band was planning to attend, Floyd would make sure someone was there to greet them and help them.

If there weren't enough students to make a whole band, but some still wanted to come play, Floyd said, they would be welcome to play with the Burley band.



Burley High School senior Corey Westfall practices with the Burley Bobcat band. Burley's pep band stopped in to play Minico's fight song at a recent basketball game when the Minico band couldn't attend.

school band director, Ross Barson. He told Barson if Minico had no director, but the band was planning to attend, Floyd would make sure someone was there to greet them and help them.

If there weren't enough students to make a whole band, but some still wanted to come play, Floyd said, they would be welcome to play with the Burley band.

"If they want to wear their red shirts, that's OK," Floyd said.

When Barson told Floyd that Minico wasn't sending a band, Floyd asked Barson and his daughter Sarah, a recent Minico grad, to teach him the Minico fight song.

Floyd wrote out the parts for his band and called the members in early on the day of the game to learn the song.

He had already talked with

Burley High School coaches and administrators who felt the gesture was appropriate. Floyd saw Rogers at the game and let him know what was to happen.

Floyd also talked with the Minico cheerleaders, so they would be prepared to lead the cheer during the fight song.

Floyd said he thought one of them might cry when she heard what he was planning.

Floyd tried to explain to his

band it was not the intent of the Minico band director to have the Minico fight song, wasn't going to be played.

"And it doesn't hurt you to have a close act once in a while," Floyd said.

Floyd said the bands aren't in direct competition, as the basketball teams are. And even if the bands were in a direct competition, Floyd said his band, Burley would cheer for Minico and "then do our darndest to beat them."

With the first notes of the Minico fight song, some audience members did a double take. Floyd said, but it didn't last long. As people looked around and realized there was no Minico band, they began to put it together and raised eyebrows gave way to smiles.

The band played the Minico fight song twice - once before the game began and once at half time.

Floyd had wondered if people would be angry or if they would understand. He's been very pleased that people have understood.

A new band director, Julie Shepard, has been hired at Minico, Rogers said. The Minico band went without a director the first weeks of the 2001-2002 school year; students stepped in to lead the band until Stanton was hired for the job.

Times-News writer Shari Cheney can be reached at the newspaper's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at schaney@magvalley.com.

## Idahoans turn out for governor's inauguration

**BOISE (AP)** - The second inauguration for Gov. Dirk Kempthorne drew more than 2,000 people, including 11-year-old Nikelle Bair of Rupert, dressed in black velvet and satin with a tiny tiara in her hair.

She felt a bit like Cinderella Saturday night.

"I liked the people (who) sang to us," she said.

The Capital High School Singers flanked the front entries and serenaded guests as they arrived.

Visitors paid \$15 tickets to the ball, Lt. Col. Tim Marsano of the Idaho National Guard said. An 18-member committee appointed by the Idaho Adjutant General organized the event every four years.

"We like to do it at the people's party, because it brings people from all walks of Idaho life here together," Marsano said.

Visitors crowded into the

Rotunda to watch the procession. Led by the governor and his wife, Patricia Kempthorne, the procession started on the fourth floor, winding around the marble-floored Rotunda until it reached the second floor.

As the Capital High School Singers sang "And Here We Have Idaho," the rotunda filled with the voices of guests and dignitaries.

The Kempthornes danced to "Unforgettable" before other guests joined in to glide across the marble floors.

Brian Schmidt, 25, of Boise joined three friends at the ball. The men rented tuxedos for the occasion, and their dates bought elegant gowns.

"It was the chance of a lifetime for people our age," Schmidt said. "It was cool. We never knew who were rubbing elbows with out there."

## Qwest wants power over local rates

**CANYON COUNTY (AP)** - Qwest Communications has asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to deregulate residential and small-business rates for local calls in seven Idaho cities, including Nampa and Caldwell.

If the plan is approved, the phone service provider could raise or lower prices whenever it wants, instead of asking the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for permission each time.

Qwest Idaho vice president Jim Schmit said his company faces competition from wireless phone-service providers in each of the cities. Not only are some Qwest customers switching primary phones from land lines to wire-

less, Schmit said, but potential new customers are starting out with cell phones and never get regular service. Qwest believes part of the popularity lies in cellular calling-plan options, where customers choose to pay for whatever block of time they need.

Qwest wants to offer similar options, but officials said the time-consuming process of gaining approval from regulators is prohibitive. Market prices, they contend, can change quickly causing Qwest to lag behind the competition.

"We're just asking for the same flexibility to compete for your business that our competitors have," Schmit said. "Competition ultimately benefits the consumer."

measurably assessment of sustainability," he said.

O'Laughlin disagreed that the rule would eliminate biodiversity requirements. The biodiversity requirement under the 1982 rule is unclear, he said. The proposed rule seeks to "add specificity and clarity that was lacking."

While some plans have handcuffed forest managers in the past, each revision will improve the plans, said Sharon LaBrecque, Twin Falls-based planner with the Sawtooth National Forest. Though the cost of planning can be high, there are benefits, LaBrecque said.

"I think if we do a good job planning up front, it makes project implementation on the ground much more easy," she said.

People may comment on the rule until March 7.

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## WHITE ART



Flathead Valley Community College student Sam Dauenhauer shapes the head of a snow horse while competing in a snow sculpting contest Friday in Whitefish, Mont.

## Bill

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then sat himself down beside the road and began firing his revolver at passers-by, slightly wounding one man.

Upon hearing shots, the young man tending the general store - which by this time was owned by Herman Stricker and John Botzet - hurried to the doorway just in time to have a bullet graze his head. He immediately grabbed his revolver from a nearby shelf and shot Dowdle through the heart. The villain fell in the road, supposedly exclaiming before he died: "Such is life, boys, in the days of forty-nine."

In his later writings, Walgamott failed to mention that he, himself, was that "young man" who gunned Dowdle down.

The inhabitants of Rock Creek unanimously approved of Walgamott's timely action, and a coroner's jury was promptly convened which exonerated him from blame. Then, the men at the station decided to bury Dowdle "with military honors," as the Boise Statesman reported.

A great deal of drinking was done while a rude pine coffin was built. After laying Dowdle's body in it - sheathed in Johnson's overcoat - four men lifted the coffin by its rope handles and a parade of sorts began, with a crowd marching ahead of and behind the men carrying the deceased.

Since no clergyman was present to conduct services, and no layman was sober enough to offer a prayer or read from the Bible, the revelers decided to send Dowdle to his Maker to the music of a California Gold Rush tune entitled "The Days of Forty-Nine."



The Stricker Store, in the early Rock Creek settlement, in 1885.

The original song had portrayed "Old Tom Moore" reminiscing about former mining comrades. One stanza commemorated "Lame Jesse," a kindred spirit to Bill Dowdle. So the "mourners" substituted "Dowdle Bill" for the name of "Lame Jesse," and sang:

Old Dowdle Bill was a hard old case; Who never would repent. He never was known to miss a meal, Or ever pay a cent.

But old Dowdle Bill, like all the rest, He did to death resign; And in his bloom went up the flume, In the days of Forty-Nine.

The drunken revelers carried the coffin round and about Rock Creek for hours, each man simultaneously singing a different verse of the song, producing a cacophony of sound. Impetus for the parade was maintained by frequent pulls on whiskey bottles.

When a stagecoach arrived that evening from Utah, its passengers alighted just in time to see the conclusion of the bizarre ceremony. As the procession halted near the coach, the freighter, Johnson, finally realized that it was his overcoat covering Dowdle's body. Not much bothered, he lifted the corpse, removed the coat and put it on. The march was then resumed and, with more singing and laughter, the body was borne to a low ridge and buried.

One of the travelers, an Englishman, was appalled by the wild funeral and expressed fear for his own life. He skipped the fine dinner prepared by Mrs. Turner and - so it was said - his appetite didn't return until the next home station was reached.

James Varley, a retired Navy officer and 27-year Twin Falls resident, has written four historical books about the West.

## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“(I’m) not actually a referee, I’m just a guy who works at Foot Locker.”

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—From David Letterman’s top 10 NFL referee explanations

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:** Who was the first NFL team to lose to both 1995 expansion teams?

...answer below

### TODAY’S SCHEDULE

- High school boys basketball: Hansen at TFCA, 7:30 p.m.; Wendell at Castleford, 7:30 p.m.; Dietrich at Oakley, 7:30 p.m.; Richfield at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
- Wood River at Glenns Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
- High school girls basketball: Lighthouse Christian at ISDB, 6 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Jerome senior needs help for trip

**JEROME** — Kimberly Traugher, a senior at Jerome High School, has been invited to represent Idaho at the Down Under Bowl in Sydney, Australia for cross country running. Her 13-day trip involves a three-day stay in Australia, a week at Sun Paradise and three days in Hawaii.

#### Buhl Volleyball holds registration Wednesday

**BUHL** — The Buhl Volleyball Club is holding sign-ups for the 2003 season on Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. in the Buhl High School foyer.

Girls in grades 5-12 can pick up registration forms at Buhl High School, the middle school or the elementary. Cost is \$20 and a team jersey costs an additional \$15.

#### Youth ski package registrations extended

**TWIN FALLS** — The registration deadlines for the School’s Out Ski Day and a separate four-day Sunday ski/snowboard package were extended to Tuesday.

The Twin Falls park and recreation department is offering a one-day ski/snowboard package to Pomerelle Ski Area for \$25 with rental equipment at Pomerelle ranging from \$5 to \$15 more. The package includes a one-hour ski/snowboard lesson, transportation, a lift ticket and lunch.

The four-day package is set for Jan. 19, Feb. 2, Feb. 16 and March 2. The four-day package costs \$45 with rental equipment extra. Transportation for this package costs \$8 a trip, available directly from Northside Bus Company.

Kids ages 7-11 must be accompanied by a parent while others ages 12 and up may travel alone for both packages.

To register, go to the department’s offices at 136 Maxwell Ave. during normal business hours. Call 736-2265 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

The New York Jets.

## NFL DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

# Bucs blister Niners

The Associated Press

**TAMPA, Fla.** — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers proved their offense can be just as dangerous as their league-leading defense.

Brad Johnson returned from a monthlong layoff to throw for 196 yards and two touchdowns, and Tampa Bay shut down Jeff Garcia and Terrell Owens to beat the San Francisco 49ers 31-6 on Sunday.

The victory sends Tampa Bay to Philadelphia for next Sunday’s NFC championship game against the Eagles, who ended the Bucs’ season in the first round of the playoffs at Veterans Stadium the past two years.

The Bucs have lost all six of their road playoff games, including three years ago in the NFC championship game.

At home against the 49ers, the Bucs did just about everything right.

“As soon as we got up 7-0, I

said, ‘Hey, our offense is rolling today, folks.’” All-Pro defensive tackle Warren Sapp said. “The only thing we’ve got to do is stick a couple of three-and-outs on them.”

The defense took care of that, then the offense had its way. Mike Alstott scored on a pair of 2-yard runs, and Johnson threw TD passes of 20 yards to Joe Jurevich and 12 yards to Ricky Dudley after missing the last two regular-season games with a bruised back.

Alstott’s first TD snuffed the Bucs’ 12-quarter touchdown drought in the playoffs, a streak that began in an 11-5 loss to St. Louis in the 1999 NFC championship game. The Eagles outscored Tampa Bay 52-12 the last two years and beat the Bucs 20-10 in Philadelphia when the teams met in October.

“We respect Philadelphia this year,” coach Jon Gruden said. “What happened last year is not

going to hurt us or help us in any way.”

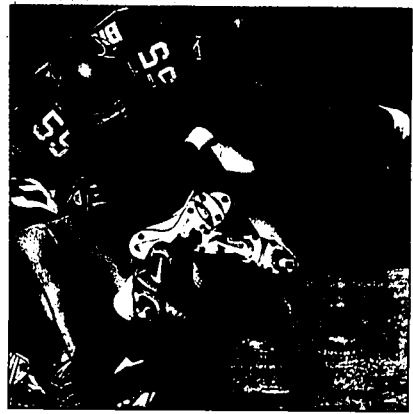
“We realize we’ve got our hands full, but we’re going to get on the plane and we’re going to go, and we’ll play any place, whether it be in the Vet or the Walt Whitman Bridge. We’re going to be there.”

NFL Defensive Player of the Year Derrick Brooks led another stellar performance by the league’s most dominant defense. The Bucs forced four turnovers, and the six-time Pro Bowl linebacker had an interception and recovered a fumble that Simeon Rice caused with one of the team’s four sacks.

After Johnson led three long scoring drives in the first half, Derrick Brooks intercepted Garcia at the 49ers 26 to set up Alstott’s second TD for a 28-6 halftime lead.

Johnson completed 15 of 31 passes with one interception, and

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Tampa Bay linebacker Derrick Brooks intercepts a pass intended for San Francisco’s Terrell Owens, below a Buccaneers defender, during the second quarter Sunday of the NFC Divisional playoff game.

# Raiders romp past Jets

The Associated Press

**OAKLAND, Calif.** — The Oakland Raiders found the surest road to the AFC championship game: Stay at home and avoid controversy.

No ruck rule. No snowy night games in New England. Instead, another victory against the New York Jets at the Bowl.

League MVP Rich Gannon and the Raiders made it a clean sweep for the home teams this weekend with their 30-10 win Sunday. They will host the Tennessee Titans next week with a spot in the Super Bowl at stake.

“These chances are very rare,” veteran All-Pro safety Rod Woodson said. “I think we are a mature team that understands what we have here.”

What they have is the opportunity to re-establish their “Commitment to Excellence.” That chance has been there before — two years ago, when they lost at home to Baltimore for the conference title, and last season, when Tom Brady and the controversial tuck rule did them in at New England.

“We’ve been this far before,” said Jerry Porter, who outperformed his more cautious teammates at last receiver, Jerry Rice and Tim Brown. “It’s time to go farther.”

Porter caught a 29-yard touchdown pass and set up Rice’s 9-yard score with a 50-yard reception as the Raiders (12-5) made it a clean sweep for the home teams this weekend. Rice’s catch was his 21st postseason touchdown, tying an NFL record. The 40-year-old receiver also set a record for yards in the playoffs with 2,132 in an 18-year career.

Gannon began going downhill in the second half after a 10-10 tie.

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Oakland Raiders receiver Jerry Rice is held aloft by linemen Frank Middleton while lineman Barry Simms (65) looks on after Rice scored a touchdown during the fourth quarter of the AFC Divisional playoff game in Oakland.

# Millar heads to Japan Duke wins battle of unbeaten teams

**Marlins .300 hitter goes unnoticed in free agent market**

By Ben Walker  
Associated Press writer

In a flurry of offseason moves that sent Tom Glavine, Jim Thome and Jeff Kent flashing across the transactions wire, it was easy to miss it this week:

“Florida Marlins — Announced OF Kevin Millar agreed to terms with the Chunichi Dragons of the Japanese League.”

Millar understands.

“I’ve never been the big name, the guy that people know,” he said. “That’s OK.”

Sure, he led the Marlins in hitting last season at .306, a year after batting .314. Sure, he totaled 80 doubles and 36 home runs in the past two seasons.

But he was popular with Florida fans, the few that turned out. Showing up early for work, signing autographs and getting a uniform dirty will do that every



Florida Marlins left fielder Kevin Millar dives for a ball hit for a single in this file photo. The way he let his scraggly goatee grow during his 25-game hitting streak last year, they liked that, too. “I can hit,” he said. “Plus, I come cheap.” So why is this 31-year-old left

fielder who took a long, hard road to the majors — undrafted out of high school, unwanted out of college, undeterred throughout the minors — about to take the longest road trip of his baseball life?

The Associated Press

**DURHAM, N.C.** — With its resume the last four seasons, there should be no surprise No. 1 Duke is the only undefeated team left in men’s college basketball.

Duhany Jones shook off a miserable start to score 15 of his 16 points in the opening 8.5 minutes of the second half as top-ranked Blue Devils rolled over No. 17 Wake Forest 74-55 in a matchup of the last two Division I unbeaten Sunday night.

Duke (11-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won its 20th straight in Cameron Indoor Stadium and 14th in a row against the Demon Deacons (10-1, 0-1). Wake Forest’s last win here came in January 1997 with Tim Duncan as its center.

Wake Forest’s streak of outshooting and outrebounding all of its opponents was stopped in embarrassing fashion after the Demon Deacons shot 34 percent

### NCAA basketball

in their ACC opener and turned it over 18 times.

Chris Duhon also was key for Duke, which has finished No. 1 in the last four Associated Press season-ending polls.

The junior point guard scored 14 points and added nine assists in helping Duke to a 10-point halftime lead.

Duhon was 2-for-22 from 3-point range in his last six games, but sank three long-range shots in the opening 17 minutes as Jones was struggling to find his game.

Freshman Shavlik Randolph came to play in this one against prep rival Eric Williams. Randolph had 15 points and seven rebounds, while the 280-pound Williams was a non-factor on both ends of the Demon Deacons, who were held 32 points under their scoring average.

### Tampa Bay (13-4) at Philadelphia (13-4)

Playing at the Vet, the Eagles have knocked the Bucs out of the playoffs each of the last two seasons. And both have been to the title game and lost to St. Louis Tampa Bay in 2000 and the Eagles last year.

Forget what the Bucs’ offense did in its 41st win Sunday against a San Francisco secondary that

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SPORTS

Avs edge Hurricanes in OT

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Rob Blake's controversial goal helped end the Colorado Avalanche's losing streak and added to the Carolina Hurricanes' recent woes.

Blake tied the game with a goal late in the third period and Milan Hejduk scored 2:04 into overtime as the Avalanche rallied for a 3-2 overtime win against the Hurricanes on Sunday.

Hejduk scored twice and assisted on Blake's goal with 1:22 left as the Avalanche snapped a three-game losing streak.

Jeff O'Neill's goal on a break-away early in the third period gave Carolina a 2-1 lead, but the Avalanche rallied in the final 90 seconds.

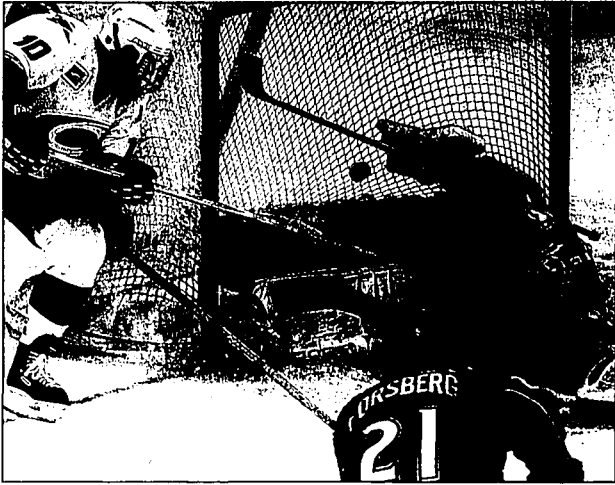
Kevin Weekes stopped a shot from Sakic, but the Avalanche controlled the rebound. Peter Forsberg batted the puck into the crease, and Blake poked it past Weekes.

Weekes immediately protested to the referees, and video replays showed that Blake knocked the stick out of Weekes' hand while battling with Sean Hill near the crease just before the goal.

"He's got cross-checked on the play," Blake said. "I was just trying to keep my balance and I hit (Weekes) on the way down. That's what happens when you're battling in front."

The goal stood, forcing overtime. Hejduk capped the rally by taking a pass from Alex Tanguay and flipping the puck past Weekes from a few feet in front of the crease.

Blakehawks 2, Predators 0. CHICAGO - Jocelyn Thibault made 17 saves to record his NHL.



Colorado goalie David Aebischer blocks a shot from Carolina center Ron Francis during overtime Sunday at the RBC Center in Raleigh, N.C. Aebischer made 30 saves in a 3-2 win.

leading sixth shutout in the Blackhawks' victory over Nashville.

He made one of his best stops when Nashville's Adam Hall fired from the edge of the crease during a Predators' power play with three minutes left in the third.

Eric Daze and Theo Fleury scored for Chicago, which snapped a four-game winless streak (0-0-2).

Mighty Ducks 2, Blues 1. ANAHEIM, Calif. - Jason Krog and Nicolas Havelid scored 6.5 minutes apart in the third period

and Anaheim held St. Louis to just 19 shots.

The Ducks, 7-2-1 in their last 10 at home, were heading toward their third 1-0 loss in five games before Krog tied it with 12:25 left.

Anaheim is 3-0 against the Blues after going 1-7 against them the previous two seasons.

Phoenix Suns burn Jazz in final 2:24

PHOENIX (AP) - Stephen Marbury scored 20 points in the second half - and Shawn Marion added 31 as the Phoenix Suns won their 10th home game in a row.

Rookie Amare Stoudemire had 17 points and 11 rebounds. He scored nine in the fourth quarter when the Suns pulled away to beat Utah for the first time in three years. Eighteen of Marion's points came in the second half.

The Suns outscored Utah 19-9 over the final 2:24 to win 107-99. It was the 14th win in their last 18 games.

Mavericks 96, Clippers 90. LOS ANGELES - Steve Nash scored 24 points, Dirk Nowitzki scored 23 and Michael Finley added 15 as the Dallas Mavericks held off the Los Angeles Clippers 96-90 Sunday to win their sixth straight and improve on the NBA's best road record.

Raiders

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...and it paid off.

...he said Thursday night from his home in Beaumont, Texas. "I never thought it would come to this."

...Jeff had the most efficient thrower in the league, Chad Pennington, but he had a miserable day. Pennington, in his first season as a starter, had a 104.2 rating. But against Oakland he was 21-of-47 for 183 yards and a 44.9 rating.

...There's a saying that as the quarterback goes, so does the team. I didn't go today," said Pennington, who threw two inter-

Millar

ceptants - as many as he had in the last 10 games combined - and lost two fumbles. "I was struggling all day long. I don't know why. It's one of those things I have to learn from, and have a short-term memory."

The Raiders got pickoffs from Tony James and Eric Barton in the second half, and recovered two fumbles, both by Pennington, in earning their second try in the AFC title game in three years. In the 2000 season, they lost at home to Baltimore 16-3 for the conference crown.

Their most painful loss came at the Patriots last January in the infamous tuck-rule game when an apparent late fumble by quarterback Tom Brady was later

ruled an incomplete pass. New England, of course, went on to win the Super Bowl.

The Raiders vowed nothing like that - or anything else - would stop them from their first trip to the Super Bowl in 19 years. They have won eight of their last nine, and next week's opponent, the Titans, lost here 52-25 on Sept. 29.

The game was tied 10-10 at halftime. But after Tony James' leaping sideline interception at the Jets 45, Cannon went downfield. He hit Brown for 16 yards, then found Porter streaking down the left sideline against a zone defense. Porter caught the ball in stride for a 29-yard touchdown.

considered Japan. But he wanted to play full time and realized his opportunities would be limited because the Marlins were about to sign free agent Todd Hollandsworth and were trying to add a backup, such as Gerald Williams. It also didn't help that he'd been branded a defensive liability. A third baseman by trade, Millar had been put in the outfield after one day of practice with Andre Dawson, and done his best to become, by his description, "average out there."

"We were not going to keep them both," Marlins general manager Larry Beinfest said, referring to Millar and Hollandsworth. "The budget would not allow it, nor would the playing time."

That left Millar a tough choice: Take the Japanese offer or risk being cut by the Marlins, albeit with one-sixth of his 2002 salary,

Peterson, Alvin Williams, Lindsey Hunter and newcomer Rafer Alston combined for 53 points as the Raptors won for the first time since Dec. 17 at Milwaukee.

Jerome Williams added 17 points, and 14 rebounds for the Raptors, who won despite missing All-Star Vince Carter, who missed his 17th straight game with a strained right knee.

Magic 107, 76ers 105. PHILADELPHIA - Tracy McGrady had 34 points and was 13-of-16 from the foul line and Mike Miller scored 27 as the Orlando Magic handed the struggling Philadelphia 76ers their sixth straight loss.

Miller had 11 points, including three 3-pointers, in the fourth quarter when the Magic overcame an eight-point deficit.

The 76ers, who were led by Allen Iverson's 32 points, had an

86-81 lead early in the fourth quarter before the Magic went on a 13-2 run.

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Spurs 81, Celtics 80. SAN ANTONIO - Stephen Jackson made a long 3-pointer with 9.6 seconds left to cap a game-ending 80 run.

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Elis plays in Hawaii with record set for good

KAPALUA, Hawaii (AP) - Ernie Els got the PGA Tour off to a record-setting start Sunday by taking his career 41st PGA Tour title by defeating Tiger Woods.

The Big Easy shattered the tour's scoring record in relation to par, closing with a 6-under 67 to finish at 31 under and win the Mercedes Championships by eight strokes.

The previous record was 28 under, set by John Huston at the 1998 Hawaiian Open and by Mark Calcavecchia two years ago in the Phoenix Open. Els finished at 261, breaking by five shots the tournament record set four years ago by David Duval.

Woods is home in Florida recovering from knee surgery, but he will keep him off tour for at least the first five weeks, but his presence might not have mattered.

Els went wire-to-wire on the lead, made a 12-foot birdie putt, overcoming a sluggish start on the front nine and pulling away from K.J. Choi with birdies on five of his last seven holes.

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"My wife and I are looking at it as an opportunity, an adventure," he said. "They say it's different over there."

season for the 33-year-old South African, who lost two good chances to win at Kapalua in the previous three years.

Els was playing for the first time since he won the official Nedbank Challenge in Sun City, South Africa, by eight strokes over Colin Montgomerie.

His victim Sunday was Rocco Mediate, who closed with a 73.

Immelman wins South African Open in playoff

CAPE TOWN, South Africa - Trevor Immelman made a 6-inch birdie putt on the first playoff hole to beat Tim Clark and win the South African Open on Sunday.

Immelman, who opened the final round three strokes off the lead, made a 12-foot birdie putt, overcoming a sluggish start on the front nine and pulling away from K.J. Choi with birdies on five of his last seven holes.

Tennessee (12-5) at Oakland (12-5)

The low point of the Titans' season came on Sept. 29, when they lost 52-25 in Oakland. That was the third straight loss in a four-game losing streak.

New Tennessee has won 11 of 12 and the Raiders have won eight of nine, making this a meeting of the NFL's two hottest teams.

The Raiders became the first team to get to Chad Pennington, exposing his inexperience in their 30-10 win over the Jets on Sunday. They're unlikely to be able to do that against the more experienced Steve McNair, who in his own way was as much an MVP this season as Oakland's Rich Gannon, who won the award.

"At that point, everybody agreed we'd have to go back and get them again," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "That was not indicative of the way we really are."

They're getting it, thanks to the 34-31 overtime victory over Pittsburgh Saturday.

But can the defense that had trouble with Tommy Maddox shut down Gannon and all his weapons, both in the air and on the ground? That includes wide receiver Jerry Porter, who made the big plays while the Jets were blanketing Tim Brown and Jerry Rice.

The Raiders opened as seven-point favorites.

Bucs

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Keishawn Johnson had five receptions for 85 yards.

The Bucs also rushed for 121 yards, most of them in the second half, when the 49ers struggled to stop Alstott and Michael Pittman. Alstott finished with 60 yards on 17 carries, and Pittman ran for 41 yards, also on 17 carries.

The 49ers staged the second-biggest comeback in playoff history when they rallied from a 38-14 deficit to beat the New York Giants in the wild-card round.

But there would be no rally against the Bucs, who allowed a league-low 196 points and became just the seventh team to hold opponents to fewer than 200 in a 16-game season.

Garcia completed just 22 of 41 passes for 193 yards and had three interceptions.

All-Pro receiver Owens was held to four catches for 35 yards, a week after having nine for 177 yards and two TDs against New York. Tai Streets added five catches for 62 yards.

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"It's just couldn't get anything to go right," Garcia said. "They are a great defense. ... We got down big at halftime, and then trying to struggle back, we completely got out of any sort of rhythm."

Jeff Chandler kicked field goals of 24 and 40 yards for San Francisco, which finished with just 228 yards total offense, including 62 on the ground.

The 49ers (11-7) averaged nearly 23 points a game during the regular season.

But the Bucs kept them out of the end zone as they drove inside the Tampa Bay 10.

"They beat us in every aspect of the game," 49ers rookie cornerback Mike Rumph said. "They came out with a do-or-die attitude and made the plays we didn't."

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

USOC will decide on chief executive's actions

DENVER - U.S. Olympic Committee chief executive officer Lloyd Ward says he did nothing wrong in trying to steer Olympic business to a company owned by his brother. Now the USOC will decide.

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Idaho Vandals rout Cal Poly SLO Mustangs

MOSCOW, Idaho - Jack May scored 14 points and Dwayne Williams added 13 points as the Vandals (6-7, 2-2) beat Cal Poly SLO Mustangs 65-50 Saturday.

Woffpack downs Boise State, 71-61

RENO, Nev. - Kirk Snyder scored 15 points to lead Nevada over Boise State 71-61 Saturday night.

Marucci, Nlwers owner will discuss future soon

TAMPA, Fla. - Steve Marucci and owner John York will begin talks about the coach's future with the San Francisco 49ers on Tuesday.

Sources: Lewis likely to get Bengals' job

Redskins defensive coordinator Mike Tomlin is the frontrunner to become Cincinnati's new head coach, but the Bengals still will interview Steelers offensive coordinator Mike Mularkey, according to sources.

BYU men whip Idaho State, 77-58

PROVO, Utah - Rafael Araujo scored 17 points and pulled down 10 rebounds and Travis Hamen added 16 points as BYU won its final non-conference game by beating Idaho State Saturday.

Alighi opens challenger final with easy win

AUCKLAND, New Zealand - Rival skippers Russell Coutts and Chris Dickson rarely see eye to eye, but they agree on this much: Coutts' boat, Alighi, got lucky in the first leg of the America's Cup challenger final.

Utah State downs UG-SB Gauchos

LOGAN, Utah - Spencer Nelson had 13 points and 12 rebounds as Utah State beat California State Santa Barbara 75-59 Saturday night.

Montana coach gamers 400th victory

MISSOULA, Mont. - Kevin Crowell scored 15 points and Steve Horne added 13 points as Montana past Portland State 61-49 Saturday night.

Utah State downs UG-SB Gauchos

Utah State (12-3, 1-31 Big West) was shut out by 50 percent from the field in its two games, going 27-of-52

Best at Australian

Wendell Smith, who led the U.S. team to a 5-0 record in the 1992 U.S. Open, was the top performer in the early rounds.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Kempthorne delivers his best performance yet

The Lewiston Morning Tribune

I daho state government's permanent removal of \$100 million in tax revenue as the nation headed into recession was an act of monumental dumbness. Replacing that money, most of it from income taxes, with a sales tax hike will benefit the wealthy and burden the poor. Yet Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's recommendation Tuesday evening that legislators do just that is the high point of Kempthorne's career.

**Their view:** This guest editorial from the Lewiston Morning Tribune says Gov. Dirk Kempthorne rose to the occasion by asking for a \$267 million tax increase.

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tax credit on income taxes the governor also suggests, it will pull a bigger percentage of money from people less well off than from the comfortable. But it is the tax that legislators are most likely to raise, aside from the cigarette tax. Kempthorne also proposed increasing. It is also the surest source of the money the state needs when it needs it.

And as Kempthorne pointed out, the alternative — severe cuts in or elimination of the state's most vital services — is unacceptable. Those legislators, like Koooskia Sen. Skip Brandt, who still talk as if cuts alone can get Idaho through this shortfall are also unaware of what kind of government and education system that would leave behind.

Kempthorne played dumb about that during his re-election campaign as well. But he assured legislators Tuesday that he now has seen the future without a tax hike, and he won't settle for it. The odds are that most legislators won't either. But if they are foolish enough to approve budgets that cripple schools, close parks and leave the most vulnerable among us with no lifeline, Kempthorne signaled his refusal to go along.

If he had shown the same strength in opposing legislators' permanent tax cuts two years ago, he would not have to propose a tax hike of this size today. But the crisis is upon us, and Kempthorne is not running from it. He is acting, in other words, as a governor should.



## Ill-advised plan rewards immigrants

JOEL MOWBRAY

I f top officials at the State Department and Social Security Administration have their way up to \$345 billion — or more — could be siphoned from the Social Security "trust fund" over the next couple of decades, mostly to pay benefits to Mexican citizens who worked illegally in the United States.

The ill-conceived plan was hatched as part of an accord currently being negotiated with Mexico to help align its social security system with America's. The United States already has similar agreements with 20 nations, mostly in Europe, known as Totalization Agreements.

Although the press office from the Social Security Administration cautions, "Discussions are still in the preliminary stages," government sources familiar with the negotiations say that there has been agreement on most significant issues — including the expansion of eligibility for illegal aliens. With anywhere from 7 million to 11 million illegal aliens in the United States — the majority of whom are from Mexico — including illegals in the pact would cost many more billions of dollars per year. The best indicator of how much illegals would receive in benefits would be the amount they have received over the years.

Since 1990, the amount of Social Security taxes paid into the Earnings Suspense File — which consists mostly of sums contributed by illegal aliens — has been increasing rapidly, for a total of nearly \$30 billion during that time span, according to Social Security's own figures. Like all government "trust funds," there's no money in the ESF, just an accounting of money. In Social Security's entire history, \$345 billion in Social Security taxes have been paid under bogus or non-work Social Security numbers, the

hallmark of taxes paid by illegal aliens. Some argue that illegal aliens deserve benefits since they already pay Social Security taxes, the fact is that allowing illegals to tap into the entitlement — aside from rewarding illegal behavior — substantially undermines the financial ability to "pay" for a transition to personal account-based reform if the money that would have gone to the accounts is instead funneled to illegal aliens because of the Totalization Agreement.

Final negotiations — which are overseen by the State Department but handled on the ground by technocrats from Social Security — could be finalized next month, according to an internal Social Security memo. And an internal State Department memo indicates that the accord could be implemented as early as this fall. Although the White House would no doubt love to shower Mexico with affection, officials there are not aware of the true size and scope of the agreement — nor is Congress, which has the final say.

A Totalization Agreement with Mexico similar to the others — meaning no inclusion of illegals — would actually be a wise move. Such a deal would allow Mexican citizens who play by the rules to take full advantage of Social Security taxes paid both here and south of the border. But as things stand right now, it is officials at State and Social Security who are not playing by the rules — and Congress and the White House should not play along.

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## Don't hate me because of my wealth

I am a member of a wealthy, elite group widely vilified by the press and in letters to the editor. I am an easy target. My sin is that I am in the financial top 10 percent of the country — those making \$100,000 or more — the 35 percent tax bracket, a member of the so-called rich. So it is much easier to paint a picture of me with black heart and loathsome my views on a canvas of about, as I grow fat on the backs of the downtrodden.

However, I feel no need to defend my position. Over the years I have

**LARRY PAQUETTE**

worked hard and earned every dollar. I am someone whose wealth I am accused of hoarding. What is different about my life and how I came to be here compared with those liberals so willing and anxious to separate me from my possessions? I have had two jobs to put myself through college. While many my age were off to sporting events or dating or cooling off at swim parties on muggy August nights, I was in a sweatshop in the factory, assembling bicycles until 2 in the morning. I can't say for sure where the bleeding hearts went then, but they were not standing next to me after night again.

I look back over the years of struggle and sacrifice and can't count the number of birthday parties, special events and family gatherings I have had. I had to work or finish a special project. I can't begin to tally the number of empty nights or lonely weekends when, instead of spending time with family and friends, I was on a business trip halfway around the world. There is no loneliness like being in a strange country for months, struggling with an unfamiliar language while losing contact with those closest to me.

I wonder at how the mind-set of the country has changed, how the work ethic has been corrupted. When I was growing up, the only rule was that success and achievement were earned, and were directly related to hard work. You got back in proportion to the effort you put forth. That's the way it has worked for me. How have we changed, then, to an ethic of redistributing the wealth from those who are economically productive to those who refuse to be?

Few will acknowledge it, but the message is clear. Reading between the lines of editorials and letters in the news, I can almost hear the chant, "You have it, I want it, and you owe me."

I believe in extending a helping hand whenever possible, but I don't believe in lifelong support for those capable but unmotivated.

The irrefutable fact is that money withheld and spent on welfare by a confiscatory and inefficient government does not create new jobs. Jobs are created from the dividends and investments made by myself and those far wealthier than me. They result from money put at risk, with a chance for an equitable return commensurate with the risk. New companies, new ventures, new products and new jobs are a direct result of investment exposure. This is the heart of capitalism. I make an appeal for my financial position. I have worked very hard, earned every dollar, and hope to continue earning long into the future. Can the same be said for those standing at the intersection of Hard Work and Success, looking for a handout?

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## Funding does exist for education laws

President Bush celebrated the anniversary of the "No Child Left Behind" legislation giving a speech lauding its efforts at ending the "soft bigotry of low expectations." An article concerning a parent's rights to implement the year-old law and the district's decision also appeared in *The Times-News*, as well as a letter to the editor from a local teacher complaining about the law, on Jan. 8.

Since I just listened to President Bush's speech, I would like to correct the teacher — it is not an unfunded mandate. I believe Mr. Bush mentioned the amount of \$35 million. I do not know how these funds are distributed or if they are enough to address the problems you say this creates, but to say it is unfunded is inaccurate. Also, as a property

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owner and taxpayer, I remind you we are already paying you to educate our children. We all wish we could earn more, that's life. Six generations of my family have been educated in this valley. Most, if not all, received a good education. There has always been a diverse set of economic classes represented in our schools. When I was a student, yearly we would have migrant workers children join our class in the spring as the agricultural season started. Many spoke broken English and struggled with the language. Do I feel they were left behind? Perhaps, but I have the sense that many received a good education while attending our schools.

I agree with President Bush — it should be up to local government because, as he said, one size does not fit all in education. Each district faces its challenges.

However, it's far too easy to blame the child or the parents than to accept responsibility for poor administration, teachers or curriculum. If a teacher is not able to bring their students to a reasonable level of comprehension of mathematics and the English language, then there is a problem.

I have a lot of questions about the way we educate our children today. Why do we not teach study skills to our grade-school children? Why don't we teach logic — the art of thinking? I personally believe phonics makes our children bad spellers. Some make the transition to memorized spelling but many don't. I also believe many 11th- and 12th-graders would be better off in either an academic institution or trade school. But, that's just my opinion.

JOYCE L. TREAT Hansen

## Doonesbury



## By Garry Trudeau



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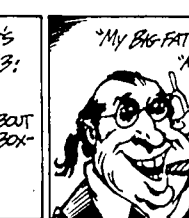
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# with conservative media outlets



**GAL THOMAS**

When Gal Thomas talks they listen. He is a conservative who is not afraid to express his views to that point of view. The big media severely believe they are not biased, despite numerous surveys and book-selling books that prove otherwise.

Leaving ideology aside (which is a major far-aside), the big media should listen to conservatives for their economic well being. No other business has shown sensitivity to ignore such a vast demographic. The big media have shown sensitivity to virtually every other group and concern, but not to conservatives. This is why conservatives have taken their eyes and ears elsewhere to newspapers, radio and television outlets that respect and do not mock their beliefs.

Every time liberals have tried to do a radio or host a TV program on cable, the results have been disastrous. No TV host has done a

better job of communicating liberal ideology over the years than Phil Donahue. But his MSNBC show, which was supposed to erode Fox' dominant Bill O'Reilly, is a ratings disaster. In the past, such liberal luminaries as former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and Jim Hightower, who has a radio show based in Texas, have tried going national. All have failed. Here is the problem. Liberals see conservatives as beneath them. Most conservatives think most liberals dislike America and hate rich people, though many liberals are rich. Liberals are especially uncomfortable with people who worship God and not the state. Most independent programming and reporting in big newspapers reflect these biases.

Until recently, the big media got away with this singular ideological perspective because there was little competition. Along came

satellite technology and cable, and suddenly the media menu offered more choices. Conservatives began seeing and hearing views that reflected their own without the filter and stereotypes liberals regularly attach to them. They gave their allegiance to the networks and newspapers that included and respected their views.

Here's an analogy that even those in denial can understand. If I own a fast-food establishment and significant numbers of customers tell me that my hamburgers do not taste good, I have two choices. I can make cracks about the inferiority of my customers' taste buds and drive them to the competition, or I can make a better burger and keep them as customers. The big media think they can ignore their conservative "customers" and disparage their views, including the ones about

big media. Conservatives no longer have to take it. They have options and they are exercising them.

Let the liberal Democrats fool themselves into believing that getting a foot in the cable or talk radio door will solve their problems. It won't. That's because there are already numerous outlets for the liberal Democratic point of view, and it seems every liberal show host is boring.

Conservatism is optimistic and fun. Liberalism is pessimistic and dull. Even liberals don't watch or listen to liberal talk shows, which ought to tell management that their problem is not about "kicking butt" but about serving up a different product more people will buy.

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### Lessons of prohibition are ignored today

Presently, we've spent hundreds of billions of dollars to rid our nation of illegal drugs, prosecute drug users and dealers and throw these bums in jail. We've been so successful at exercising our police state mentality that in the year 2000, we threw away 1.5 million people. And at this moment, nearly half a million persons languish behind bars for simple non-violent drug possession. In America, land of freedom, providing we don't see any of those freedoms, there are more people in jail than in all the jails of western Europe combined. I take it all of our imprisoned are supposed to be impassioned patriots when they get out on the street? Not likely. What of their friends and families? Hate us? Most likely.

In Herbert Asbury's book, "The Great Illusion," he wrote of the period in American history known as Prohibition. "The American people had expected to be greeted, when the great day came, by a covey of angels bearing gifts of peace, happiness, prosperity and salvation, which they had been assured would be theirs when the rum demon had been scotched."

"Instead they were met by a hoard of bootleggers, moonshiners, rum-runners, hijackers, racketeers, triggermen, venal judges, corrupt police, crooked politicians and speakeasy operators, all bearing the twin symbols of the 18th Amendment - the Tommy gun and the poisoned cup."

The gangster turf wars of the '20s, and long before that, were not about anything but control of a piece of economic space, a market - it's the same today, and it will be so in the future. And as noble as the police feel they are conducting this war, for their purification-by-fire, this holy jihad, is being waged for exactly the same reason - control of a piece of economic space, a market.

It's unfortunate this police action has failed to produce much of anything except a dead Constitution and Bill of Rights, thousands of lifeless bodies and forced illegal drug profits into orbit. Interestingly, nearly all of our actions and reactions have tended to enlarge the drug trade rather than reduce it, which, remarkably, is beneficial for the system.

"All I ever did was supply a demand that was pretty popular." (Al Capone).

MARK SCHUCKERT  
Twin Falls

## Nation's growth reveals old traditions

We Americans, charter members of a get-with-it society, do not have much use for history. But we should. In this new year, we face momentous uncertainties: war (or wars) and a weak economy. Although the past cannot foretell the future, history - even history seemingly unrelated to our present troubles - offers a relevant lesson for today. It attests to America's enduring resilience in the face of change and adversity.

Let's go back a century. One of the forgotten masterpieces of American journalism is "Our Times," a six-volume survey of national life from 1900 to 1925 by Mark Sullivan. He covered almost everything: politics, fashion, lifestyles, literature. In his era, America first projected its power onto the global stage. In 1904, Teddy Roosevelt began construction of the Panama Canal. In 1907, we sent his Great White Fleet of battleships around the world. But Sullivan's major theme was the rivalry of social and economic change.

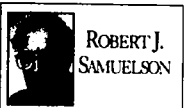
In 1900, he reported, the country had only about 8,000 cars and "less than 10 miles of concrete road." Moreover, there was "no such word as the radio, for that was yet 20 years from coming." Telephones also were rare. There was one for every 66 people.

Of course, Sullivan couldn't know the issue of it. The Census Bureau recently issued a fascinating report, "Demographic Trends in the 20th Century." It says little about science, technology or the economy. Still, he population changes it depicts are eye-opening. For starters, we've grown enormously. In 1900, the United States had 76 million people, less than a third of the 281 million in 2000. Expansion also redistributed economic and political power.

A century ago the West and South were virtually vassals to the Northeast and Midwest, which had most of the people and power. In 1900, the West - a region starting with Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico - had only 5 percent of the population; now it's 23 percent. In 1900, New York was the largest state with 7 million people; California was 21st with 1.5 million. In 2000, California was first with 34 million, New York third with 19 million. (Texas was second with 21 million.)

Not that that all.

• We went from a young to a middle-aged nation. In 1900, the



**ROBERT J. SAMUELSON**

United States was almost literally a country of kids. One of three Americans was under 15; now that's one in five. The median age (half the population younger, half older) jumped from 23 to 35. Life expectancy increased from 47 to 77.

• Big families virtually disappeared. In 1900, 45 percent of households had five or more people. Few (5 percent) were singles. Now, a small minority (11 percent) has five or more, and 26 percent are singles - the unmarried, the divorced, the widowed.

• We became a suburban nation. Roughly three-quarters of Americans in 1900 lived on farms and in small towns. Now, four-fifths of Americans live in metropolitan areas. Half are in suburbs.

OK. But what's the big deal? We all know what wrought these upheavals: new technologies (air conditioning, air travel, telephones, antibiotics, contraception); rising property; new social attitudes (feminism, less racial discrimination). We also know that other countries have experienced similar changes. Cars and antibiotics aren't U.S. monopolies. Finally, we know that a lot of bad stuff occurred along the way to these generally good social results. Americans fought in two world wars, Korea and Vietnam; the Great Depression and numerous recessions marred prosperity; there's

been continuous racial conflict. All true. But what distinguishes the United States is this: through it all, we've retained our economic and political coherence. Other countries cope less well with change. In the 19th century, Britain was the world's major power. It is no more. A decade ago Japan and Germany seemed poised to become the world's economic leaders. They are now in eclipse. Only recently, the Soviet Union was a superpower. Russia isn't now. Each country has a different story, but each faltered in the face of change.

Something gives the United States an edge. It may be national character. In "Our Times," Sullivan asked what the country's distinctive characteristics "were. Here are some of his answers: "freedom of opportunity for the individual"; "a zeal for universal education"; "a determined faith in (representative) democracy"; "adaptability, a willingness...to discard the old and try the new"; "a responsiveness to idealism"; "independence of spirit." Similar phrases are used today.

History offers no guarantees. We cannot know what will happen in 2003. But history does suggest that there's something to that worn cliché, "the American spirit." The economic, social and geopolitical landscape shifts, but certain natural qualities endure. We accommodate change. Confronted with hard times, Americans often summon forth astounding recuperative powers. In a year fraught with hazards, history's lesson may provide some small comfort.

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# Finding a new way to fight infection

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Most folks wouldn't last long without telephones, traffic lights and television, not to mention plain old talk. Communication is vital to just about everything we do.

It's the same with bacteria.

Until recently, microbiologists saw them as solitary beings floating out of touch with one another in the vastness of the human bloodstream or a gallon of milk.

Now scientists have discovered that bacteria talk to one another constantly, often cooperating in the construction of intricate communities, known as biofilms, that allow them to thrive in ways they never could as single-celled individuals.

Unfortunately, these bustling bacterial cities often create debilitating or life-threatening infections inside the human body. But scientists hope that disrupting bacterial communications might offer a new way of treating these infections.

"Bacteria really like to grow in communities, covered in slime," Brian expert J. William Costerton said during a recent briefing sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing and Washington University in St. Louis.

Biofilms have been found in the lungs of patients with cystic fibrosis and on the gums of people suffering from periodontal disease. They have been associated with tuberculosis, prostatitis and the chronic ear infections that plague many young children. They are especially prevalent on catheters, artificial heart valves, contact lenses and other implanted medical devices.

Costerton estimated that biofilms account for the majority of chronic bacterial infections.

As basis researchers identify the signals bacteria use to build and maintain biofilms, their microbiology colleagues are following right behind, trying to develop new antibiotics that interfere with bacterial communication.

Microbiologists first realized the importance of biofilms about a decade ago, when Costerton and several colleagues began using a new kind of microscope to look at slimy masses of bacteria such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, which clogs the lungs of cystic fibrosis patients. In 1991 the scientists announced that they were not just undifferentiated clumps, but intricate structures threaded with pores and chan-

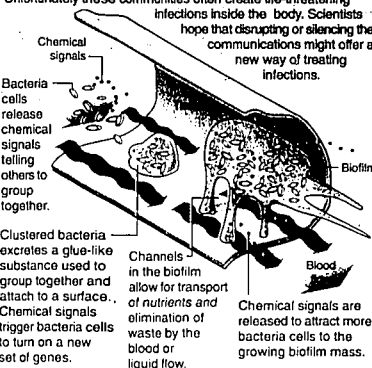
nels for transporting nutrients in and waste out. The bacteria were embedded in a sticky protective goo that stuck them to one another and just about anything else that might be around.

Just as social scientists marvel at the differentiation of cities into distinct neighborhoods, microbiologists have been amazed at the intricacy of biofilms. The unpleasant film that coats a person's mouth overnight, for example, is actually a highly organized bacterial community so complex that it almost seems a shame to just brush it all away.

The typical dental plaque con-

## Silencing bacterial communities

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tains hundreds of different species. The outermost ones couldn't even survive if their inner neighbors didn't first lay down a suitable substrate.

"Only the first few can stick to your teeth," said Bonnie Bassler, a Princeton University biologist who received a MacArthur "genius" award this year for her research in bacterial communication. "The rest stick to them."

Their layered structure makes biofilms hard to kill with traditional antibiotics, which often cannot penetrate beyond the outermost suburbs of a bacterial settlement.

More importantly, current

drugs such as penicillin and erythromycin were designed to work against rapidly growing and dividing cells. But most of the bacteria in biofilms are hunkered down in a semi-dormant state, making them much harder to kill with existing drugs.

Recent studies also show that bacteria also synchronize their behavior when they create a biofilm, simultaneously turning on different genes than they use while floating around. And many of those genes make them even more resistant to traditional antibiotics.

"The entire conglomerate changes its gene expression at once," Bassler said. "Hundreds of genes switch from on to off or off to on."

Bassler won her \$500,000 MacArthur grant for research into the chemical signals bacteria use to tell each other when to turn on genes governing biofilm formation and other coordinated behaviors. The microbes essentially communicate by smell, releasing chemicals into the environment that are picked up by nearby individuals.

Bassler estimates that bacteria produce dozens of these signals, but so far she has investigated only two.

"This is a baby field," she said.

Even so, researchers believe they can find ways to block bacterial communication. For example, a drug that blocked the right signal could prevent biofilm formation altogether. Signal blocking might also disable a bacterium's resistance to antibiotics, or prevent the bacteria in it from producing a harmful toxin.

Using a different strategy, a drug could mimic signals that prevent biofilm formation or cause existing biofilms to break apart.

A small biotechnology company, Quorum Pharmaceuticals, is already trying to develop drugs based on Bassler's research.

# Maurice Gibb of the Bee Gees dies at 53

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Maurice Gibb, who with his brothers built the Bee Gees into a disco sensation that ruled the charts in the late '70s with hits like "Stayin' Alive" and "More Than a Woman," died Sunday at the age of 53.

The bass and keyboard player had been admitted to Mount Sinai Medical Center four days earlier to have emergency surgery for an intestinal blockage. He suffered cardiac arrest before the operation.

"To our extended family friends and fans, with great sadness and sorrow we regretfully announce the passing of Maurice Gibb this morning," Gibb's family said in a statement. "His love, enthusiasm and energy for life remain an inspiration to all of us."

The Bee Gees, short for the Brothers Gibb — twins Maurice and Robin, and their older brother Barry — were known for their tight, high harmonies and original sound.

Robin and Barry were able to see their brother before he died, said Pete Bassett, a spokesman for Robin.

"The family are together today at Robin's house in Florida and all are utterly bereft at this unexpected loss," he said.

The brothers had nine No. 1



Maurice Gibb

songs, wrote dozens of hits for other artists, and sold more than 110 million records — placing them fifth in pop history behind Elvis Presley, the Beatles, Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney.

Their 1977 contributions to the "Saturday Night Fever" album made it the best selling movie soundtrack ever with more than 40 million copies sold. Among their disco hits on the album: "Stayin' Alive," "More Than a Woman," "How Deep Is Your Love," and "Night Fever."

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## 'Just Married' marches to No. 1 at the box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Audiences ignored the critics and propelled the Brittany Murphy and Ashton Kutcher comedy "Just Married" to the top of the weekend box office.

"The end of the Rings, The Two Towers," which had been No. 1 for three straight weekends, slipped to second place with \$15 million in receipts, but that pushed its total domestic gross to \$283.6 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Just Married" stars Murphy and Kutcher as mismatched newlyweds on a chaotic, slapstick honeymoon in Europe.

Generally disliked by critics, "Just Married" appealed widely to young movie-goers, with people younger than 21 making up 65 percent of the audience, according to distributor 20th Century Fox.

The movie debuted with \$18 million, the amount it cost to shoot.

"I can't say to often I've actually grossed the budget on opening weekend," said Bruce Snyder, head of distribution for 20th Century Fox.

Steven Spielberg's "Catch Me If You Can" came in third with \$14.8 million, raising its total to \$119.5 million. It was the 23rd movie released in 2002 to top \$100 million, beating the previous record of 22 set in 2000.

Expanding from narrow release, Denzel Washington's "Antoine Fisher" and Nicolas Cage's "Adaptation" broke into the top 10.

"Antwone Fisher," directed by Washington and starring Derek Luke as a violent sailor confronting childhood traumas, widened to 1,006 theaters and came in at No. 9 with \$3.8 million.

The offbeat Hollywood tale "Adaptation," reteaming "Being John Malkovich" writer Charlie Kaufman and director Spike Jonze, was No. 10 with \$2.9 million in 560 theaters.

Also expanding from limited release were Ray Liotta's cop thriller "Narc" which grossed \$2.74 million in 822 theaters, and Spike Lee's Manhattan drug-dealer drama "The 25th Hour," which did \$2.7 million in 490 theaters.

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## Humor: A lecture from Indiana

**Hoosier**, as I'm in trouble with the Hoosiers," of course, is what people from Indiana proudly call themselves, and for an excellent reason, which I will explain shortly. Unfortunately, I managed to get a bunch of Hoosiers very upset recently, when I wrote a column about which is the stupidest state.

For the record, I did mean that Indiana is the stupidest state. I believe that many states, including mine, are stupider than Indiana. What I did say - and I now realize that I was wrong - was that "Hoosier" is a stupid nickname. My argument was that nobody seems to know what a "Hoosier" is, so why would you go around calling yourself one? I stated that if we all know, "Hoosier" could be a Native American word for "sex with caribou."

Many people wrote in to object, strongly, to that statement, including one Hoosier who pointed out that - and it is hard to argue with this logic - "Indiana has no caribou." "Hoosier" is not a Native American word for "has sex with caribou." I am sure there is no Native American word for "has sex with caribou," at least not referring to residents of Indiana, although I imagine there might be a Native American term to describe caribou having sex with other caribou, and I think we can all agree that this is perfectly proper.

I also wish to apologize to the dozen or so readers who were upset about reading the term "sex with caribou" in a family newspaper. I realize that in this column, I have already used the term "sex with caribou" a number of times, but I frankly don't know how else I can explain what I am apologizing for. But you have my assurance that, as long as I am in charge of this column, you will not see the term "sex with caribou" again.

Speaking of having sex with caribou, we turn now to the many Indiana residents who wrote to point out that I am a moron for stating that nobody knows what "Hoosier" means. According to these people, everybody in Indiana knows what "Hoosier" means, and if I had just bothered to ask a Hoosier, I could have had the simple, well-known answer, and would not have made such an idiot out of myself.

So to clear this issue up once and for all, here, according to the letters I received, is what "Hoosier" means:

- "Hoosier" was the name of a contractor who worked on the Ohio River in the early 19th century.
- "Hoosier" is a word meaning "huglander" or "hill dweller."
- "Hoosier" is a word referring to anything large of its kind.
- "Hoosier" comes from when somebody would knock on a cabin door, and Indiana people would say, "Who's there?"
- "Hoosier" comes from when Indiana people would stand on the riverbank and shout to people on boats, "Who's ya?"
- "Hoosier" comes from when Indiana families would hold big reunions, and the mothers, referring to the children, would ask each other "Who's yours?"
- "Hoosier" comes from the aftermath of knife fights in Indiana taverns, when somebody would pick up a lump of flesh and say, "Who's car?"

All of these explanations, which I am not making up, were sent in by actual Hoosiers. So from now on, when you hear people proudly refer to themselves as "Hoosiers," you will know exactly what they're referring to: an inquisitive, oneared, hill-dwelling Ohio River contractor, large for his kind, who has a lot of trouble with pronunciation but does not have sex with caribou.

Who wouldn't be proud!

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**HUMOR**  
 Dave Barry

# Dance the pounds away

## Ballroom aerobics teaches fitness through fun

By Steve Crump  
 Times-Herald writer

**TWIN FALLS** - She looks a bit like Ginger Rogers shadow-dancing in "Top Hat," but there's a method to Melissa Belliston's careering solo across the floor. "For a lot of people, learning to dance by themselves is the way to start," says Belliston, 24, who runs The Dance Center. "And it's great exercise."

Hence a hybrid called ballroom aerobics, geared toward senior citizens but well within the capabilities of most folks. "It's an idea that's been around for awhile," said Leni Head, Belliston's predecessor at The Dance Center and now a professor of physical education at Idaho State University in Pocatello. "I've been teaching it for years. I started in Seattle when I had a bunch of people in a dance aerobics class, and I wondered how to organize them. So I ended up lining them up against the wall."

Ballroom dancing, now a high-profile sport unto itself that exploded in popularity with the release of Baz Luhrmann's movie "Strictly Ballroom" a decade ago, can be an intense aerobic experience, but it can also be gentler - on the same pace, roughly, as medium aerobics.

"It's teaching basic steps," said Belliston, who will offer a ballroom aerobics class through the College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center in March. "If people want to go on from there and learn to dance with a partner, that's wonderful. But this is designed to make aerobics more interesting."

Jane Fonda may have given us a way that anybody can get into shape, but she didn't make aerobics very interesting. Throughout the health club business, the attrition rate for aerobics classes is high, and the industry has taxed its imagination to find ways to make aerobics more fun. "I like ballroom aerobics because it gets people involved in the steps and the music," Belliston said. "That keeps them coming back."

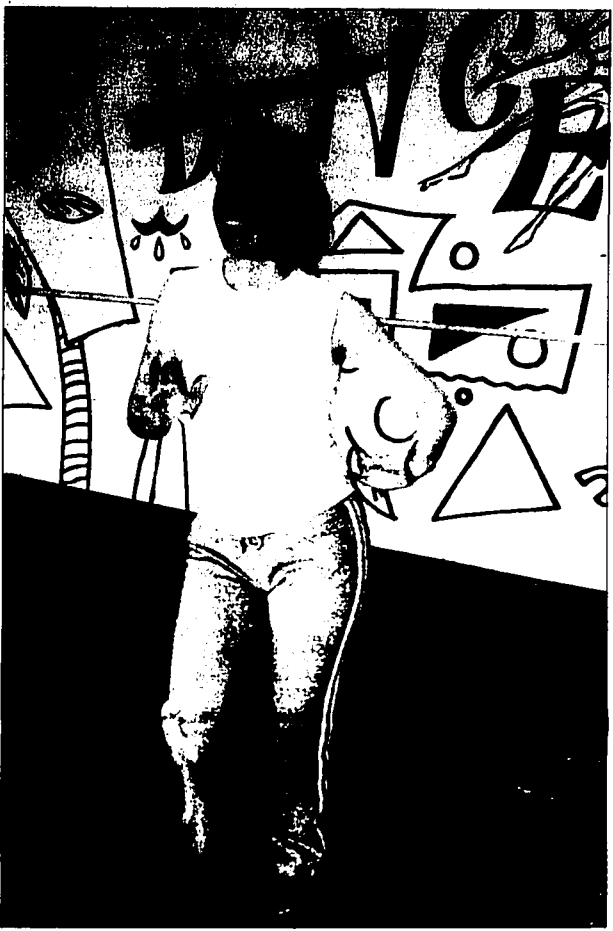
"With ballroom aerobics, you can improve your (dance) skill level while at the same time improving your aerobic fitness," Head said.

Although all the basic steps Please see **BALLROOM**, Page B3



**Shall we dance?**  
**T**he College of Southern Idaho Community Education Center will offer a class on ballroom aerobics on Thursdays from March 6 through 27 at The Dance Center, 434 Main Ave. S. Classes will be held from 10-11 a.m., and the cost is \$30.

- Feel the burn**  
 Fast dancing for 10 minutes burns about 65 calories, or about the same as 10 minutes of medium aerobics. Compare that to:
- Walking for 10 minutes - 50 calories.
  - Step aerobics for 30 minutes - 60 calories.
  - Gardening for 10 minutes - 55 calories.
  - Racquetball for 10 minutes - 100 calories.
  - Running for 10 minutes - 145 calories.
  - Shopping for 20 minutes - 45 calories.
  - Basketball for 10 minutes - 90 calories.
  - Cycling for 10 minutes - 65 calories.
  - Cross-country skiing for 10 minutes - 95 calories.
  - Tennis for 10 minutes - 70 calories.
  - Weight-lifting for 10 minutes - 50 calories.
- Oh, and in case you were wondering: **IFB**.  
 • Sex for 10 minutes - 55 calories.  
 — Sources: Kintland Community



Melissa Belliston from The Dance Center in Twin Falls demonstrates a 'ballroom aerobics' move designed after the cha-cha.

## Women still go for uniforms

But not like anybody else's

The Washington Post

*"In an old house in Paris That was covered with vines Lived twelve little girls in two straight lines"*

*They left the house at half past nine In two straight lines, in run or shawl*

*The smallest one was Madeline*

So begins Ludwig Bemelmans's classic children's series, "Madeline." And so begins this working woman's envy of the little

**Attitude**  
 French girls in two straight lines. Because, Bemelmans's charming illustrations strongly suggest, these petites ecolieres never had to wander about the convent wondering what they were going to wear when they marched out at half past nine. There they were, in identical single-breasted, A-line coats with Peter Pan collars. On their heads, the same collar-brim hats every day, perhaps straw in summer, napped felt in colder weather.

A uniform. A blessed uniform. One has only to look around any large office to see that men have figured out the joys of a uniform. Depending on the office, it's either a lineup of



Dressed in a snazzy blue power suit, incoming House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., meets with reporters at a news conference on Capitol Hill earlier this month.

## Unravel confusion about types of yarn

DEAR BARBARA: I'm new to knitting, and don't really understand the various types of thin and thick yarns. Can you help?

—GAIL WAKE, LIVONIA, MICH.

**DEAR GAIL:** For a specific pattern such as a sweater, you need to know what type yarn is required. This refers to the weight or thickness, so it will finish to the correct size. Always knit a little sample to test the gauge (number of stitches per inch). Here are some guidelines:

**Super Bulky** - lets you finish a sweater quickly! These yarns knit at a gauge of 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 sts. (stitches) per inch on large needles, at least a No. 11.

**Bulky** - also quick knitting, giving a gauge of 3 to 3 1/2 sts. per inch on No. 9-11 needles.

**Heavy worsted** - gives a gauge of 4 to 4 1/2 sts. per inch, on No. 8-9 needles.

**Worsted** - often called 4-ply yarn, this is a popular medium weight for sweaters and afghans. Knits at 4.5 to 5 sts. per inch on No. 7-9 needles.

**Sport** - for lighter weight sweaters, perhaps for children, this gives about 6 sts. per inch, usually on No. 5-6 needles.

**Fingering** - includes finer yarns used for baby sweaters and socks. It knits at 7 to 8 sts. per inch on No. 1-3 needles.



SEWING  
 Barbara Gash

know how much to buy for a project and don't run out. If you're substituting another brand for the yarn the pattern suggests, be sure it's similar in weight and thickness.

**DEAR BARBARA:** It's such a cold winter, I'd like to knit a sweater for my dog. Do you know of patterns?

—TENSHIA JONES, DETROIT

**DEAR TENSHIA:** Check your favorite local stores first. You can also order from Patternworks Catalog (800-438-5464, anytime) or www.patternworks.com. It has a Dog Sweaters Pattern No. 500062 that uses worsted yarn. It's \$4.50 and is a basic sweater for canine chests ranging from 12-30 inches.

It sells a book called "Dog Sweaters" at \$5.50, in knit or crochet. It has 10 different designs, and includes a chart for stitching your dog's name. Add shipping charges as specified.

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HEALTH & FASHION

How to quit: Nicotine can be beaten

Knight Ridder News Service

Reality check. Nothing on God's green earth is going to make you stop smoking except your own grit and hard work. The patch, pills, sprays, hypnosis and other antismoking products are nifty toys. But tools are not magic. The magic, well, that's the part you supply. It happens when one day you get sick of your nefarious friend nicotine running your life and you begin to plot to get rid of him. He'll not go quietly. He'll scream and kick and protest. When that doesn't work, he'll beguile and beg you and make you feel jumpy and sick and desperate.

What nicotine does not want you to know is this: He can be beaten.

There are 47 million smokers in America. But there also are 41 million ex-smokers. Which category will you choose?

The accompanying guide shows various quitting methods. None is perfect, but all have worked for someone. If you have tried cold turkey and failed, try something else. A few methods are expensive. Many are covered by insurance.

A few things about the guide: The "six month quit rate" does not predict the permanent success rate, which is lower (how much lower depends on whom you believe). Many of these methods are used in combination. It is not possible here to list the success rate of each combination.

The one element not in the guide? Let's call it Informed Grit. You need it most of all to kick the habit and it cannot be charted.

"People are very unrealistic about what it takes to quit smoking. They don't put out any effort," says Karen Keeler, a psychotherapist and hypnotist at Health Improvement Network in Southfield, Mich. She's not just criticizing. She's an ex-smoker and remembers how hard it was to quit. Most of her hypnosis is spent building up the smoker's positive resolve, not planting negatives.

"If I told you cigarettes tasted like cow manure, after a while that would wear off," she says. "I try to anchor people to the positive."

Experts say one crucial element to quitting smoking is self-efficacy — you really have to believe you can do it. Another is a strong desire.

"You have to want to quit more than you want anything else," says John Watkins, 53, a 17-pack-a-day man from Westland, Mich.

Watkins has tried four times to halt a 40-year habit that costs him \$2,000 a year.

He's tried the patch, cold turkey and gum.

No luck. He's still smoking.

Smoking cessation guide

• **Nicorette gum (non-prescription)**  
How used: Chew. Nicotine absorbed in mouth

Dose: 120 pieces/day for 3 months  
Benefits: Convenient and quick to use  
Drawbacks: Bad taste, can't eat or drink while chewing  
Monthly cost: \$150  
6-month quit rate: 24 percent; 12 percent for self-treaters  
Combined with ... Quit rates boosted slightly when used with patch

• **Nicotine patch (prescription and non-prescription versions)**

How used: Apply to skin daily; releases 65 steady doses  
Dose: 14 or 21 mg patch, reduce to 7 mg over 23 months  
Benefits: Easy to use; compliance higher with doctor's prescription  
Drawbacks: Nicotine released slowly, may not cut intense cravings  
Monthly cost: \$90  
6-month quit rate: 22 percent in clinic setting, lower for self-treaters  
Combined with ... Used with other methods for better quit rate

• **Nicotrol nasal spray (prescription only)**

How used: Spray into nostril every 2-3 hrs  
Dose: Use 3 months and taper off  
Benefits: Fast delivery of nicotine; can reduce cravings  
Drawbacks: Nasal irritation, dependency can develop  
Monthly cost: \$200  
6-month quit rate: 31 percent in controlled studies  
Combined with ... Often used with behavioral methods or other medications

• **Nicotine inhaler (prescription only)**

How used: Inhale nicotine when urge hits  
Dose: 6 cartridges per day, less over 3-6 weeks  
Benefits: Fast delivery of nicotine; mimics smoking  
Drawbacks: Mouth or throat irritation, low nicotine  
Monthly cost: \$200  
6-month quit rate: 23 percent in controlled studies  
Combined with ... Quit rates boosted slightly by using with patch

• **Bupropion HCL (Zyban and Wellbutrin) (prescription only)**

How used: Anti-depressant that helps cut cravings  
Dose: 2 pills per day for up to 3 months  
Benefits: Easy to use, no nicotine in product  
Drawbacks: Not usable in pregnancy or with certain medications  
Monthly cost: \$80  
6-month quit rate: 30 percent in controlled studies  
Combined with ... Counseling can boost quit rate

• **Commit lozenges (non-prescription)**

How used: Nicotine lozenges  
Dose: Suck lozenge when craving hits  
Benefits: Instant nicotine to stop cravings  
Drawbacks: Just approved in Nov. by FDA

Monthly cost: \$160  
6-month quit rate: Not available  
Combined with ... Can combine with other treatments

• **Cold turkey**

How used: Pick a date, then stop smoking entirely  
Dose: Do not smoke  
Benefits: Simple and involves no cost or drugs  
Drawbacks: Difficult method for many people  
Monthly cost: \$0  
6-month quit rate: 5-12 percent; some believe no method is higher in long run  
Combined with ... A doctor's brief advice can boost quit rate slightly

• **Acupuncture or laser therapy**

How used: Needles or lasers on body meridians  
Dose: Once to several times  
Benefits: No medication  
Drawbacks: Needles, unproven method  
Monthly cost: \$90 to \$300 per session  
Quit rate: Not available  
Combined with ... Laser therapy available only in Canada

• **Antismoking classes or personal counseling**

How used: Series of classes for those trying to quit  
Dose: 6-8 weeks is average  
Benefits: Teaches about behavioral triggers to smoking  
Drawbacks: May not curb cravings or withdrawal symptoms  
Monthly cost: \$0 to \$50  
6-month quit rate: 16-20 percent but only 5 percent of smokers use this method  
Combined with ... Often used along with medication or other methods

• **Telephone counseling, online support groups**

How used: Site needed support for several months  
Dose: Depends on program; some are hotlines, some as needed  
Benefits: Can boost quit rates and prevent relapse  
Drawbacks: Not good for stoic, silent types  
Monthly cost: \$0 to \$25  
6-month quit rate: 20-30 percent when used to help stop relapse  
Combined with ... Helps prevent relapses in combination with other methods

• **Hypnosis**

How used: Individual or group hypnosis  
Dose: Hypnotic suggestion focuses on positive outcome  
Benefits: No nicotine or drugs involved  
Drawbacks: People who are suspicious of hypnosis are not good candidates  
Monthly cost: \$60 to \$90 per session  
6-month quit rate: Not available  
Combined with ... Can be combined with counseling or medications  
— Sources: Journal of Family Practice November 2001; American Cancer Society; CVS Pharmacy; GlaxoSmithKline

St. Benedicts offers 'Baby and Me' classes

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Keeping Baby Safe."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years. The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Arthritis exercise

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

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

The ongoing classes are free. For more information or to register, call Susie Beem, arthritis program coordinator for South Central District Health, at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

Childbirth class

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, and will include a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$20. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

Family fitness

"Choose to Move," a family health class will be offered from 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Tuesday, at the Sawtooth Elementary School gymnasium, 1771 Stadium Blvd., Twin Falls.

The program is designed to support families in creating an active

To do for you

lifestyle and a healthy diet.

The class will be taught by Jaime Tighe, who is a personal trainer, certified clinical educator in child and adolescent obesity, and certified lifestyle and weight management consultant. Cost is \$80 for the eight-week program and includes class materials. Preregistration is required. Call 737-2900 to register.

About Alzheimer's

SunBridge Care Center and Rehabilitation will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Cancer support

Living Through Cancer Support Group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the reception area at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Twin Falls Cancer Center.

The ongoing group is open to cancer patients or cancer survivors and their families, friends and caregivers. For more information, call Andy Hall at 737-2800.

C-section class

Cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include information on cesarean deliveries, postpartum care, hospital procedures and non-conforming labors. Cost is \$20. Preregistration is not required. For more information or to register, call 737-2900.

About childbirth

Cesarean childbirth class will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday at

the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The class is offered as part of the prepared childbirth classes. Topics will include information on cesarean deliveries, hospital procedures, postpartum care and preventive techniques.

The session will be taught by a registered nurse. Participants are asked to bring two pillows and a blanket to the class.

The class is free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. For more information or to register, call 324-1122, Ext. 3361.

Pregnant exercise

Step Ahead pregnancy exercise classes will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Thursday through Feb. 6, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Pediatric Therapy office, 564 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls.

The classes are designed to help pregnant women get the most from their fitness efforts. Cost for the four-week course is \$20. To preregister, call 737-2870.

Learn CPR

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class will include emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

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

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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Attitude

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white shirts, tan jackets on the backs of chairs, or a rolling sea of khaki. Ask the men why they wear what they wear and you're likely to hear the word "comfortable" more than once.

Part of their comfort is psychological, derived from the concept of the same-but-different that American men cling to, lest they be banished from the tribe.

But part is physical — the kind women also need to get through the workday. For women it can be a piece of clothing (perhaps a pair of tailored trousers or a slim wool skirt), a silhouette (a particularly forgiving jacket?) or a color (well, how many colors besides black are there?). What confounds retailers, of course, is that just about every woman's idea of a uniform is slightly different from that of every other woman. That's what makes the "career clothes" section of so many department stores such a grab bag of cuts and colors, suits and separates.

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work is done on visits to group homes. Jeans are what most of her clients are wearing — what they feel most comfortable in. The young social worker's uniform allows her to fit right in.

If over time you notice a woman at work, or around the neighborhood, who dresses quite nicely but wears variations on the same thing every day, you're probably looking at a woman who has thought quite a

bit about fashion trends, real clothing and her own life.

There's a woman in a residential part of Washington, D.C., a mother of three young children, who blends the uniform approach with the fashion confidence she gained working as a "Vogue"ette. Any morning, she can be spotted, with or without children and hound, dirty-blond hair pulled up and back severely with a black scrunchy, black leggings, black sweat shirt or T-shirt, and a black fanny pack. The look is not an accident — clearly she worked at it — but once she got it done, she left well enough alone. She looks great. One wonders only how many pairs of black leggings she owns.

The incredible variety in women's ready-to-wear just might be the ultimate tyranny (and the ultimate hazard — think about the occasional ruffly sheer thing spotted on the breakfast line in the cafeteria).

So picking a uniform for work and for play might keep us comfortable and save us from ourselves.

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# Use some caution

**Newsday**

They are just the kind of findings that drive non-scientists nuts. Two studies back to back in the Nov. 28 New England Journal of Medicine looked at whether eating fish contaminated with mercury appeared to cause heart disease in men.

One said: Yes, we see a higher incidence of heart attacks in those who consume the most fish with the highest levels of mercury. The other said: Nope, don't see any correlation between how much mercury-tainted fish the men ate and whether they developed heart disease. Both were large studies that used similar methods.

Given that fish is low in fat, high in protein and the best source of omega-3 fatty acids - shown in several studies to protect against heart disease - that leaves consumers wondering: Do we eat fish or not?

The answer, experts say, is: Eat fish, just be careful what kind and how much.

Omega-3 fatty acids appear to protect against uneven heart rhythms, which often, after the initial heart attack, lead to sudden death. These fatty acids are found in fish, especially fatty fish such as salmon, bluefish, mackerel and swordfish. Alpha-linolenic acid, found in some vegetable oils, such as canola or soybean, and some nuts, such as walnuts and flaxseed, also can be converted in the body to an

omega-3 fatty acid - although how much is not clear, said Alice Lichtenstein, professor of nutrition science and policy at Tufts University.

There is also evidence that omega-3s can lower blood triglyceride levels, boost the immune system and play a role in clotting and maintaining good blood pressure. Moreover, via breast milk, they help develop a baby's central nervous system.

Mercury, which gets into the water through industrial pollution, does just the opposite. Fish, especially large fatty fish, can absorb methylmercury, a very toxic form of the metal that can cause learning delays in infants and toddlers, according to a National Academy of Sciences report issued in 2000.

Last year, the Food and Drug Administration said pregnant women or women who could become pregnant, nursing mothers and infants and toddlers should not eat shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish because of the risk of exposure to mercury in fetuses and young children. The FDA said these groups can eat about 12 ounces, or about two servings, of other fish a week.

But what chronic, low-dose exposure to mercury does to us when we're older is unclear. The National Academy of Sciences report said there's evidence it "can result in adverse effects in several organ systems," including the cardiovascular system.

# Heartburn testing method gets a little easier to swallow

**The Gazette**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - You've probably felt it at some time in your life: that burning sensation in the center of your chest, the bitter taste in your mouth.

Nearly half of Americans have heartburn at least once a month. "That's why there are aisles and aisles of antacids," said Dr. Scott Lewey, with Gastroenterology Associates of Colorado Springs. Heartburn occurs when stomach contents back up, or reflux, into the esophagus. Frequent and severe reflux is known as gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD, and can lead to difficulty swallowing and other problems.

Doctors use pH testing, which measures acid levels, to help diagnose GERD, assess its severity. Until now, such testing has involved a catheter placed through the nasal passage into the esophagus and connected on the outside to a recording device. But recently, hospitals have begun using a new catheter-free system designed to enhance patient comfort and convenience.

Not surprisingly, the old method is not a big hit with patients, Lewey said. The catheter remains in place, coming out of the patient's nose and taped to the side of the face, for 24 hours.

"It's not socially very appealing to be out and about with a catheter out of your nose," Lewey said. Because of the embarrassment and discomfort, patients often don't follow their normal routines during the monitoring, making the results less reliable.

The new Bravo pH Monitoring System involves attaching a small sensor - about the size of a gelpap - to the wall of the esophagus. The Bravo capsule usually is

## Avoiding GERD

**D**r. Scott Lewey, a Colorado Springs gastroenterologist, offers these tips to avoid heartburn:

- **Pace yourself** instead of eating large amounts at one time.
- **Avoid lying down** within one or two hours after eating a meal.
- **Drink water** with your meal instead of alcohol or carbonated beverages.
- **Act pre-emptively** by taking antacids or acid-suppressing medicines before eating.

- Source: Colorado Springs Gazette

inserted during an endoscopy, an outpatient procedure in which a patient is asleep, Lewey says.

For 48 hours, the capsule transmits data via radio frequency to a pager-sized receiver the patient wears. The data then are uploaded into a computer for the doctor to review. The capsule, meanwhile, naturally sloughs off the esophagus after a few days and passes through the digestive tract.

Lindsay Clarke, 18, a student at Pine Peak Community College, recently became the first patient at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs to undergo the Bravo monitoring. Medications generally control her acid reflux, which she has had for about five years. But not wanting to take medicine all her life, she underwent the testing to see if she is a candidate for surgery.

Patients generally describe the sensation of the Bravo capsule while it is in the esophagus as tugging at the throat, according to Medtronic Inc., which makes the system. "It was just a little bit uncomfortable," Clarke said.

# Ballroom

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A fair percentage of ballroom aerobics alumni go on to take traditional dance classes. Head said - and find a partner.

"It's something you can do for a lifetime," she said. "It will help keep you fit, and it's fun."

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# The hidden danger of bicycles

## Cycling puts men's reproductive health at risk, studies say

**Los Angeles Times**

For male bicyclists, the road to fatherhood may have just hit a few more bumps.

Two studies in as many months add to recent evidence that bicycling can be hazardous to a man's reproductive health, especially for dedicated mountain bikers. One, released a few weeks ago, found that frequent mountain bike riding can lower sperm counts, damage the scrotum and possibly reduce fertility. The other, published in November, showed that even less strenuous cycling can cause genital numbness and interfere with erectile function.

Studies suggesting a troubling link between cycling and procreation have been steadily surfacing since a prominent urologist asserted five years ago that bicycling has caused at least 100,000 men to become impotent, and the latest research is sure to add to debate among cyclists and physicians.

"Biking overall is a great sport," said Dr. Ferdinand Frauscher, who presented the most recent findings at a conference of the Radiological Society of North America. "It's excellent exercise for the cardiovascular system, but like other sports - like skiing and running - it carries a certain set of risks."



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from shocks and vibrations are the major reason for the resulting testicular vascular damage," said Frauscher, a urologist at University Hospital in Innsbruck, Austria.

The other study, published last month in the Journal of Andrology, followed a group of 12 bicycle police in Long Beach, Calif., and found that they had erections for less time during sleep compared with nonriders. The study was done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Both studies cited the bicycle

seat - or saddle, as bikers refer to it - as the chief culprit. The more time on the bike, the more likely there would be a problem. The saddle's nose often puts extra pressure on the perineum, the area behind the scrotum, where nerves and arteries run to the genitals.

Many bicyclists - backed by some physicians - say the recent studies overstate the risks. They point to countries such as China, where a vast majority of men bicycle and don't experience above-normal rates of infertility or sexual dysfunction. Also, they say, fertility difficulties pale in comparison with the well-known risks of remaining sedentary, a practice that contributes to obesity, diabetes and heart ailments.

But even the most enthusiastic cyclists concede the saddle can be a real pain. Cyclists say the key to finding a good one is trial and error and learning to make small angle adjustments.

"The saddle is the worst part of the bike, always has been, always will be," said Jim Hasenauer, a board member of

the International Mountain Bicycling Association. "I know guys whose garages are full of saddles. It can be like trying to find the holy grail."

In recent years, bicycle manufacturers have created dozens of new ergonomically designed saddles, which more evenly distribute a rider's weight, promoting comfort and alleviating pressure on the perineum.

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Kianna Breezee and Keith Lott. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Legion Hall.

Breezee attended Raft River High School. She is employed at Taco-Maker in Buhl. Lott graduated from Lewis Clark State College. He is employed at Discovery Research Group in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Legion Hall in

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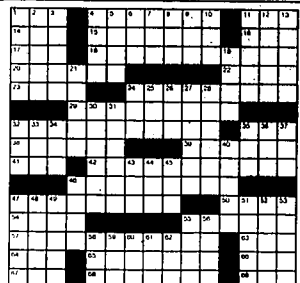
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# Boy's heart belongs to car's mess

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend, "Justin," is obsessed with making his car stereo system the loudest in our school. That means I am alone and depressed most of the time because I miss him and have nothing to do. I never get to see him in school because our class schedules are different, and on weekends we both have to work. It feels like I hang out with his best friend more, and he agrees that Justin needs to pay me a little more attention. Yes, I have told Justin how I feel, but his only reply was that he agreed he was being a jerk, he realizes he hasn't seen me - and he's sorry. The next day he was back at it, messing around with the wires and speakers.

Please help me. What can I say to him to fix this problem?

-MISS LONELY IN CONNECTICUT



**DEAR ABBY:** My nephew was married six months ago. I gave him and his bride a beautiful wedding gift. To date, not one member of the groom's family or friends has received a thank-you note. The bride has written to all of her family and friends, but she has refused to acknowledge any from the groom's side. She told someone that it is HIS responsibility to write his own notes, and she is not going to "enable him."

In my opinion, the bride is self-centered and has no feelings or

interest in the groom's family. I see it as a slap in the face. In my 75 years here on Earth I have never been a groom with a thank-you note more. What do you think?

-ANGRY AUNT IN ARKON

**DEAR ANGRY AUNT:** In the words of Bob Dylan, "The times they are a-changing." In today's world, most couples are both employed and share household and social duties. Please don't blame the bride. You're aiming your anger at the wrong target.

**DEAR ABBY:** My 78-year-old mother has a shopping problem. It's been going on for as long as I can remember. I used to organize yard sales once or twice a year to clear out some of the junk for her. We always had a huge turnout because Mom always had a nice selection of new stuff for sale. Now that I have moved away, my sister is left with the mess, and there have been no more yard sales.

Isn't "binge shopping" consid-

ered addictive behavior? My mother is hooked on the Binge Shopping Network. She has the sales racks in her living room and she always replies, "You might as well dig a hole and take me in it now!" That stuns us up to a hilly, because we were always taught to respect our elders. Here you try to discipline her, Abby?

-TIRED OF THE MESS IN MONTANA

**DEAR TIRED OF THE MESS:** Not unless your mother is willing to face the fact that she has a problem. There are self-help groups for spend-a-holics, and anti-depressant and anti-anxiety medications that can help soothe your cope with the compulsions to spend.

One rule is that if you're going to stop a negative behavior it must be replaced with a positive one. But all this is beside the point. If your mother has the financial resources and doesn't believe she needs help.

## Name six animals, besides the elephant, that produce ivory

Q. We don't say "The Chicago" or "The Detroit," so why do we always say "The Bronx" instead of just "Bronx"? A. Used to be the property of Jonas Bronck. People called it the Bronck's short for the Bronck's place.

Tomatoes do not cause leprosy. But more than a century ago, a lot of people said they did. Took the British government seven years of research to disprove that. Even then, it found tomatoes only fit for cattle.

The Shanghai Light Industry College in China has come up with a medication that supposedly rid's people of skin wrinkles. Made from distilled earthworms. You drink it.

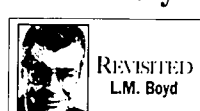
Loudest of the frogs are those tiny tree frogs that speak in chorus. Client asks what they're squawking about. Any female can tell you that. They're all males. It's a mass summons to sex. Here we are, girls! Smug little male. Did I tell you they make that noise with their mouths shut?

That more than 42,000 operas have been composed is known. Why isn't it?

If you frighten an overweight child, that child will look for something to eat. Or so contends an obesity specialist.

Charles Dickens was not an author, not a writer. He tried to author once. Just once. He got sick. Stage fright, presumably. Whatever, his face swelled up. Couldn't go on. Years later, he satished the old wham by giving dramatic readings from his works. Critics approved.

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band about his marriage: "Things change, but you go getting the same benefit. I remember the first year was Heaven. When I'd come home from work, my wife would bring me my slippers and a little dog would race around, barking like mad. Now the dog brings me my slippers and..."

Pose this one to your friend across the table: Name six animals, besides the elephant, that produce ivory. Your victim should be able to come up with walrus, whale, narwhal, elk, hippo and boar.

In Belgium, the Walloons speak French, the Flemings speak Dutch, another group speaks German. Historians say constant bickering over language has done more harm to Belgium than any other thing.

## You might learn more than you care to know, Libra

**IF JANUARY 13TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** ... you have a mind of your own and often disagreed with parents, who might have been separated. You are fascinated by architecture, ancient wisdom that includes astrology. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio prominent. Play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: D, M, V. Popularity will be on the rise during February. Participate in social and civic activities. July will be your most memorable and powerful month of the year.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You will be able to afford the kind of home desired. Focus on domestic harmony, possible change of residence and marital status. Don't settle for second best! Capricorn involved.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20-May 20): Luck rides with you; stick with number 3 in matters of specula-

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Domestic adjustment could include change of residence, marital status. You receive luxury item as gift.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your words will be quoted; take care with what you write. Maintain universal outlook, take chance on romance. Question of marriage looms large. Pisces plays major role.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be fascinated by the "occult." Delve into areas previously unknown; you might learn more than you care to know. Finances involved relating to partner or mate.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Play waiting game; time is on your side. Contractual obligation will be fulfilled - in your favor. Sea cruise could be part of exciting scenario. Aries figures prominently.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Long-distance call will prove that you were right in your contention.

tion. You are due to be presented with unique honor. Show gratitude by being obsequious. Sagittarius represented.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Feeling of being restricted is temporary. Despite odds, you overcome obstacles. It is time to tear down for the purpose of rebuilding. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio play roles.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Be ready for change, travel and a variety of sensations. Wish comes true, includes romance and material success. You can win friends and influence people. Gemini figures prominently.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Long-distance call will prove that you were right in your contention.

21) Make fresh start. Emphasize innovativeness, willingness to test your capabilities. You will exude vibrations of personality, sex appeal. Be selective, discriminating.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Marital status figures prominently. Cancer native, you might be Capricorn play outstanding roles. Choose the best; accent quality and insist on reward for winning. Boon awaits!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Diversify, highlight intellectual culture, social charm; you will get what you want if you know what you actually desire. Gemini, Sagittarius play roles.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Odds are stacked against you. Nevertheless, you will win and could gain fame, fortune. In matters of speculation, stick with number 4. What you have been waiting for will arrive by tonight.

## Movie depicts traitor Benedict Arnold

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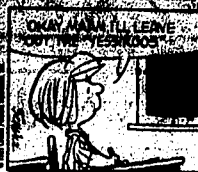
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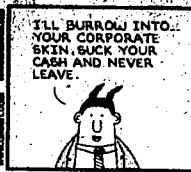
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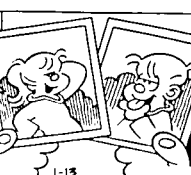
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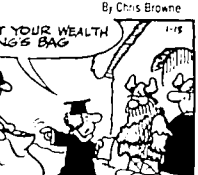
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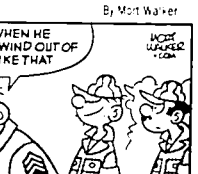
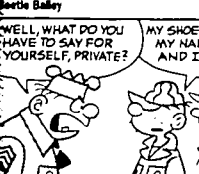
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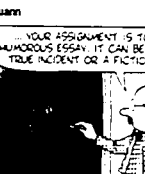
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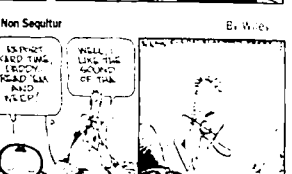
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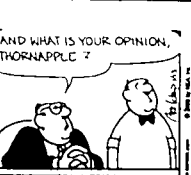
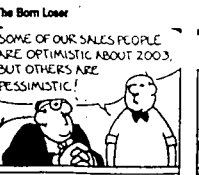
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## Wendell students learn about the world

By Betty Taylor  
Times-News correspondent

**WENDELL** — A new class at Wendell Middle School is helping students learn more about the world.

The new class was started under the direction of teacher Luke Kelsey and his helper, Marilyn Brower. The semester-long class entitled, Young Ambassadors, was intended to encourage the students to learn about other countries and the problems they face and how to sit and work out solutions to those problems, Kelsey said. Each of the 11 students picked a country to represent and study, some of which reflected their ancestral history.

The teacher received a \$150 governor's grant to buy supplies for class projects. One project included an end-of-semester dinner where the students presented the problems of their country, solutions they found and asked the United States for an aid package. The United States was represented by the school board.

Kelsey said he is planning to seek another grant to teach the class again next fall semester.



The 'Young Ambassadors' include, from left, back: student teacher Heather Ames, Whitney Gones, Kortnie Marten, Alan Alania, Zack Milder and teacher Luke Kelsey; front: Hannah Schoessler, Kayla Prince, Kevin Nunes, Beth Pomrenke and Courtney Stoeder. Joey Rocha is not pictured.



Travis Stone and Mitch Fleming put together lockers as part of a student-initiated remodeling project at Gooding High School.

## Gooding High School opens door to new locker area

A locker remodeling project is finally finished at Gooding High School.

Student body leaders had identified this as our improvement project for this year. It has been student-driven and took lots of time and effort. Primarily students, with some help and direction from various teachers, planned and implemented the project.

In September, Kristen Sabala, student body president, and I, along with senior Travis Stone, headed the effort to remodel the locker area, and took the initial plan to the school board for approval. After board approval and faculty and student input, the student council and leadership got to work.

I drew a tile mural of the GHS Senator, with help from art teacher Cathi Qualls. Students, under the direction of Heather Williams' leadership class, worked out the logistics of where to move lockers and how much tile would be needed to re-tile the area. When the tile arrived, Kristen, Travis and I cut each piece needed for the mural. Bill Perry, the shop teacher, is very experienced in tile work, and walked the students through the process.

At Christmas break, the tile work started. Several students, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Yakovac and Mrs. Williams gave up the first day of their break to help complete the project.

At the end of Christmas break, more students, Mrs. Yakovac, Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Toone and Mr. Stearns devoted their time to putting together the new lockers. Student leaders were eager to



SENATOR SCENE Brandee Humberger.

help so that when GHS reconvened, students would have one last present for the holidays — a new locker area!

GHS thanks the other students who helped: Mitch Fleming, Dan Conover, Joe Gnesa, Cody Turner, Maisie Metcalf, Italy Eames, Angie Hottel, Morgan Fredrickson, Sarah Pierson, Kalyann Periera, Jill Dalton, Samantha Hobbly and Marie Magana. The student leaders also thank the teachers who helped with the bulk of the project: Mr. Perry, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Qualls. We especially thank Mrs. Yakovac, our principal, for supporting and allowing us to change the building, and Mr. Stearns, our superintendent, for his support and giving up some of his break to help.

The maintenance crew led by Dan Hedlund was great to work with, and helped with the tile and lockers. And a special thanks to school board member Dale Thomas and his wife, Barb, for bringing in their crew and finishing the job of hanging the lockers. Without their help, the lockers would not have been completed when students came back to school.

Brandee Humberger is Gooding High School student body secretary.

## Twin Falls High School bowling season rolls on

Basketball, football, wrestling and volleyball. These sports come to mind when you think high school athletics.

But what about bowling? Few people are aware that Twin Falls High School has a bowling team. Even fewer know that we have a championship bowling team. Last year, the girls' team did very well with the C team taking first place.

Now, the 2003 bowling season has begun. The first match was Jan. 8 with many changes. The most significant is the addition of a boys' team. The success the girls have prompted the formation of a boys' team.

The boys are excited to have



BRUIN BUZZ Perri Gardner

the chance to represent TFHS while doing something they enjoy.

"I've been bowling since I could walk," boys' captain Shane Rackham said.

Kathy Sherman coaches both the girls' and boys' teams. Sherman volunteers her time to coach because the school does

not have an adviser for the teams. Though all the students on the bowling teams represent their school, TFHS, unlike other schools in the Magic Valley, doesn't officially recognize bowling as a sport. Participants are forced to find their own supervisors and transportation to games.

But that hasn't stopped the approximately two dozen TFHS students who want to bowl. Thanks to Kathy Sherman's dedication, the teams have a lot of fun and success.

"I do it because I love watching the kids bowl," Sherman said. "And, the kids love to bowl. They all agree that it is a great

way to make friends and improve their teamwork skills.

"I enjoy bowling because it's something my sister and I have in common, and we can have fun together. I like bowling with this team because of our coach Kathy Sherman. She is fun to be with and dedicates all the time we need to us," girls' captain Jenna Benkula said.

The bowling teams' next game is Wednesday at Magic Bowl in Twin Falls. Twin Falls will play TFHS at 4 p.m. Come and support TFHS.

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

## School operetta company entertains with 'Little Princess'

**PAUL** — The West Minico Middle School Operetta Company brought a riches to rags story to life.

It presented the musical, "A Little Princess" in November under the direction of Ruth Loveland.

The musical comes from a book written by Vera Morris, and is about a young girl who goes from

riches to rags at an English boarding school. The characters learn and express the value of parental love, friendship and fair treatment for the rich and the poor.

Shalom Frank played the part of Sara Crewe, the little princess. Megan Staker played Miss Minchin and Melanie Tris played Miss Amelia. Pupils at the school included Calina Maier as

Ermenegarde, Felicia Martinez as Lottie, Trista Robertson as Alice, Rachel Johnson as Jessie, Renee Kippes as Rose, Maggie Spaulding as Meg and Megan Williams as Lavinia. Tawnya Jarvis played Becky, Sarah Schenk, Mr. Barrow, Lindsey Lambert, a housekeeper; Trisha Ramsey, Mrs. Carmichael; Kari Birch, a cook and Amanda Clegg, Lydia, the maid.

Tony Farnsworth played Captain Crewe's spirit and Ram Reis, John Warr played Perkins, Andrew Uhl, Mr. Carriford, and Aaron Prybylinski, Mr. Carmichael.

The stage crew for the musical included Lindsey Lambert and Danielle Laughlin, light; Sarah Schenk, sound; and Jamie Wyatt, curtains.

## O'Leary eighth-graders perform three plays today

**TWIN FALLS** — The eighth-grade drama classes at O'Leary Junior High will hold a drama performance night starting at 7 p.m. today at the school, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls.

The night will begin with "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Jerome High School boys' varsity basketball game on Jan. 2.

Vizzutti is internationally acclaimed as one of the top trumpet players in the world, Jerome High School reported. He has performed in more than 30 countries, with the NBC Tonight Show Band, with the Royal Philharmonic of London and has appeared at the Hollywood Bowl, Carnegie Hall and the Newport Jazz Festival, to name only a few.

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### School news

Medium frozen pepperoni or cheese pizzas will be sold for three for \$15. Four loaves of freshly baked bread will be sold for \$10, and 100 pounds of potatoes will be sold for \$12. Five pound and 10 pound bags are available.

For more information, call the school at 544-2158.

**GALC announces new classes starting Jan. 23**

**GOODING** — The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center, 905 Main St. in Gooding, announced the courses offered from Jan. 23 through March 9.

From 9:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.: English 11, English 12, grammar and accelerated math.

From 12:30-3:30 p.m.: adult living, American government and health.

U.S. history I, English 10, 11 and 12 and senior project will be offered on-line.

For more information, call Michelle Owen at 934-4214.

**D.L. Evans Bank offers scholarships to M.V. grads**

**TWIN FALLS** — D.L. Evans Bank is offering eight \$250 scholarships to be awarded for the fall semester of 2003 to graduating seniors.

Participants must graduate from a Magic Valley high school, attend Idaho State University for the 2003 fall semester, and have a minimum 2.0 grade-point average.

Preference will be given to students majoring in finance, business or economics.

The deadline is March 25. For more information, call the ISU scholarship office at (208) 282-3315.

**Horizon Elementary names citizenship honorees**

**JEROME** — The following students were given the Principal's Citizenship Award for the month of November at Horizon Elementary School in Jerome:

Amber Bartlett, Benjamin Mikessell, Riley Davis, Jessica Reynolds, Megan Reeves, Jeanette Vazquez, Casey Olson, Monica Olmos, Danielle Finn, Jason Martinez, Rylie Baker, Andre Hernandez, Daniel Lopez, Joshua Hunter, Tim Mallowney, Haley Gardner, Claudia Beltran, Nicole Hall, Reyes Macedo, Zaila Beltran, Emily Rossion, Cody Agee, Gustavo Rios, Leticia Mortensen and Jordan Mesery.

## Nationally known musician returns to Magic Valley for guest appearance

**JEROME** — A former Magic Valley resident and nationally known musician returned to the area for a guest appearance.

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been featured on several television shows and commercials, as well as his own recordings.

An accomplished jazz and classical musician, he received a Grammy Award for his big band recording with Doc Severinsen, the school reported.

A Montana native and former resident of the Magic Valley, Vizzutti now resides with his family in Seattle, Wash., teaches as an artist-in-residence for the University of Washington and has played the National Anthem at Mariners and Supersonics games.

"We thank one of the world's greatest for being so gracious in taking time out of his vacation to share his talents with those in the Magic Valley," Jerome High School band leader Keith Lien said.



Allen Vizzutti performs the National Anthem at a recent Jerome High School boys' varsity basketball game. He is a former Magic Valley resident.

## Parents are welcome to come for conferences

Calling all parents for parent/teacher conferences.

Frequent meaningful dialogue between parents and teachers is a key to student success. The Jerome School District holds conferences at mid-terms during each trimester in order to keep parents informed and involved in their students' progress.

JHS has scheduled conferences between 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday night conferences will be held in the gymnasium. On Thursday night, teachers will be in their classrooms. We encourage students to attend and participate in these conferences, and look forward to a great turnout.

Tiger Pride winners this week are Katie Rezarot, Callie Allen, Chris McKay, Wayne Thompson and journalism teacher David Quinley.

News from Jerome alumni — Malita Bingham, a state discus champion, and Cyria Warner, a state long-jump champion and all state basketball player, have transferred to NCAA Division I programs. Nine current college



TIGER PRINTS Patti O'Dell

athletes were Jerome Lady Tigers: Jana Capps, Malita Bingham, Alisha McLimore, Dusty Schwaneveldt, Amber Wade, Cyria Warner, Melissa McLimore, Kendra West and Traci Lee.

Patti O'Dell is Jerome High School principal.

## We want your school news

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Send your news and pictures: Honor rolls, School events, such as carnivals, open houses, club meetings, parent organizations, Club and school officers, Special student achievements, Club news, School projects, Fundraising.

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# Households pose threat

at Michigan State University. Results were to appear Monday on the Web site of the journal *Nature*.

The annual growth in the number of households eclipsed the population growth rate between 1985 and 2000 in 76 countries considered rich in native species but with environments threatened by human activity, Liu said. Had household size in those so-called "hotspot" countries remained at 1985 levels, they would have accounted for 155 million fewer households by 2000.

The countries, including the United States and China, likely will add 233 million households in the next 15 years, Liu said. That will further threaten species like the giant panda, which has lost supposedly protected habitat

inside China's Wolong Nature Reserve to human encroachment.

The result of the growth in household numbers is spread, as builders rush to meet demand for what are often larger houses, despite smaller households. Even in countries with declining populations like Greece and Italy the number of households is expected to increase.

Smaller household size leads to increased resource use and a greater toll on the environment, since more wood, stone, glass, concrete and other materials are needed to build the additional homes, researchers said.

Resource use also increases on a per capita basis with smaller household size. It can take an equal amount of energy to heat and cool a house, regardless if it's

home to two or to four, Liu said.

"Over time, based on the trends we now see, population is going to be less central and consumption is going to be more central to the issue of sustainability," said Worldwatch Institute President Christopher Flavin, who was not connected with the research.

Carl Haub, a demographer with the nonprofit Population Reference Bureau, cautioned against underestimating the pressures brought on by population growth.

"It really do think the sheer number of people makes a difference," Haub said.

Liu said the study provides a "wake-up call and suggests every household needs to do its part to minimize its impact on the environment."

# Cartoon draws torrent of outrage in Iran

**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Protest forces in blood-soaked shrouds clogged streets in Iran's holy city. Authorities closed a popular newspaper and arrested several of its employees. A torrent of outrage from Muslim fundamentalists is swelling over an unexpected provocation.

A 1937 American political cartoon about President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Call it the cartoon crisis. The domino-style fallout over the Depression-era sketch displays the wildly unpredictable nature of Iranian politics at a time when conservatives feel threatened from all sides.

The drawing, published last week in the closed *Hayat-e-Nou* newspaper, relates to FDR's power struggle with the Supreme Court, depicting a giant thumb—Roosevelt's—pressing down on the head of a humbled court justice.

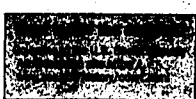
Iranian conservatives saw something else.

They felt the robed, white-bearded judge in the cartoon resembled the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the leader of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution. The decision to publish it was considered a stinging insult to his memory.

"This is just an excuse to make a show of force... and create tension," said a pro-reform lawmaker, Mohammad Naimipour. "This is not natural."

It's not clear why the paper chose the cartoon, though it was published at a time when reformers are pressing new measures that would, among other things, reduce hard-liners' control over the judiciary. The newspaper was ordered closed indefinitely Saturday, Intelligence Minister Ali Yunesi said three employees involved in publishing the cartoon have been arrested.

"We announce our disgust and hatred toward this abominable move... our nation is united to expel all infiltrators and stooges," said a statement issued following a protest march Sunday in Qom, about 80 miles south of Tehran



and the center for Islamic study in Iran.

Some of the nearly 5,000 marchers wore shrouds soaked in animal blood and carried black flags, traditional signs of mourning among Shiite Muslims. They also denounced political reformers as traitors.

In Tehran, the newspaper's chief editor — and brother of Khomeini's successor, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — struggled to hold back tears as he addressed fellow parliamentarians in a session broadcast live on Tehran Radio.

"No one loves Imam Khomeini more than me," said Hadi Khamenei.

But he and his older brother are on opposite sides in the battles over Iran's future.

Hadi Khamenei is a top pro-reform lawmaker seeking to dilute the broad powers of the ruling cleric, led by his brother. The cartoon, plucked from the U.S. Social Security Administration Web site, accompanied an interview with a member of the outlawed Freedom Movement of Iran.

The press has suffered many casualties in the political crossfire. Conservatives have closed more than 80 publications in recent years as they try to muzzle reformers.

The cartoon apparently gave hard-liners an excuse to move against the popular *Hayat-e-Nou*, or "New Life," which carried additional doubt because of the family connection to Iran's most influential cleric.

"We have decided not to remain silent," said a statement from clerics in Qom. "Our objective is not merely seeking closure of a newspaper or imprisonment of a person, but eliminating bases of the enemy at the country's press."

# OPEC boosts output target by 1.5 million barrels a day

**VIENNA, Austria** — OPEC members agreed Sunday to boost the cartel's oil production target by 6.5 percent to stabilize a world market jittery over a crisis in Venezuela and the possibility of war in Iraq.

The increase of 1.5 million barrels a day — to 24.5 million barrels a day — take effect Feb. 1, OPEC President Abdullah bin Hamad Al Atiyah told a news conference at the group's headquarters in Vienna.

Al Atiyah confirmed that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries wants to keep prices of its benchmark blend of crudes at \$22-\$28 per barrel. Friday prices hovered around \$30.

Earlier in the day, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali Naimi said the ceiling should remain at 23 million barrels. Saudi Arabia is OPEC's most influential member and has the bulk of the cartel's spare production capacity.

**Pakistani police defuse bomb in fast-food place**

**HYDERABAD, Pakistan** — Experts defused a homemade bomb 20 minutes before it was timed to explode early Sunday inside a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in southern Pakistan.

The bomb was hidden behind a pillar at the restaurant in the city of Hyderabad. Police chief A.D. Khawaja did not specify the type of explosive or the motive for the attack attempt was not immediately clear.

The bomb was set to go off just

## World in brief

before 1 a.m., shortly before the restaurant's closing. There were only a few customers in the single-story building when a cleaner heard a ticking sound and found the explosive.

Hyderabad is not a major tourist destination and local restaurants, including U.S. fast-food chains, cater mainly to Pakistanis — not foreigners.

**Russian servicemen die in clashes with Chechen rebels**

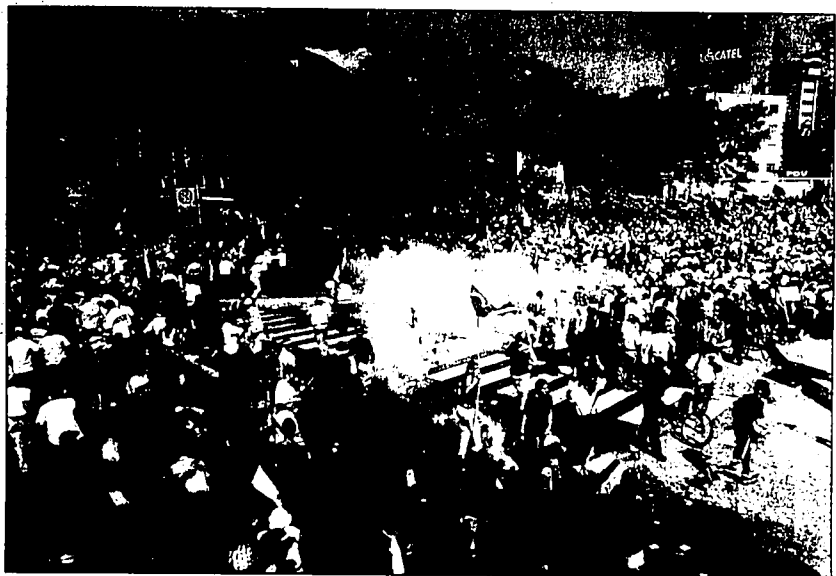
**VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia** — Four Russian servicemen were killed in clashes, while four soldiers died when their vehicles struck land mines in the breakaway republic of Chechnya, an official said Sunday.

Also, federal forces killed six rebels during sweeps in Chechnya, the Interfax news agency said Sunday.

Two soldiers were killed Saturday and four others were wounded when rebels staged 10 attacks on Russian positions and outposts, the official in the Kremlin-backed Chechen administration said.

Two other soldiers were killed and five were wounded in a clash with rebels near the village of Bamut, 35 miles southwest of the capital, Grozny, the official said on condition of anonymity. One rebel was killed, he said.

— compiled from wire reports



Members of the opposition escape from the tear gas fired by national guard soldiers outside of military headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela, Sunday. The march was aimed at persuading the military to support a 42-day-old strike.

# Venezuela's opposition marches on military base

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Soldiers lobbed tear gas at tens of thousands of Venezuelans marching on a park near a military base to demand the armed forces' support in the ongoing strike against President Hugo Chavez. Nineteen people were injured, including one photographer who was hit by rubber bullets.

Opposition protesters regrouped as the gas clouds lifted, shouting "cowards" at hundreds of soldiers facing them with armored personnel carriers. Troops also kept back dozens of Chavez supporters protesting nearby.

The first marchers to arrive at Los Proceres park, which is outside the Fort Tiuna military base, stomped down barbed wire blocking the entrance, but they did not try to break past security lines.

Hector Castillo, a photographer for the local newspaper *El Mundo*, was injured by rubber bullets that some soldiers fired into the air, Caracas Fire Chief

Rodolfo Briceno said. Eighteen other people were treated for asphyxiation, he said.

The park is one of eight security zones in Caracas as decreed by Chavez. Protests are banned in those areas unless authorized by the defense ministry.

"All of this show of force is absurd," said Henrique Capriles, the opposition mayor of an eastern Caracas district. "People are tired of being assaulted and repressed."

The military — purged of dissidents after a brief April coup — has supported Chavez during the strike, which has paralyzed the city's fifth-largest oil exporter but has not rattled the president's resolve to stay in power.

Troops have seized oil tankers, commandeered gasoline trucks and locked striking workers out of oil installations. Top commanders have professed their loyalty to the government.

Speaking in his weekly radio and television address on Sunday, Chavez dismissed opponents as "fascists" manipulated

by the media.

He also dismissed Infrastructure Minister Elever Huilado, a retired general, and replaced him with Dussodado Caballo, the current interior minister. Chavez did not explain the change or say who would head the interior ministry, which commands the federal and secret police forces.

Venezuela's main television stations are not broadcasting any commercials except opposition advertisements promoting the strike. Media owners say they have been pushed into this stance because Chavez invites bloggers to attack reporters.

Chavez threatened to revoke the broadcasting licenses of television and radio stations if they "continue with their irrational insistence on destabilizing the country by supporting this fascist subversion."

Venezuela's largest labor confederation, business chamber and opposition parties began the strike Dec. 2 to demand that Chavez resign and call early elections.

in he loses a nonbinding referendum on his rule.

The National Elections Council scheduled the referendum for Feb. 2 after accepting an opposition petition signed by 2 million people.

Chavez says the vote would be unconstitutional, and his supporters have challenged it in the Supreme Court. He was elected in 1999 and re-elected in 2000, and his term ends in 2007. Venezuela's constitution allows a recall referendum halfway through a president's term — August, in Chavez's case.

Opponents accuse the president of running roughshod over democratic institutions and wrecking the economy with leftist policies. The opposition has staged dozens of street marches, called for a tax boycott and held a two-day bank strike last week.

Chavez has threatened to order troops to seize food production plants in the opposition's support in the strike and to fire at oil striking teachers and have soldiers take over their duties.

# Turkey OKs U.S. base inspections, remains leery of war aid

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — As tensions grow with the United States, Turkey finally has agreed to allow the American military to inspect its bases for use in a possible war with Iraq.

But the decision to allow inspections to start Monday leaves open whether Turkey will give in to pressure from its most crucial ally to allow tens of thousands of American soldiers to invade Iraq from Turkish soil — a move that U.S. and Turkish generals agree would likely shorten any war.

The issue is causing friction between Washington and the new government of Prime Minister Abdullah Gul, which must balance its ally's desires against a Turkish public that is overwhelmingly opposed to a war.

U.S. military leaders have been pushing for a final decision on U.S. troops using the bases, concerned that delays are complicating war plans.

"As Ankara delays a decision, it is increasing the risk of damaging relations with the United States," columnist Murat Yedkin wrote in the newspaper *Radikal*. "Ankara



Turkish soldiers stand guard at the main entrance of the air base of Diyarbakir, southeastern Turkey Thursday. As tensions grow with the United States, its most crucial ally, the government has finally agreed to allow the U.S. military to inspect Turkish bases for use in a possible war with Iraq.

tourism businesses, one of Turkey's major industries.

But Turkey is struggling to recover from its worst recession in decades, and Washington's support was critical in gaining \$10 billion in loans from the International Monetary Fund. The United States has also been a strong supporter of Turkey's bid to join the European Union.

"If there is not an accord in the near future, tensions could get a lot worse," said Bulent Altirza, director of the Turkey Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "Good will in Congress is going to be severely eroded."

"Gul has had an impossible hand to play," Altirza added.

In a sign of Turkey's uneasiness, Gul visited Iran on Sunday while a trade minister met with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein in Baghdad to press for a peaceful solution to the Iraq standoff.

"My conclusion is that there is still a chance to avert war," Gul said in Tehran. "Even the U.S. president is not insisting on war."

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T.S. No 02-11089  
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Title Order No. 1359184  
Parcel No. RP87861120-020A

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States. In the office of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 on 05/01/2003 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 06/03/1997 as Instrument Number 1997008742, and executed by Kim L. Rodig and Linda K. Rodig, as Grantors, in favor of First American Title Insurance Company, the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: Lot 2 in Block 121 of First Amended Plat of West Lawn Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Book 6 of Deeds, Page 9, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-112, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 725 12th Avenue North, Buhl, ID 83316 is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation

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to comply with Section 45-1506(b)(4) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. First American Title Insurance Company, Successor Trustee. By: \_\_, Trustee's Sale Officer. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: First American Title Insurance Company, 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707. Phone: (800) 281-8216 for information. Dated: 12/31

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Lot 8 in Block 10 of Northstar Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, page 42.  
Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 735-5511. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 1166 Blake Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said property.  
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust, hereinafter referred to as the "Deed of Trust," executed by EDWARD D. COATS and BONNIE R. COATS, husband and wife, as Grantors, to First American Title Company Inc., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Joseph E. Eyre and Bonnie J. Eyre, husband and wife, and Kent E. Womack and Delores Womack, husband and wife, dated March 30, 2000, and recorded March 31, 2000, as Instrument No. 2000-004818, all records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.  
The above Grantor(s) is/are named to comply with Section 45-1506(b)(4) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.  
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Leading a pack... Let us look at today's hand and see if that is a fair assessment...

Well, one possibility is to take every finesse in hand and grumble about your bad luck if they fail...

ANSWER: Lead the heart king. You hope to retain the lead so as to guess which minor suit to shift to through dummy...

If you would like to contact Hester, Wolf, & Eastman Inc. please call...

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: East

The bidding: South West North East Pass

Opening lead: Spade king

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: 10 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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